

CONCAVE 28

February 23-25, 2007 Horse Cave, KY



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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 23, 2007

- 12:00 NOON Registration Opens - Hotel Lobby¹
 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)²
- 8:00 p.m. Opening Ceremonies
- 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 24, 2007

- 7:00 a.m. - 11:00 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
- 2:00 p.m. Banquet at Sahara Steakhouse in Cave City
- 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 25, 2007

- 7:00 a.m. - 11:00 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.
- 2:00 p.m. 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.

¹ 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.

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!

GRUMBLES FROM THE CAVE



When you've worked a job for 30 years, it's time to think about passing the job onto someone else. That doesn't mean you go away, you just make space for the next generation. For a while now the rest of the "old crew" and I have been thinking about the future of Concave. Some conventions have decided to just call it quits and retire. My opinion is that it is better to leave behind a legacy than a memory. We have decided that if Concave means as much to y'all as you keep telling us, then there are others who will be willing to take up the positions to keep it going. Maintaining Concave is not as insurmountable task as it would be if it were a fully-programmed convention, but make no mistake keeping it running will require work! With that in mind, Pat Molloy, Naomi Fisher,, Steve Francis, Corlis and myself are officially giving notice that we'll run things through Concave 30, but after that it's up to you!

I have convinced Claude Miles to take over as Chairman. He is uniquely qualified to take the job since he has been coming to Concave since he was seven years old! If Concave is to continue new people will need to take over the functions of hotel liaison and booking coordinator, registration/treasury, running the art show and organizing the dealer's room. As always we need people to run the bar and consuite as well as taking care of the million little jobs that come up during the weekend that don't do themselves! 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! There will be a sign-up sheet posted in Room 114 for anyone interested in working. For anyone interested in taking charge, now is an excellent time to learn the system because you will get a three-year apprenticeship now vs. a jump into the deep end later

It is amusing to note that we are now on our fifth general managers General Manager of the Hampton Inn at Horse Cave. Many of the front-desk clerks are new this year, so please be gentle. Also please remember that the lobby area is open to the general public, so keep the scenes there to at least a PG-13 standard! As always, have fun and all of us involved in running Concave hope you'll be able to keep going for many years!

- Gary Robs

GUEST OF HONOR: DEBBIE ALLEN

A Lady You Should Thank—Even If You Don't Know Why!

Debbie Allen is one of the people that a convention committee loves to see coming. That is because one of Debbie's first questions when she arrives at a convention is what can I do to help? That is music to a convention chairman's ears! Debbie has been a lifesaver to more than one concom since she has experience in almost all aspects of convention running and always arrives with the attitude of working where she is needed most.

Debbie started as did many of us, watching SF movies and TV shows. She was saved from illiteracy by the SF section of the library because she says that if she wouldn't have started reading SF, then she wouldn't have read at all. She doesn't remember how she found out about Rivercon, but she attended her first in 198 and immediately knew she belonged in Fandom. Since she had grade-school kids with her at the time she found that working on the consuite or registration was a good way to interact with people and know where the kids were at the same time. Thus "Team Allen" became a familiar sight at about all the conventions within driving distance of Louisville.

Debbie doesn't just work on conventions, she has lots of fun too. It is just hard to squeeze it all in. She remembers realizing once that it was only two weeks before a convention and she had not started on costumes for the masquerade. She is an accomplished seamstress and makes her own patterns. She came into the living room carrying pins, needles and newspaper where the children were innocently watching TV. It took about five seconds for the kids to realize what was up and the eldest shouted "Run for it!" Debbie cornered them one-by-one and used them as living mannequins to save time in

cutting out the patterns for the costumes. She doesn't remember what the final costumes were like nor whether or not any awards were won, but she clearly remembers telling the children that the more they resisted and wiggled the more they would get stuck.

Part of Debbie's success as a convention worker is her training as a mom. She has that perfect mom tone of voice that stops people in their tracks to either find out what they've done wrong or receive orders for the next task to be done. It's that mystic power of The Voice that has inspired SF mind controllers from Paul Atreides to Obi-Wan Kenobi. This power does not, however, extend to edged instruments. Several people have suggested that Debbie can work on any aspect of a consuite or party except for slicing vegetables.

