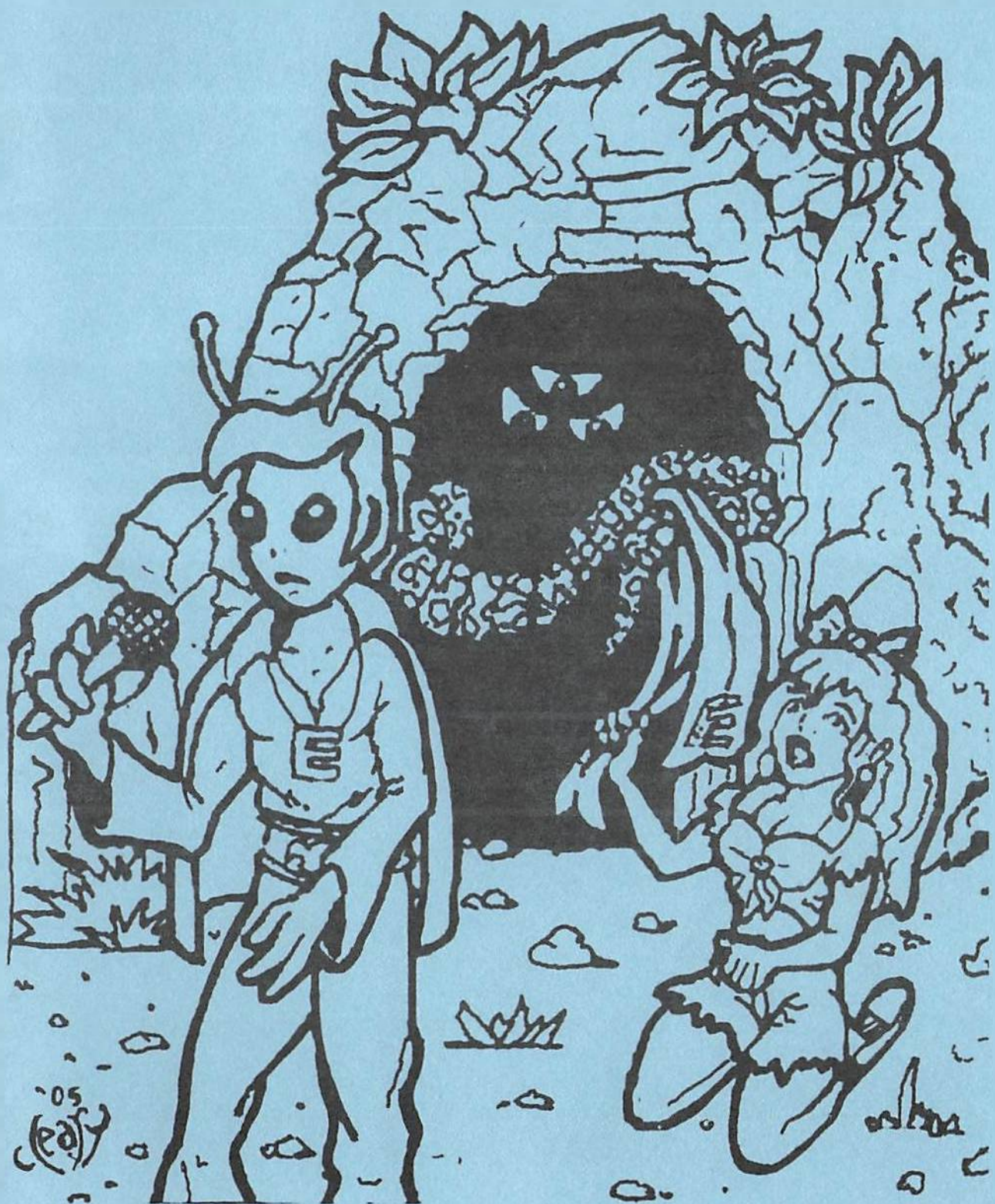


# CONCAVE 26

March 4-6, 2005 Horse Cave, KY



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## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

### FRIDAY MARCH 4, 2005

- 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
- 9:00 p.m.        Remembering Al, Jack and Jerry
- 11:00 p.m.      Registration closes. Late registration is in Room 112.
- TBA:            The pool will be closed only for minimum legal maintenance.

