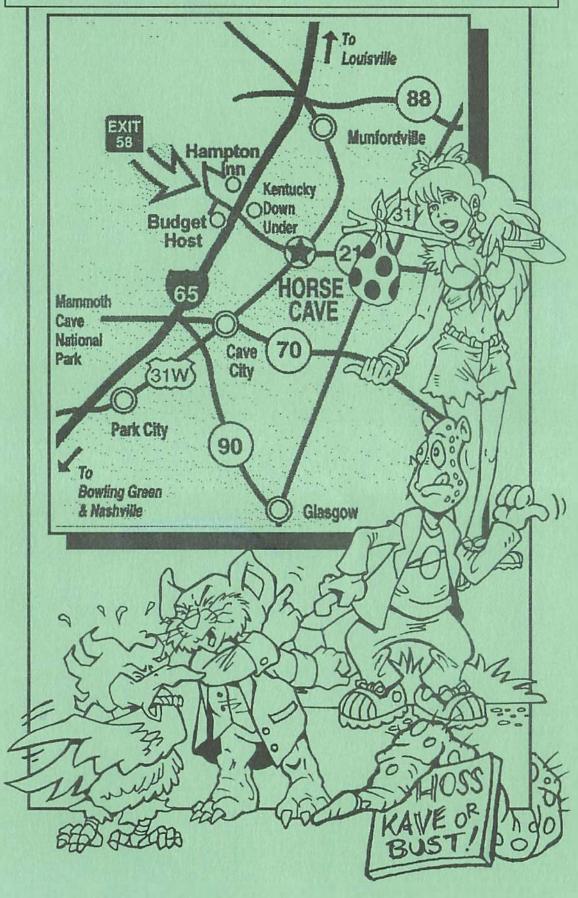
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February 23-25, 2001 Horse Cave, KY



CARE AND FEEDING OF THE HAMPTON INN HORSE CAVE

Our new hotel has some things in common with the familiar Park Mammoth Resort. It has guestrooms, a pool, a fireplace, a front door, carpet in the hallways, and a view of I-65. After that, however, the differences become too numerous to mention. There are some rules we expect all Concave members to respect if we are to get along here.

- 1. The only smoking areas in the hotel are the smoking consuite in Room 141, the front unloading zone, the swimming pool patio, and in designated smoking guestrooms. ANY-ONE FOUND SMOKING IN THE HALLWAYS WILL HAVE THEIR CONCAVE MEMBERSHIP RE-VOKED! We are serious about this. There are few things that will displease the management more than having to fix cigarette burns in the carpet.
- 2. The hotel continental breakfast is for registered guests of the hotel only. You will be given an ID card for each person in a room. There is no sharing allowed, and a maximum occupancy of four people per room.
- 3. Even though it says 100% satisfaction guaranteed or your room is free on the keys, we cannot expect the hotel to support that promise on a group rate and a full house. We feel that you will find the staff of the hotel to be extremely supportive and helpful if

there are problems. Gary Robe is the final arbiter for any hotel disputes.

- 4. Don't trash the hotel! There are several trash barrels on each floor and in the lobby area. Please do not allow trash to accumulate in the hallways. The better the job we do in housekeeping, the more welcome we will be next year.
- 5. Please report spillage as soon as possible! The sooner we are able to clean up a mess the lower the probability of damage!
- 6. The area from Room 224-241 is designated the quiet zone. Please try to minimize loud talking and hall parties in this area. Many of the convention workers are staying in this area, so unless you like grumpy bartenders, keep the noise down in the upper end of the second floor.

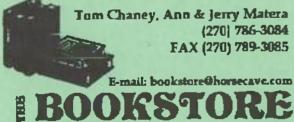
We are very excited about moving into this posh new location, and we hope you all will join us in thanking the staff of The Hampton Inn in agreeing to host this madness. They have never had anything like us here, so lets all try to make this as much fun for them as it is for us! A great way to show your appreciation is to leave a gratuity for the housekeeping staff.

Gary R. Robe and the Concave Committee

Books Sold - Traded - Bought Used Books Sought New Books Ordered Breakfast - Lunch - Dinner

Stories Told - Tales Accepted

In Horse Cave - 2 miles east of I-65, Exit 68
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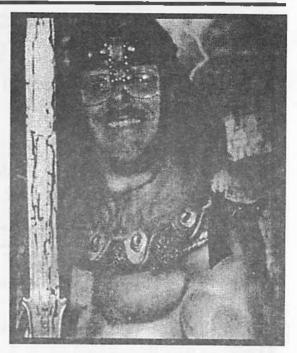
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GRUMBLES FROM THE GAVE

Welcome to a new era of Concave! It was a tough decision to move away from the Park Mammoth Resort, but I feel that the advantages of our new home tip the balance. This assumes that the Hampton Inn will take us back next year! If you are not familiar with Concave, it is a weekend of relaxed socializing between science fiction fans of all ages. Our mission is to continue the fannish traditions of bringing together SF fans of diverse interests. introduce new generations to the family of SF Fandom, and to honor some of the people who have contributed greatly to this vibrant subculture. Concave is not the place to meet the SF pros, but it is a great way to meet others who share your enthusiasm for the fantastic. With limited space and staff we probably won't be able to please everyone, but please bring problems to our attention. I am easy to recognizejust look for the guy in the strangest shirt!