Debbie has not just been involved with regional conventions. She has traveled as far as San Diego to attend Worldcons and NASFiC's. She has always been a huge help in working on Worldcon bid parties, especially for the Nashville / Louisville bid for the 1994 Worldcon. If Debbie supports your bid you can count on her help both on the campaign trail as well as at the eventual convention.

This weekend Debbie is recovering from some recent surgery and we were worried about her overtaxing herself at Concave. Fate stepped in when our original Guest of Honor for Concave 28, James Bacon, had to cancel suddenly because of work obligations. Since we were already planning to ask Debbie to be Guest of Honor for Concave 29, we took it as a sign from the Ghods that we had gotten the sequence wrong. Debbie should be Guest of Honor this year so she can relax and enjoy the convention for once without working too much and James can come next year when he had completed his training for his promotion. You can just feel the pieces of the cosmic puzzle fitting into place here.

So, we invite all of you to join us in welcoming Debbie Allen as our Guest of Honor at Concave 28. You may not have known it, but Debbie has served you faithfully for years in the Concave consuite. Now it's your turn to return the favor.

CARE AND FEEDING OF THE HAMPTON INN OF HORSE CAVE

Please 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 front unloading zone, the swimming pool patio, and in designated smoking guestrooms.

2. The Lobby area and first floor hallways are open to the general public and occasionally travelers will enter out of curiosity or looking for a room. Please keep activities in the public areas appropriate and considerate of local sensibilities.

3. The breakfast bar is for registered Hampton Inn guests only. There is no sharing allowed, and a maximum occupancy of four people per room.

4. Even Hampton Inn makes a 100% satisfaction guarantee in its publications, 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.

5. 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.

6. Please report spillage and breakage as soon as possible! We understand that accidents will happen, but the sooner we are able to clean up a problem the better!

7. Rooms 224-241 are designated as the quiet zone. Please try to avoid 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

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 Noble Roman's Pizza and a deli. 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.

