

# CONCAVE 25

February 27-29, 2004 Horse Cave, KY



# CONCAVE 24

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

### FRIDAY FEBRUARY 27, 2004

- 12:00 NOON      Registration Opens - Hotel Lobby<sup>1</sup>  
                      Consuite officially opens - Rooms 114, Lobby  
                      Huxter Room opens for dealer setup - Meeting Room  
                      Art Show Setup - Room 239
- 5:00 p.m.        Huxter Room, Art Show, and Game Rooms (324 & 326)<sup>2</sup>
- 8:00 p.m.        Opening Ceremonies - Lobby
- 11:00 p.m.      Registration closes. Late registration is in Room 112.
- TBA:      The pool will be closed only for minimum legal maintenance.

### SATURDAY FEBRUARY 28, 2004

- 6:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast - Lobby
- TBA      Pool area re-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
- 7:00 p.m.        Approximate start of Art Auction - Lobby
- TBA: The pool will be closed only for minimum legal maintenance.

### SUNDAY FEBRUARY 29, 2004

- 6:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast - 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. Extensions may be available on request.  
                      Gaming Rooms close
- TBA      Huxter Room closes when the last dime is squeezed from the marks.  
                      Dead Dog Party for the survivors.  
                      Volunteers for teardown are invited to the Sunday Night Pizza Orgy.

<sup>1</sup> The hotel lobby, consuite, Huxter Room, Art Show, Gaming Rooms and especially the hotel corridors are NONSMOKING AREAS. Smoking is permitted in the front unloading zone, the swimming pool patio, and in designated smoking guestrooms.

<sup>2</sup> 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!**

# GRUMBLES FROM THE CAVE



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 sub-culture. You won't encounter many SF pros and panel discussions at Concave, but it is a great place 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 recognize-just 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.

Three years ago I was nervous about changing the location of Concave after 19 years at Park Mammoth. I needn't have worried. Our new location now feels like home and the staff here at The Hampton Inn feels more like family than ever. Unfortunately there will not be a banquet at The Bookstore this year. Since a banquet at the Bookstore is no longer an option we are trying to arrange something different this year. Details are not available at press time, so stay alert for announcements! 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 take advantage of the fun! So, go pull up a hot tub, pour a drink, find some friends, sit back, and enjoy!

# GUEST OF HONOR: DEB GEISLER

## Just Ticked ~~Pink~~ Pastel Red to be Here!

Deb Geisler is a 46-year-old fan who lives 20 miles from Boston, Massachusetts, works on conventions, has edited books for NESFA Press, and has a deep and abiding loathing for the color pink.



My "home" convention is Boskone, an annual convention in Boston. (Boskone 41 was held two weeks ago.) I was the chairman of Boskone 36, in 1999, and I've worked in every Boskone area except treasury and childcare. (Someday, it would be interesting to combine those two areas.) I've helped out at a number of other conventions, and I'm currently the chairman of Noreascon Four, the 62nd World Science Fiction Convention, Boston,

Massachusetts, 2004.

Boskone is the annual labor of love of the New England Science Fiction Association, which also runs NESFA Press. NESFA Press is a totally volunteer small press, which features books by convention guests of honor (both Boskone guests and some Worldcon guests) and the "NESFA Choice" series of books -- high-quality hardcover and trade paperbacks designed to bring out-of-print authors back into the public eye. I've edited two NESFA Press books: "Tomorrow Happens," by David Brin (2003) and "Expecting Beowulf," by Tom Holt (2002). NESFA editors don't get paid for their work (and even have to buy their own copy of the book), but we do get enormous satisfaction.

As for my hatred of pink, well, it has to do with flamingoes. If you want the whole story, you need to work through my discussion of how we worked to bring the Worldcon to Boston in 2004. It starts on p. 20 of Noreascon Four's first progress report. (You can read it online at <http://www.noreascon.org/files/PR1.pdf>)

Professionally, I am a university professor at Suffolk University in Boston. My field is communication and journalism, and part of my job is to act as Graduate Program Director for our department. You can see the work of one of my students at ClearEther.com (a domain my husband and I bought some while back). This was the best page designed last year in three introductory classes in the fall semester. The site will change at the end of this fall semester, to display a new student's work. Teaching is the single most meaningful thing I do; nothing feels better than watching a student I've worked with grow, change, open their wings, and fly high.