### SATURDAY MARCH 5, 2005

- 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 MARCH 6, 2005

- 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!

# **GUESTS OF HONOR: GREG AND DANA BRIDGES**

## *A Lesson in Fannish Physics*

Did you ever wonder what happens when an immovable object meets an irresistible force?

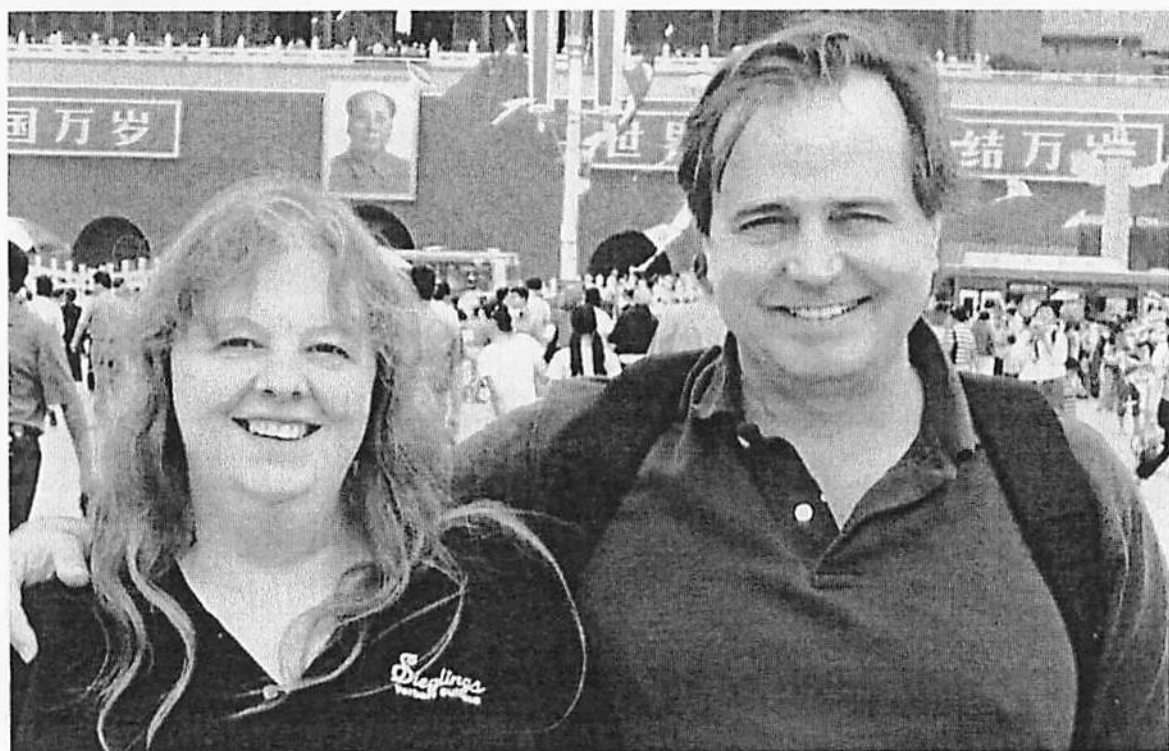
Greg Bridges would be that immovable object. And I mean that in the nicest possible way. He's steady, he's dependable. He's a rock that forms the foundation of MidSouth Fandom.

If you ever go to a Memphis Science Fiction & Fantasy Association meeting, Greg is probably the first person you'll meet. Which is fitting – he's the perennial (generally unchallenged) Chairbeing. He has also published ("published" meaning wrote, typed, mimeographed, assembled, and mailed) the association's semi-official fanzine, Memphen. He's worked on every MidSouthCon in Memphis, most often as Chairman of Vice. He can be described as low key, somewhat quiet, yet actively engaged. He's also a packrat. His old house in Memphis was full of books, art, mimeo supplies, fliers from current and old conventions, and "stuff". He believes wall space was made for bookshelves.

To call Greg a trufan is no exaggeration.

Greg's working style is "just in time". If he has to have the program books printed in time for registration to open, he may be up until 4 AM running the mimeo machine. But it will be done, and the program books will be at registration when it opens – though perhaps not entirely, as it were, assembled.

The irresistible object – and I mean that in oh, so many ways – would have to be Dana Hager-Bridges, MD.