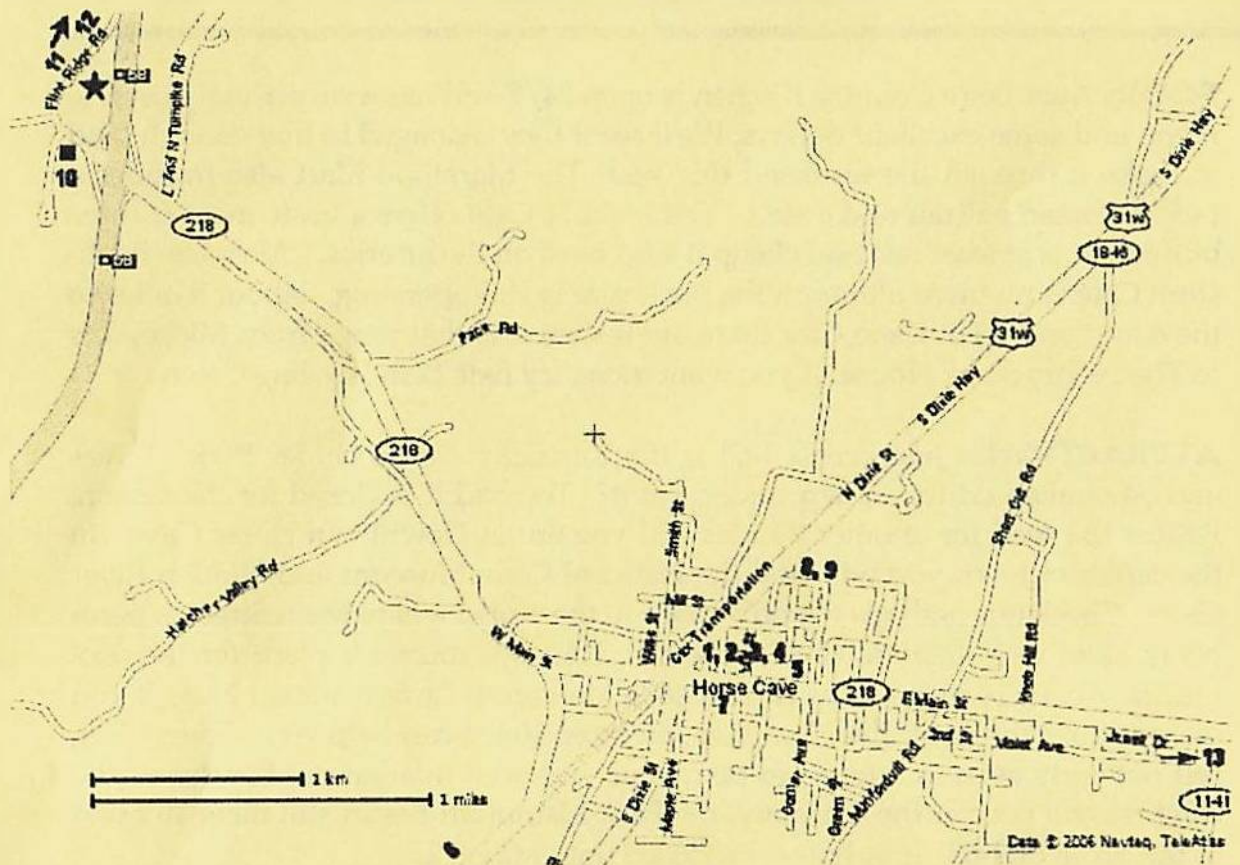
ATTRACTIONS: Just across I-65 is the Kentucky Down Under Park. Caves and Australian critters-down under, get it? Too bad it is closed for the season. Follow the road for another 2 miles and you are in Downtown Horse Cave. In the center of town you will find the National Cave Museum and Hidden River Cave. Check out perhaps the only place in the world where Main Street is perilously close to a gigantic cave entrance. This is a must-see place for the ecotourist. 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 three blocks down on the right. Store hours are 8-8 daily. There is now a 24-7 Wal-Mart Supercenter on Highway 90 on the north end of Glasgow that has all one might expect from Sam Walton's legacy. 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. All the liquor stores in Bowling Green close promptly at precisely 11 p.m., so plan accordingly.

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's anything left over there but the adult bookstore. Inquiring minds want to know. 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 located at the Marathon Mart.