My SF&F interests are eclectic, running the gamut from the profound to the silly. My most recent guilty pleasure is a large series of murder mysteries by J.D. Robb (a pseudonym for romance writer Nora Roberts) set some 50 years in (an improbable) future. I like TV and films but don't watch a lot (the result of a weird schedule and no TIVO, probably). My other interests include homebrewing, cooking, minimalist gardening (we have a deck and too much wildlife, so we've got a "deck farm"), making jewelry, and sleeping.

My husband is Michael Benveniste, a software architect with a legal background, a love of good SF&F, and a low taste for puns. He is an amazing man, and I'm very thankful we found each other. Mike is 20 hours older than I am. He never forgets my birthday.

We do not have "official" pets, but we do have 23 wild turkeys that sleep in the trees in front of our house (and leave their calling cards in the yard), a family of deer that stops by every now and then, and the usual allotment of other wildlife (coyotes, squirrels, groundhogs, chipmunks, hawks, foxes, and even some bluebirds this winter).

If you want to send me email, do please feel free. Write me at deb@clear ether.com. But please don't try to sell me Viagra, a penis enlarger, an Internet Spy device, or a sure-fire kit for making millions at home by stuffing envelopes. I've got all of those.

Deborah M. Geisler, Ph.D.

Sleep is for the weak. Caffeine is my sacrament.  
Are those spiders real?

# CARE AND FEEDING OF THE HAMPTON INN OF HORSE CAVE

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By now our memories of the old Park Mammoth Resort are beginning to grow fuzzy, but it is important to remember that we all must treat the Hampton Inn with respect. 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. ANYONE FOUND SMOKING IN THE HALLWAYS WILL HAVE THEIR CONCAVE MEMBERSHIP REVOKED! 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 Continental Breakfast is for registered Hampton Inn guests only. 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! We understand that accidents will happen, but the sooner we are able to clean up a mess the better!

6. The area from Room 224-241 is designated as 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 hope you all will join us in thanking the staff of The Hampton Inn in agreeing to host this madness. The management is very appreciative of our business so lets try to deserve their trust! A great way to show your appreciation is to leave a gratuity for the housekeeping staff.

**GARY ROBE AND THE CONCAVE COMMITTEE**

# A FAN'S GUIDE TO HORSE CAVE AND SURROUNDINGS

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**FOOD:** Aunt Bee's Country Kitchen is open 24/7 and has a surprisingly diverse menu and some excellent deserts. We'll see if they managed to buy enough food to make it through the weekend this year! The Marathon Mart also includes a Pizza Hut and deli. In the Outlet Mall the Caveland Café serves sandwiches, plate lunches, and deserts. The Main St Café offers a basic meat & three buffet that is at least fast and cheap if a bit hard on the arteries. Alas, The Bookstore Café is no more although the book side is still operating. About 5 miles to the south on I-65 at Cave City there are restaurants that range from Mickey D's to The Sahara Steak House. If you want more, try Exit 22 in Bowling Green.