Dana was active in the New York fan scene, but when she arrived in the MidSouth she thought she wouldn't be able to participate much because of her busy schedule as a Real Doctor. But she multitasks and prioritizes well – I have it on good authority that she reads in the shower (some people – probably not you – find that odd). She's also detail oriented, highly organized, and a real "take charge" kind of person. It was only a matter of time before she managed to work out how to be a full time doctor and still meet the demands of fannish life. And raise Greg.

If you find yourself bidding against Dana for a piece of art – save yourself the heartache.

For the last few years, Dana and Greg have co-chaired MidSouthCon. This may be the second toughest test of a marriage (the first being wallpapering), and not every couple would survive. That they manage to put on progressively more successful conventions and haven't killed each other is a testament to their love. This was truly a match made in fandom.

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# REMEMBERING AL, JACK AND JERRY



**Alphonsis J. Fennelly—  
Dec. 15, 1946—Jan. 5,  
1005.** Most of you reading  
this never knew Dr. Al  
Fennelly, but I can say with  
confidence that you would  
not be reading it if not for  
Al. Dr. Fennelly was the  
faculty advisor to the West-  
ern Kentucky University  
Speculative Fiction Society  
in its formative years in the  
late 70's and early 80's.  
You may not recognize Al  
seated second from the left

in this 1979 yearbook picture, but you might recognize Rickey Sheppard. Pat Molloy, Jim Woosley, Debra Hussey, Betsy Sheppard, Gary Robe, and Tony Cannon in the group. Without Al's support the WKUSFS might never have existed and there would have been no fan group in Bowling Green to stand ready to run Concave in March 1980.

Indeed the first organizational meeting of the Concave committee happened on Al's dining room table. Although Al took no active role in running the convention he certainly advised up on organization and provided the all-important place for us to meet and plan strategy between games of Rail Baron and World War II. Al was the glue that held the group together in those days by providing us with a, dare I say, role model and place to hang out. He once said we were welcome at his house anytime as long as we didn't stagger in the back door and slur something like "Hi Dr. Liquor Cabinet is the Fennelly stocked?"

One of the most important lessons we got from Al was that it was possible in that per-*Revenge of the Nerds* era to be a nerd and party animal at the same time! Al was a respected physicist and we all knew he was way smarter than any of us, however, life around him was a constant party in which alcohol consumption, philosophical discussions, explorations of spirituality, war

games, and contact with the opposite sex were all possibilities. Al was both cooler and brighter than any of us and we all admired him for it. Al also set several of the SF club members onto paths that led to careers such as physics for Jim Woosley and NASA for Pat Molloy.