POINTS OF INTEREST IN HORSE CAVE



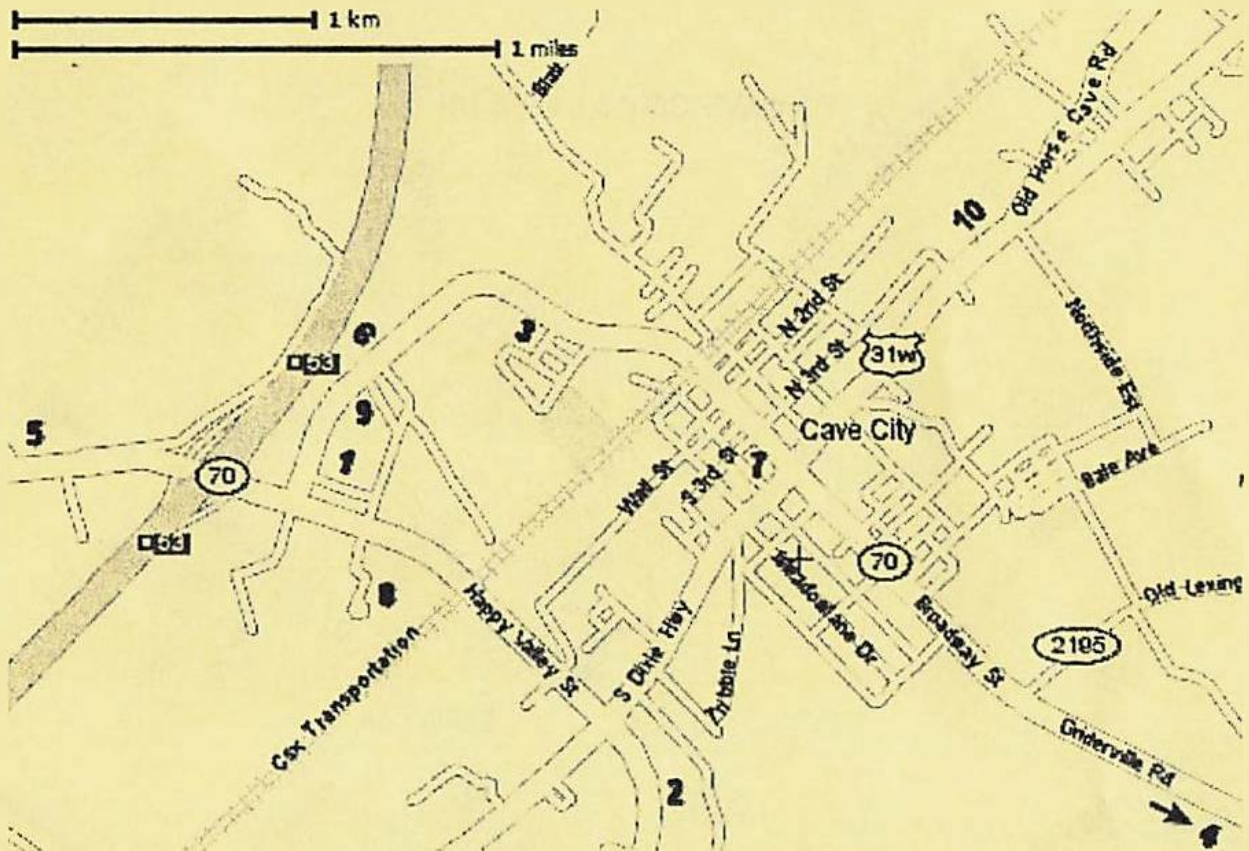
Horse Cave offers several unexpected surprises for the curious visitor. The Bookstore, The Gypsy's Closet and the American Cave Conservation Museum all offer discounts for Concave members. Having the convention in a small town means it is quite visible but that has worked in our favor in developing the 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. **Subway of Horse Cave** - 101 N Dixie St - 786-5554
3. **? Pizza** - 103 N Dixie St (Next to Subway) - 786-8686
4. **The Gypsy's Closet** - 101 Water St - 786-2492
5. **Main Street Cafe** - 209 E Main St - 786-3864
6. **Caverna Memorial Hospital** - 1501 S Dixie St - 786-2191
7. **American Cave Conservation Museum** - 119 E Main St - 786-1466
8. **Houchens Market** - 390 N Dixie St - 786-2639
9. **Rite-Aid Pharmacy** - 394 N Dixie St - 786-1147
10. **Aunt B's** - I-65 & Highway 218 - 786-2020
11. **Noble Romans Pizza** - 735 Flint Ridge Rd - 786-1824
12. **Caveland Shopping Outlet** - 895 Flint Ridge Rd. - 786-4466
13. **Dollar General Store** - 1010 E Main St - 786-3030