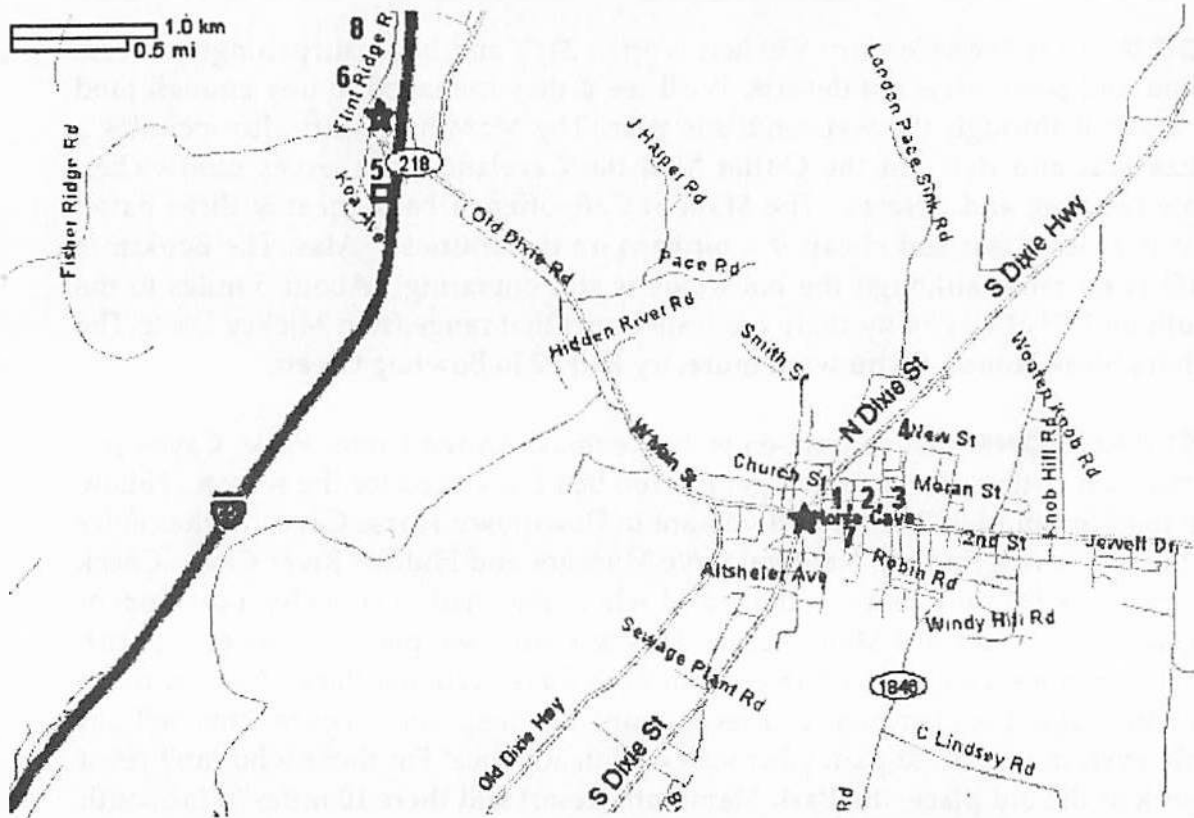
**ATTRACTIONS:** Just across I-65 is the Kentucky Down Under Park. Caves and Australian critters-down under, get it? Too bad it is closed for the season. Follow the road for another 2 miles and you are in Downtown Horse Cave. In the center of town you will find the National Cave Museum and Hidden River 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 for the eco-tourist. 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 winter, so plan your visit well in advance! 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. It is, however, closed until March 1.

**PARTY SUPPLIES:** The Houchens market in Horse Cave can probably satisfy your non-alcoholic party needs. Just take Highway 218 into Horse Cave. Turn left onto Highway 31-W. The store is one block down 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 cornfield in Hart County, but there it is. The only question is if there are any stores left open in it. 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 Horse Cave you can find The Bookstore, Dollar General Store and other shopping opportunities. For the city mall experience, there is Greenwood Mall in Bowling Green at Exit 22.

**FUEL FOR MAN AND MACHINE:** They may not be elegant, but the two 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.