It is great to hear from so many of you how much you enjoy Concave. We must be doing something right since we now seem to be filling two hotels! There will be many people working hard this weekend to make Concave a success. Some of their names are found on the back of the program, others just showed up and pitched in. Take time to thank them, or better yet, sign up for a shift or two to help us. I think you will find that it is fun and a great way to meet people. WE LOVE VOLUNTEERS! Helpers in the consuite, art show, art auction, and drivers are always extremely welcome. There will be a sign-up sheet posted in Room 114 for anyone interested in working.



One thing we can say about this year's Concave is that it will be different. We hope we have managed to maintain the homey atmosphere of past Concaves while moving to more spacious and modern quarters. Please be patient with us as we run through the experiment of adapting ourselves to The Hampton Inn. After 19 years in one place a lot of Concave was running almost on autopilot. This year we are making some of this up as we go along folks! One thing that should stay the same is the parties. Lots of groups have indicated that they will be running room parties during the weekend, so that should compensate for some of the rough edges. So, go pull up a hot tub, pour a drink, find some friends, sit back, and enjoy!

Gary R. Robe

In Memorium: Rick Shelly:

Taken from us January 27, 2001

CONGRES SCHOOL OF

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 23, 2001

12:00 NOON Registration Opens - Hotel Lobby (1)

Consuites officially opens - Rooms 114, 141, Lobby

Huxter Room opens for dealer setup - Meeting Room

Art Show Setup - Room 239

5:00 p.m. Open Huxter Room, Art Show, and Gaming Rooms (324 & 326) (2)

8:00 p.m. Opening Ceremonies - Lobby

11:00 p.m. Registration closes, Late registration in Room 112

1:00 a.m. Pool closes

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 24, 2001

6:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast for Hampton Inn guests only! - Lobby

7:00 a.m. Pool Opens

10:00 a.m. Registration, Art Show, and Huxter Room re-open

12:00 NOON Registration closes, Late registration in Room 112

6:00 p.m. Art Show closes for bidding

8:00 p.m. Guest of Honor Speeches and Award Ceremony - Lobby

8:30 p.m. Approximate start of Art Auction - Lobby

1:00 a.m. Pool closes

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 25, 2001

6:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m. ContinentalBreakfastfor Hampton Inn guests only! - Lobby

7:00 a.m. Pool opens

10:00 A.M. Art Show Checkout - No sales after 11:00 a.m.

12:00 NOON Hotel checkout time. Extensions may be available. Call and ask Gaming Rooms close

TBA Huxter Room closes when the last dime is squeezed from the members.

Dead Dog Party for the survivors.

Volunteers working on teardown can participate in the Sunday Night Pizza Orgy.

- (1) The hotel lobby, consuite, Huxter Room, Art Show, and Gaming Rooms and especially the hotel corridors are NONSMOKING AREAS. Smoking is permitted in Room 141, the front unloading zone, the swimming pool patio, and in designated smoking guestrooms.
- (2) Opening times for these areas is approximate and depend on the speed of setup. Volunteers to speed things up are always welcome. The closing times for these functions are not set and will be determined by the people running them.

PLEASE NOTE: There will be ROOM PARTIES! Look for announcements!

JANICE GELB

When I heard Janice had been picked as Fan Guest of Honor my first reaction was "it's about time!" DUFF winner, fan writer, convention stalwart, Janice is