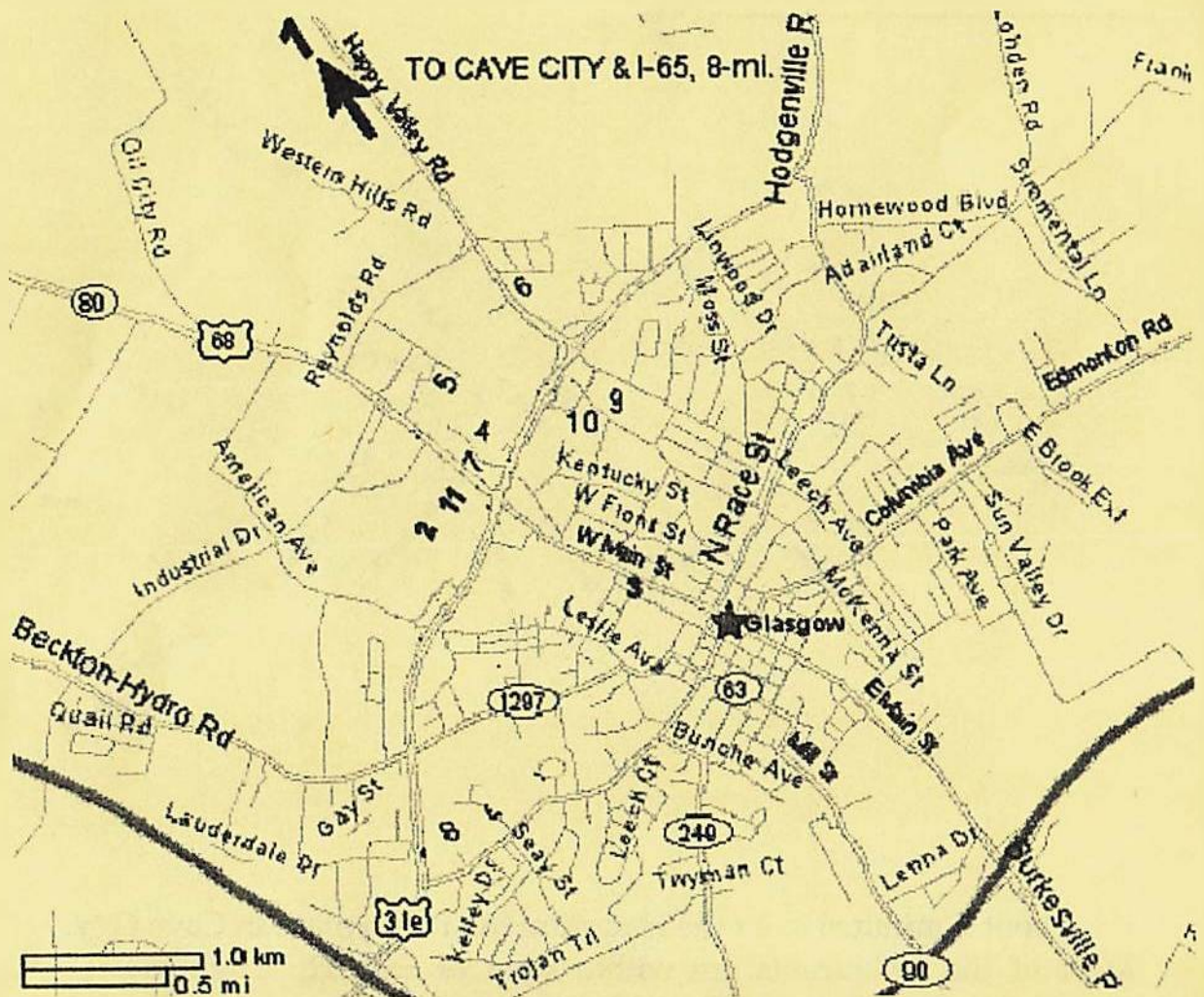
PLACES OF INTEREST IN CAVE CITY, KY



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. Ole Dutch Mill, Inc. - 8920 Jackson Hwy (31-E) - 453-2002
5. Joe's Diner - 1004 Mammoth Cave Rd (North of I065) - 773-3700
6. Pizza Hut - 804 Mammoth Cave St - 773-3370
7. Godfather's Pizza - 99 S Dixie Hwy - 773-4403
8. Hillside Restaurant - 105 Gardner Ln - 773-4141
9. Jerry's Restaurant - 805 Mammoth Cave St - 773-2169
10. Wigwam Village - 601 N Dixie Highway - Seeing is believing!