# POINTS OF INTEREST IN HORSE CAVE

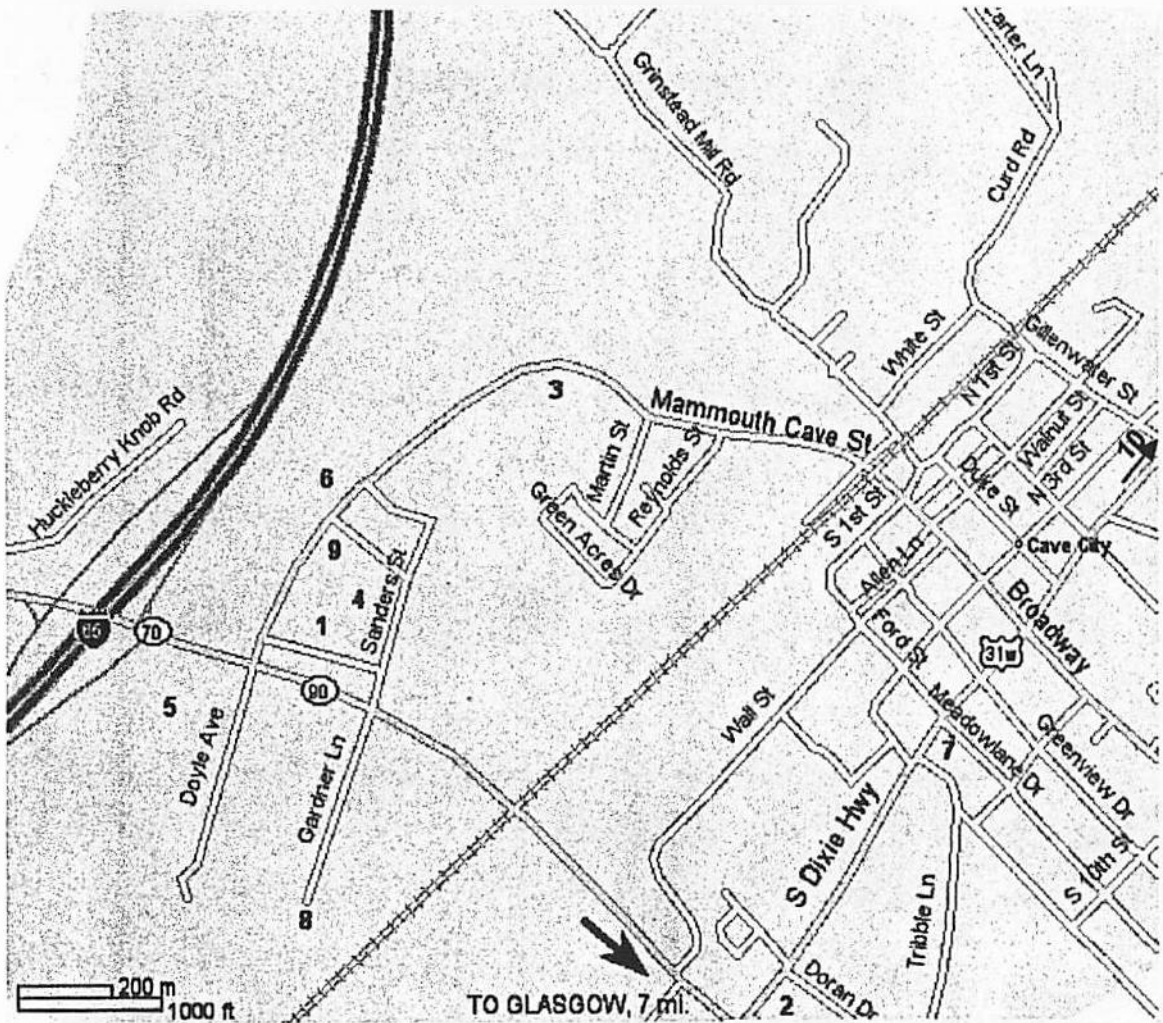


Horse Cave offers several unexpected surprises for the curious visitor. The Bookstore, The Gypsy's Closet and the American Cave Conservation Museum all offer discounts for ConCave members. Having the convention in a small town means it is quite visible but that has worked in our favor in developing the warm welcome back that the city gives to ConCave. Give it a try and find out what we mean!

- ★ Hampton Inn of Horse Cave - 750 Flint Ridge Rd - 786-5000
- Budget Host Inn - I-65 & Highway 218 - 786-2165
- 1. The Bookstore - 111 Water St - 786-3084
- 2. The Gypsy's Closet - 101 Water St - 786-2492
- 3. Main Street Café - 209 E Main St - 786-3864
- 4. Houchens Market - 390 N Dixie St - 786-2639
- 5. Aunt B's - I-65 & Highway 218 - 786-2020
- 6. Noble Romans Pizza - 735 Flint Ridge Rd - 786-1824
- 7. American Cave Conservation Museum - 119 E Main St - 786-1466
- 8. Caveland Shopping Outlet - 895 Flint Ridge Rd. - 786-4466