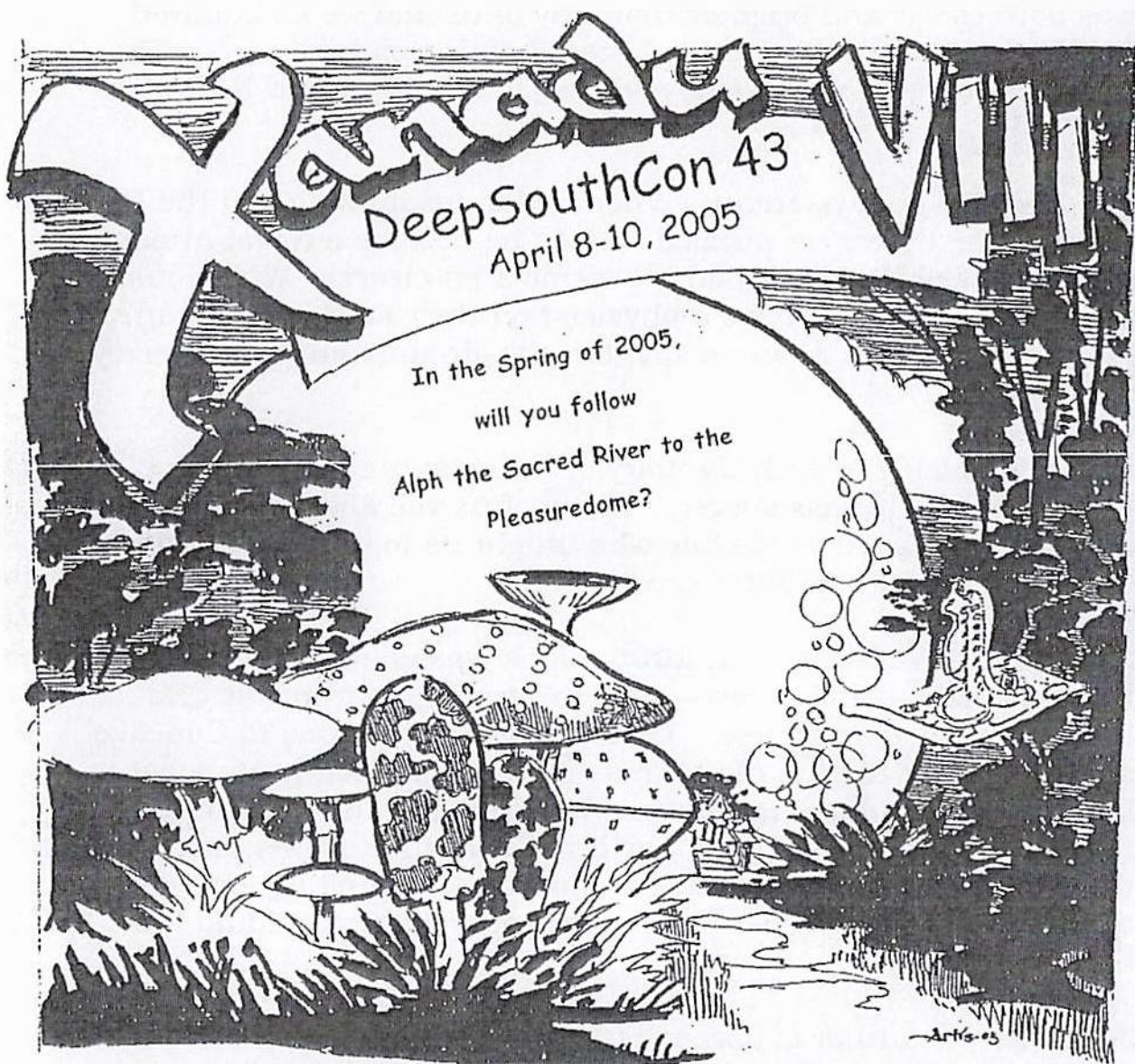
Al could also be mysterious. When he left teaching to join the US Naval Reserve we were puzzled. When he became a Naval Attaché to the embassy in Islamabad it became a bit clearer. Why would US Naval Intelligence have a physicist on their staff in Pakistan? I'm not saying that Al was a spy, but the circumstances are verrry interesting.

Al died suddenly in early January of heart failure before he could be prepped for bypass surgery. Many of us will always have a place in our hearts for Al as the one who taught us to drink beer and think strategically simultaneously.

**Jack L. Chalker—Feb. 11, 2005**—Jack was one of the few SF pros that have attended Concave—a SF convention that mostly celebrates fans instead of pros. Jack and his family came to Concave as fans and for the fun of it, not as paid guests. Many of us got to know Jack through long conversations through the wee hours of the morning at various room parties at conventions. As party hosts we learned that to attract Jack to a party you didn't liquor as is common with many other pros; a hot pot of coffee would do the trick with Jack.

Jack was the author of dozens of SF novels that spanned a long career as a writer. One of Jack's endearing characteristics as a writer was to make the first line of his book so catchy that the reader just had to keep reading. One of my favorites was from his 1979 novel *A War of Shadows* that goes: *The shadow of death passed through Cornwall, Nebraska, but it was such a nice day that nobody noticed.* How could you take in a line like that and not keep reading? And for over 30 years we did.

Jack's wide-reaching mind showed through in the diverse scope of his writings. His topics ranged from *An Informal Biography of Scrooge Mc Duck* to the fictionalized re-telling of the sinking of the *US Indianapolis* entitled *The Devil's Voyage*, the book that was supposed to be adapted to the screen as *Jaws 3*. His SF novels were all fast-paced, imaginative, and eagerly awaited by his many fans. His loss will be deeply felt by his many readers and by all of who knew him from conventions.