PLACES OF INTEREST IN GLASGOW, KY

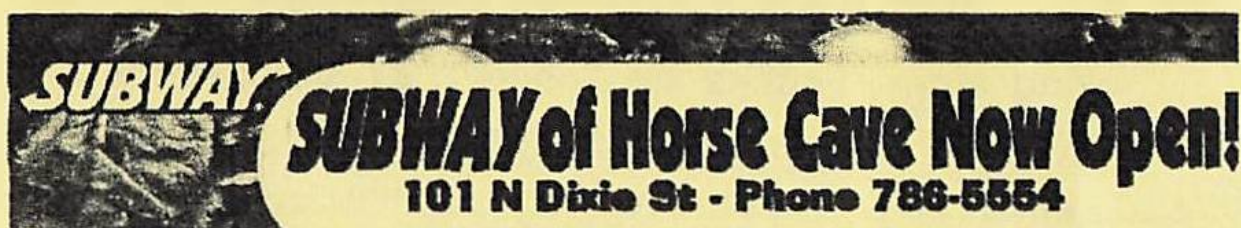


Although a bit farther a field, Glasgow takes about 15 minutes to reach by heading south from Cave City on Highway 90 at Exit 52. Glasgow nearly qualifies as a city with a Wal-Mart and some nicer restaurants although it is dry. Getting aground is straightforward since most everything of interest is within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

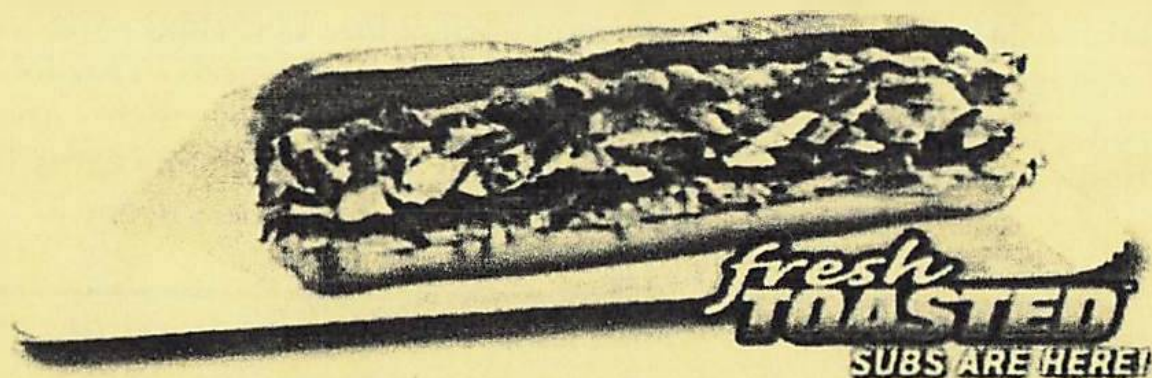
1. Wal-Mart Supercenter - 2345 Happy Valley Rd - 678-1003 - Now 24-7!
2. K-Mart - 368 NL Rogers Wells BL - 651-7693
3. Big Moose's BBQ - 525 W main St - 651-1913
4. Mancino's Deli - 302 Rogers Rd - 651-6500
5. China King Buffet - 106 Shane Dr #70 - 659-9888
6. Los Mariachis - 802 Happy Valley Rd - 651-3229
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 MEMORIAM: MIKE LALOR

On February 10, 2007 Reginald Michael (Mike) Lalor passed away after several years of declining health. Mike was the Guest of Honor at Concave 5. Mike was a tireless worker on conventions as well as a core member of the Cincinnati Fan Group. My indelible picture of Mike is sitting in a consuite in the wee hours of the morning carrying on a conversation that was just too interesting to interrupt with something as trivial as sleep. Mike was one of the few people who formed a bridge between First Fandom and the youngsters, such as myself, entering fandom in the late '70's. Mike knew all the Usual Suspects of Midwestern First Fandom and was a gregarious hand out the new fans trying to understand fannish culture. It is with pride that we note that Concave was the only convention that ever recognized Mike for his contributions. He will be sorely missed.



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VICE-CHAIR FOR REGISTRATION: Corlis Robe
CONSUIE COORDINATOR: Annette Carrico
HUXTER ROOM: Steve Francis
ART SHOW: Pat Molloy and Naomi Fisher
GAMING: Steve and Mary Franklin

ADDITIONAL CONTRIBUTORS:

Patricia Clements: *Con Chair's Wardrobe*
Sue Francis: *Consuite First Officer*
Randy B. Cleary - *Program Book Artwork*

And Many Thanks To Concave 27 Volunteers

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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!*

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!**