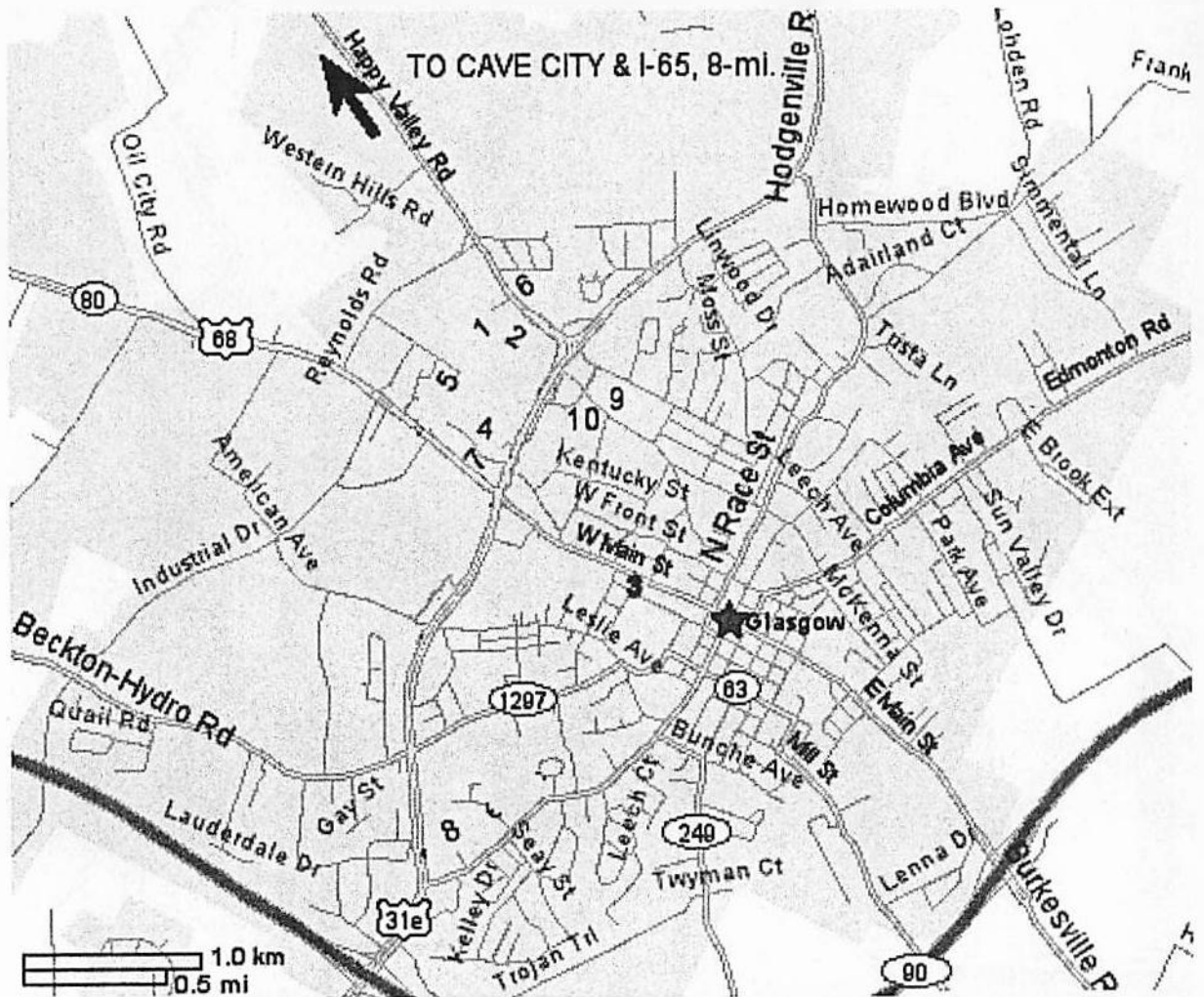
# PLACES OF INTEREST IN CAVE CITY, KY



It is about 5 minutes from the Hampton Inn to anyplace in Cave City. Most of the restaurants are within sight of Exit 52. Highway 90, Mammoth Cave St and US 31-W (Dixie Highway) are the essential routes. Of course no visit to Cave City is complete without at least a drive-by of Wigwam Village, located on 31-W north of town. Three miles north 31-W intersects with Main St. Horse Cave to the south and Flint Ridge Rd

1. Cracker Barrel - 800 Happy Valley Rd - 773-4723
2. Sahara Steak House - 413 E Happy Valley Rd, - 773-3450
3. Mario's Italian Restaurant - 403 Mammoth Cave St - 773-5407
4. Hickory Village - 806 Sanders Ln - 773-3033
5. San Miguel Mexican Buffet - 1006 Doyle St - 773-8554
6. Pizza Hut - 804 Mammoth Cave St - 773-3370
7. Godfather's Pizza - 99 S Dixie Hwy - 773-4403
8. Happy Garden Chinese Buffet - 105 Gardner Ln - 773-5775
9. Jerry's Restaurant - 805 Mammoth Cave St - 773-2169
10. Wigwam Village - 601 N Dixie Highway

# PLACES OF INTEREST IN GLASGOW, KY



Although a bit farther a field, Glasgow takes about 15 minutes to reach by heading south from Cave City on Highway 90 at Exit 52. Glasgow nearly qualifies as a city with a Wal-Mart and some nicer restaurants although it is dry. Getting aground is straightforward since most everything of interest is within sight of a left turn on US 31-E (a.k.a. Rogers Wells BL) at the HWY 90 intersection.