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**Jerry Johnson**—Jerry attended ConCave for many years as his health permitted. While you may have met Jerry in a late-night conversation in the consuite, you may not have known that he was one of the WKU staff members that helped to get ConCave started back in the late 70's

Jerry was the manager of the Downing University Center (DUC to us alumni) at WKU and was responsible for booking movies into the university's theater and arranging for meeting space in the center for student organizations. Jerry always made sure that SF films played at DUC and that the Speculative Fiction Society got meeting space in the building even when we were competing with the space with more mainstream organizations.

Jerry often followed us over to Mr. D's, the archetypical college hang-out joint that we used as our after-the-meeting-meeting place for many years. Jerry introduced us to other like-minded barflies, some of whom are still attending ConCave today.

Jerry died last year from complications of kidney transplant surgery. The old place won't seem the same without him.

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# **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 let's 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.

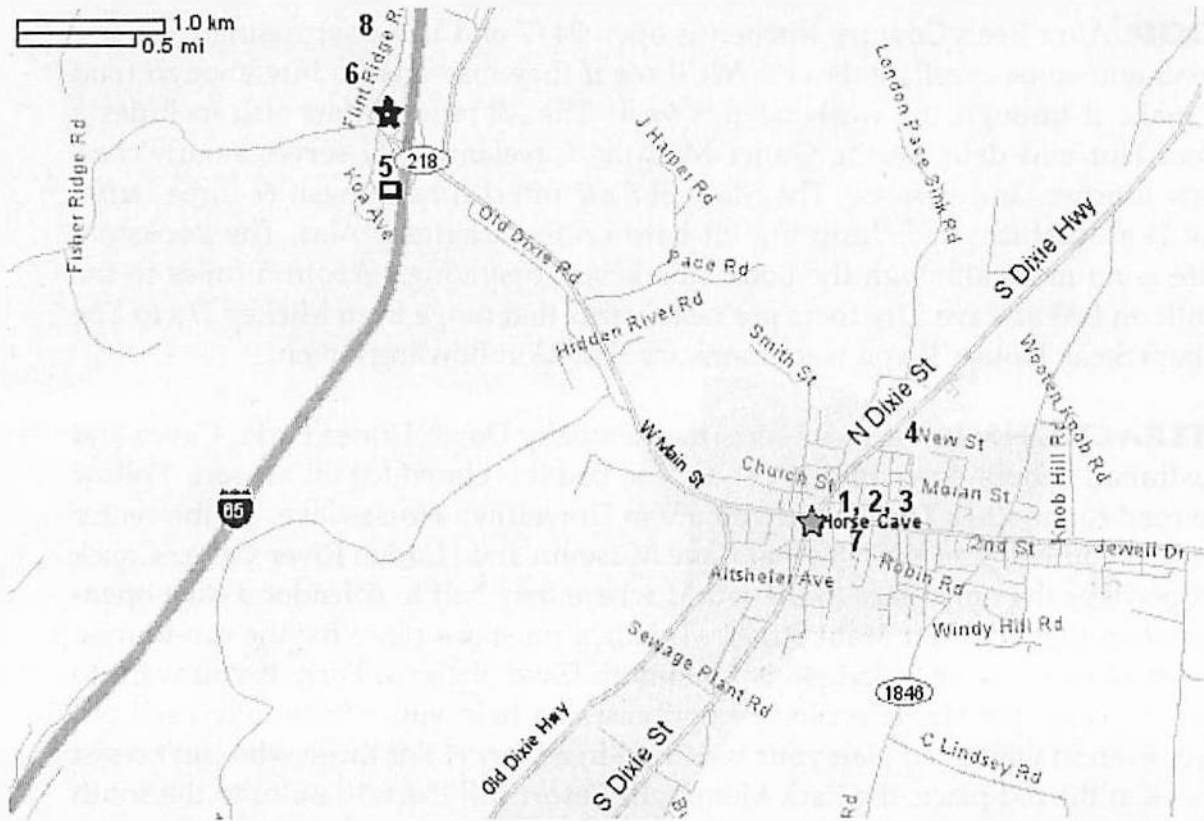
**ATTRACTIONS:** Just across I-65 is the Kentucky Down Under Park. Caves and Australian critters-down under, get it? Too bad it is closed for the season. Follow the road for another 2 miles and you are in Downtown Horse Cave. In the center of town you will find the National Cave Museum and Hidden River 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

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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