one of those folks who can be counted on-the kind of person who shows up, gets the job done, and then seems surprised when everyone tells her how wonderful she is. Not once, but many times she has been tapped to jump in and lend a hand to ensure that what Joe Fan experiences is the best possible time at a SF con. I asked my kids, "What should I say about Jan-ice?" and they said "she's very nice." But I've done "Janice = nice". And let's face it, nobody really wants to go through life being described as "nice". "Fascinating", yes, "nice", eh! Also, I'm afraid to say anything nice about Janice. If I do I'm going to end up volunteering for something under her supervision, I just know it. OK, we can do this the simple way. Here are a few important things you need to know about Janice Gelb that you may not have known before: First and foremost, she hates raisins. I don't understand it either, but there it is. I've known Janice for over 25 years, since we were undergrads together. She's older than me by one day and I never let her forget it. She's a light sleeper. How light? Don't even think about renting the apartment over hers. She's an owl. Some people are larks--up at dawn, down at dusk. Some are owls--sleep 'til noon, party 'til dawn. Truefen are owls. Janice is an owl. Therefore, Janice is a truefan. It's hard to get her drunk because she doesn't indulge much. On the other hand, she's great to have around as a designated driver. Unless you own a manual transmission vehicle. Janice is a talented dancer in a variety of styles--folk, ballroom, Regency. Very graceful. Janice has been editing for a long, long time. Send her something with typos and misspellings at your own risk. She's a Gator. Bleeds Orange and Blue. May have a 'Nole or two buried in her back yard. Four words you will never hear her say: "How 'bout them Dawgs!?" And she likes pro football and Aussie "footv" too. Janice crochets. She makes individual, unique kippot, headcoverings for Jewish men and boys. And I do mean original. I've never seen another one featuring either flying dragons or obscure rock themes. She enjoys Regency romance novels as well as hard science SF. But like most Regency fans she has her rabid moments where she's likely to do something like stand up in the middle of watching Sense and Sensibility and say "why are they wearing colors!? They're still in mourning!" She's not a native Floridian (gasp!) but a semi-native. And while she's spent a large part of her life living in California and Israel, Southern fandom is still proud to claim her as one of their own. Janice is a good friend. The kind of friend who, if you walk out of the bedroom wearing an outfit that's beyond stupid she'll tell you so and save you from making a fool of yourself in public. OK, OK, I can see the guys out there shaking their heads and saying "I don't get it!" It's a chick thing. Deal with it. Finally, you know how there are some people about whom you'd say, "she's the kind of person I'd want watching my back during a fight"? I don't know if Janice is that kind of person because to be honest, in all our world travels we've never had that particular experience, but I will say this about Janice--you couldn't ask for a better friend or a truer fan. Mazal Tov, Janice! Enjoy your long overdue honor.

-- Eve Ackerman

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A FAN'S GUIDE TO HORSE CAVE AND SURROUNDINGS

FOOD: Aunt Bee's Country Kitchen is open 24/7 and serves a surprisingly diverse menu of basic fare. Samples to date have been positive. They do have some excellent deserts. The Marathon Mart also includes a Pizza Hut and deli. In downtown Horse Cave, The Bookstore Cafe should appeal to SF fans. Browse the bookracks and have a snack too! See the ad for more information. About 5 miles to the south on I-65 at Cave City there are restaurants that range from fast food to The Sahara Steak House. For those who can't resist a peek at the old place, the Park Mammoth Resort still there 10 miles to the south on I-65. They still have homemade cinnamon rolls for breakfast from 6-10 a.m. and a dinner buffet from 5-9 p.m. If you need something fancier, try Exit 22 in Bowling Green.

ATTRACTIONS: Just across I-65 you'll find the Kentucky Down Under Park. Caves and Australian critters-down under, get it? That's about an 8.5 on the Corn-O-Meter, but the short cave is packed with formations and the tour is not strenuous at all. The roos may be on winter vacation though. Just follow the road for another 2 miles and you are in Downtown Horse Cave. In the center of town you will find the National Cave Museum and Hidden River Cave. Check out perhaps the only place in the world where they had to consider a cave opening when they laid out Main Street. This is a must-see place if you are into eco-tourism. About 16 miles away at Exit 48 is Mammoth Cave National Park. If you want to tour the cave, the Hampton Inn receptionist can help you. Tours often sell out early even in slow season, so plan your visit well in advance!

PARTY SUPPLIES: The Cee Bee market in Horse Cave can probably satisfy your non-alcoholic party needs. Just take Highway 218 into Horse Cave. Pass through downtown, and just about when you think you're lost, the store is there on the right. Store hours are 8-8 daily. If you need something more potent, you'll discover that the nearest watering hole is Exit 28 or 22 in Bowling Green. Since this is the only oasis within a 50-mile radius, there are liquor stores within sight of the exit ramps.

SHOPPING: We're not quite sure why they built an outlet mall in a comfield in Hart County, but there it is. While the selection has diminished over the years, there may still be some bargains to be had there. It is theoretically within walking distance and may be just what you need to burn off what you did to yourself on Friday night! In downtown Horse Cave there are antique stores and a taste of small town Kentucky living.

FUEL FOR MAN AND MACHINE: It may not be elegant, but the three convenience stores within walking distance of The Hampton Inn should provide what it takes to provision both you and your car for the weekend and the trip home. There is also an ATM machine located at the Marathon Mart.

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