1. Wal-Mart (24 hours) not a Supercenter - 310 NL Rogers Wells BL
2. Winn-Dixie Supermarket - 376 NL Rogers Wells BL
3. Big Moose's BBQ - 525 W main St - 651-1913
4. Mancino's Deli - 302 Rogers Rd - 651-6500
5. China King Buffet - 106 Shane Dr #70 - 659-9888
6. Los Mariachis - 802 Happy Valley Rd - 651-3229
7. Ponderosa Steakhouse - 206 NL Rogers Wells BL - 651-9229
8. Reel Scoops Ice Cream Shoppe - 1605 S Green St - 651-5656
9. Toby's Steakhouse - 760 W Cherry St - 651-3419
10. El Mazatlan - 706 W Cherry St - 651-7799

## IN MEMORANDUM P. L. CARUTHERS-MONTGOMMERY

On August 26, 2003 the unwelcome news began passing through fandom that P.L. Caruthers-Montgomery had been found dead at her home in Anniston, AL. P.L. was our Guest of Honor at Concave One way back in 1980 any it was partly through her encouragement that we decided to proceed with Concave 2. P.L. was one of the true pioneers of Southern Fandom through her efforts in promoting the Southern Fandom Confederation and in organizing some of the first Deep South Cons. Although she can never be replaced we all can take some comfort that through events like Concave P.L.'s legacy lives on.



### DID YOU KNOW?

That the Hampton Inn at Horse Cave recognizes the Concave rate year round?

That's right! Anytime you are in the area and would like to spend some time exploring Kentucky's Cave Region on your own, just call (270) 786-5000 and ask for the Concave Corporate rate. The discount is subject to availability, so make your plans early!

## CONVENTION SPECIAL: 10% off for all Concave Members



Tom Chaney, Ann & Jerry Masters  
(270) 786-3084  
FAX (270) 789-3085

E-mail: [bookstore@horsecave.com](mailto:bookstore@horsecave.com)

### BOOKSTORE

111 Water Street, Horse Cave, KY 42749

*"Serving Good Books, Good Food, & Good Friends"*  
Located Downtown, Across From Horse Cave Theater

Books Sold - Traded - Bought  
Used Books Sought  
New Books Ordered

*Stories Told - Tales Accepted*

In Horse Cave - 2 miles east of I-85, Exit 68  
At the junction of U.S. 31 W & KY 218

# CONCAVE 25 ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

**CON CHAIRMAN:** Gary Robe  
**HOTEL LIAISON:** Naomi Fisher  
**REGISTRATION:** Corlis Robe  
**CONSUIE COORDINATOR:** Annette Carrico  
**HUXTER ROOM:** Steve Francis  
**ART SHOW:** Pat Molloy and Naomi Fisher  
**GAMING:** John Hans, Patty Teague and James Tullis

## **ADDITIONAL CONTRIBUTORS:**

Liz Williams: *Con Chair's Wardrobe*  
Sue Francis: *Consuite First Officer*  
Randy B. Cleary – *Program Book Artwork*

## **And Many Thanks To Concave 25 Volunteers**

John Alderdice - Deborah Allen - Cokie Bailey - Mike & Susan Baugh  
Judy Bemis - Nathan Byers -- Dan Caldwell - Tony Cannon - Bill Cavin - Judith  
Chantelois - Drew & Heather Curtis- The Crack & Cheese Crew - Brynley  
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Rocky Halleron - Martin & Shannon Hickey - John Hollis - Cullen Johnson -  
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Tate - Eric & Felicia Troutman - James Tullis - B. J. Willinger -- Joel Zakem

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*And to all the others not named here who threw room parties and  
volunteered during the weekend, our deepest thanks and appreciation!*

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And of course a very special thanks, as always to the  
management and staff of the



**OF HORSE CAVE**

for continuing to cheerfully provide such a  
Great home for **CONCAVE!**