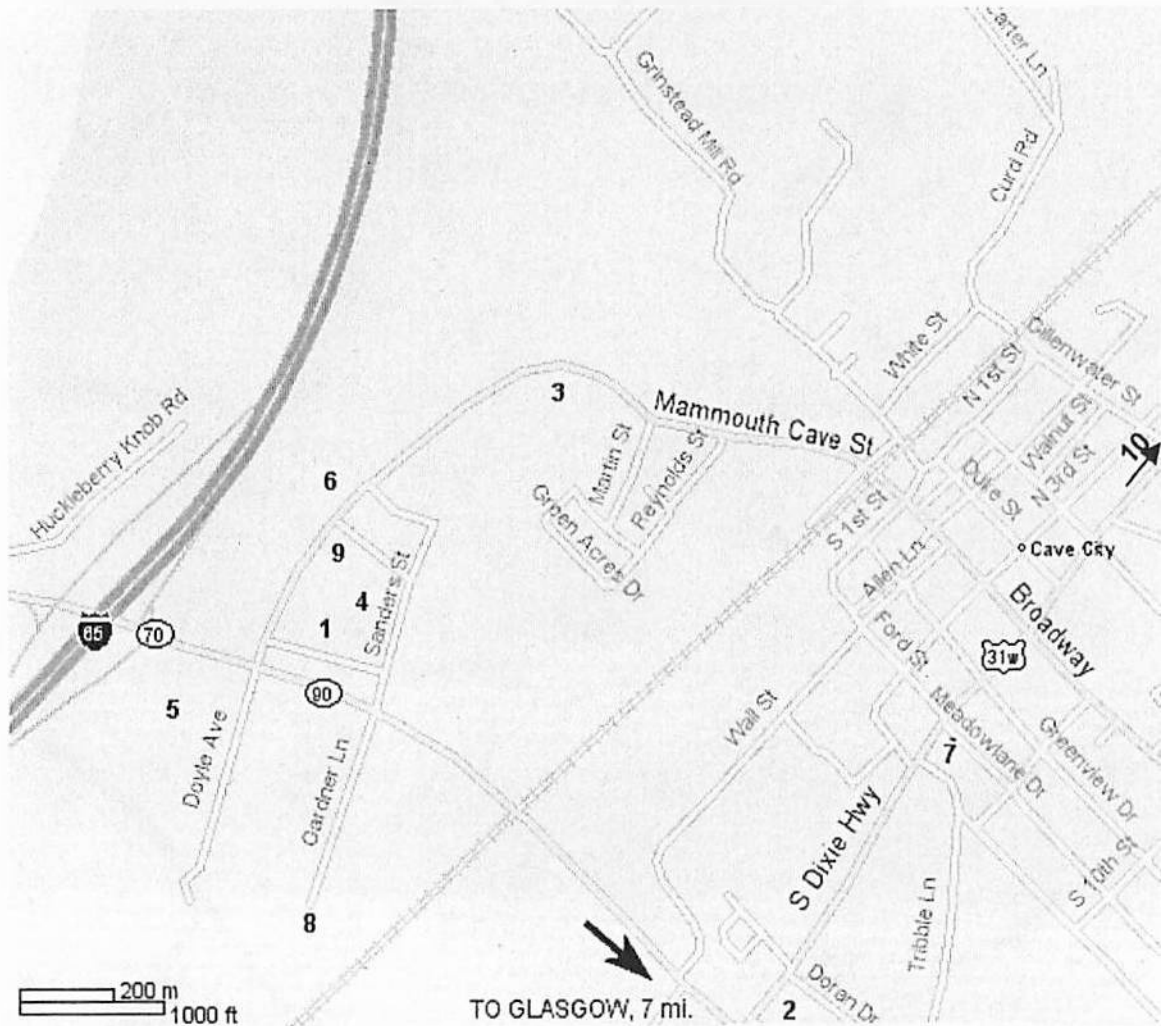
5. **Aunt B's** - I-65 & Highway 218 - 786-2020

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

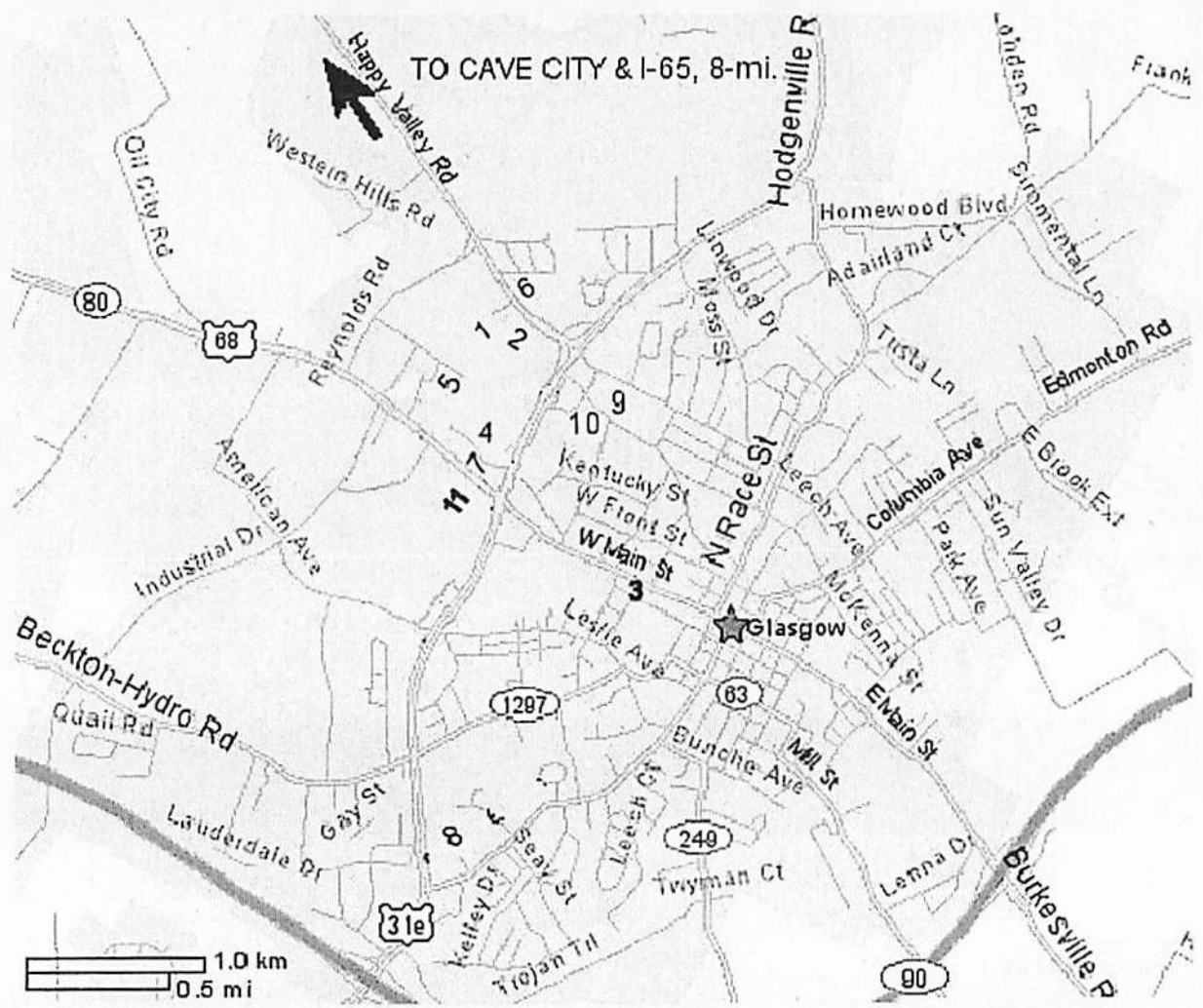
# PLACES OF INTEREST IN CAVE CITY, KY



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 - Burned to the ground - sorry!
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. E. W. James Supermarket - 376 NL Rogers Wells BL - formerly Winn-Dixie
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
11. Food Lion Supermarket - 230 S L. Rogers Wells BL

## GREG AND DANA BRIDGES, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 5

Dana and Greg live in a lovely house in Jackson, TN. The library is a thing of beauty. The walls sport fantasy and science fiction art. And, of course, the floor is covered with toys belonging to their daughters. Fortunately, there was no question of how to raise the children – they'll be brought up fannish.

Cullen Johnson



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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  
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