

CONCAVE 29

February 22-24, 2008 - Horse Cave, Ky



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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 22, 2008

- 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 23, 2008

- 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
- 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 24, 2008

- 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



Where does the time go? It seems barely a week ago that I was preparing for Concave 28, and yet it is a whole year later! Concave 29 is really making me feel the clock is running out on my stint as Chairman. I get two more times through the gauntlet and then the Next Generation can take it from there! The number of people wanting to make it to Concave again before the old guard retires has certainly made the room lottery a challenge this year.

In case you don't know what I am talking about, last year I announced that the crew that has been running Concave for three decades, myself included, will run the convention through its 30th year and then retire. I'm sure that Claude Miles will be very interested this weekend in talking to anyone interested in becoming part of the transition team.

That is two years in the future, however, and we have this Concave to get through first! We will need people to help in running the bar and consuite, in the art show, at the registration table, and making ice runs. There is a sign-up sheet in Room 114 for volunteers. Sign up early and often! Maybe you'll find a job you like so much you'll want to formally take it on!

The people bartending, running the consuite and room parties are the boss. There are some simple rules for behavior posted near the bar. Please heed these throughout the weekend. We do want you to enjoy yourselves, but not at the expense of others or our group's good relations with the Hampton Inn! If you have any problems or see something that needs correcting, please bring it to my attention. I'm not very hard to find. I'm the guy in the strange shirt.

It is amusing to note that we are now on our sixth General Manager of the Hampton Inn at Horse Cave in eight years. Just when we get them broken in they run away screaming. It must be something in the Skippy! 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!

GUESTS OF HONOR:

ROSE-MARIE & GUY H LILLIAN III

A Guy You Should Know and His Rosy Muse

It is impossible to be around Southern Fandom for long without coming across Guy and Rosy somehow. It won't take you long to catch Guy in the act of cornering some neofan in a consuite somewhere with his large lawyer-y voice asking "Hey little girl, want to come to my room and do a one-shot?" What he is referring to, of course, is upholding an ancient fannish ritual of producing a one-shot fanzine any time a gang of fans congregate. There isn't much of Guy's life that hasn't been documented at one time or another in a fanzine, APA, or one-shot of some sort. Indeed, if you meet Guy this weekend, you are in danger of becoming yet another contributor to the ever-expanding forest of trees that have died for the cause of Guy's fannish writing.

Guy may take the lion's share of publicity for the couple, but you should never underestimate Rosy's contributions! Like many great couples, the Lillians are a study in opposites. Guy is large, bald, boisterous, extroverted, bald and terrified of flying. Rosie is slender, soft-spoken, fully coifed, and has no trouble with air travel. You should be able to tell them apart. It was Rosy, however, who won the Rubble Award a few years ago for her transformation of Guy from a pompous, overbearing git into a *giddy* pompous, overbearing git. In other words, Rosy is the brains of the operation and Guy is the mouthpiece. Rosy may not be the loudest one in a conversation, but she never misses anything.

Guy got his start in Fandom writing in comic book letter columns and parlayed this into a meeting with the legendary DC editor/writer Julius Schwartz. Guy says that Julie was the first adult who ever took him seriously, and the two remained close friends until Julie's death in 2004. His early friendship with Julie also taught Guy how to approach a celebrity, and ever since Guy has been fearless in tracking down and talking to anyone who draws his interest. Guy has "collected" contacts like others might collect stamps. This has equipped Guy with a truly astonishing web of friends from all walks of life: artists, writers, politicians, and shady characters. He is not a name-dropper, but once you get him headed down memory lane, you are in for a really interesting ride!

After studying English and Writing as an undergraduate, Guy moved on to law school and moved to the hometown of his heart, New Orleans. It nearly broke his spirit when the Louisiana public defender system forced him to leave NOLA for Shreveport.

The move spared Guy and Rosy the ordeal of Katrina, although little of the pain brought by loss of loved ones and the continuing struggles of friends still there.

In 2003 Guy and Rosy were elected as the North American delegates for the Down Under Fan Fund (DUFF). This sent Guy and Rosy on a tour of Australia as



ambassadors from North American fandom to the Australian national convention in Sydney. Their tales of that adventure are spread over four issues of Guy's fanzine, *Challenger*.

Speaking of *Challenger*, did I mention that Guy and Rosy's work has been nominated for the Best Fanzine Hugo award eight times? (Sure Guy takes all the blame for publishing *Chall*, but I'm very certain it wouldn't happen without his muse, Rose-Marie whispering encouragement in his ear!) Guy publishes an honest-to-Ghu paper fanzine, and manages to get an amazing diversity of contributions. In this day of blogs and instant messages, Guy takes the time and expense of actually printing the thing. There is a website for archived issues, but you have to respect someone who actually lays out a publication in hard copy in this electronic era.

Guy was also a key member of the committee that ran the 1988 New Orleans Worldcon, Nolacon. While the convention had more than its share of operational difficulties, to put it mildly, the average fan attending Nolacon had a ball exploring the French Quarter during the day and the room parties at night. Guy was responsible for the convention publications, which included a beautiful program book and a Pocket Program. In retrospect the latter would have probably been better left unprinted for all the grief the committee took for the massive on-the-fly program re-schedulings. It was really hard in the end not to have fun at Nolacon and Guy deserves at least some credit in recognizing how much fandom would love a Worldcon in New Orleans.

There are two awards given by Southern Fandom that Guy's name often is associated with: The Rebel and Rubble Awards. The Rebel, of course, is given each year at DSC for lifetime service to Southern Fandom. Guy was the target for the very first Rubble Award for *disservice* to Southern Fandom. That was especially memorable because voting for the Rubble originally was by bribery and Guy borrowed a penny from Gary Tesser

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 though 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 for 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. We are pleased to announce that Horse Cave has entered the 21st century and there is now a 24/7 McDonalds at the Love's Truck Stop on the south side of the I-65 interchange! Alas, The Bookstore Cafe is no more although the books are still there. Go 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 Glasgow or Exit 22 in Bowling Green.

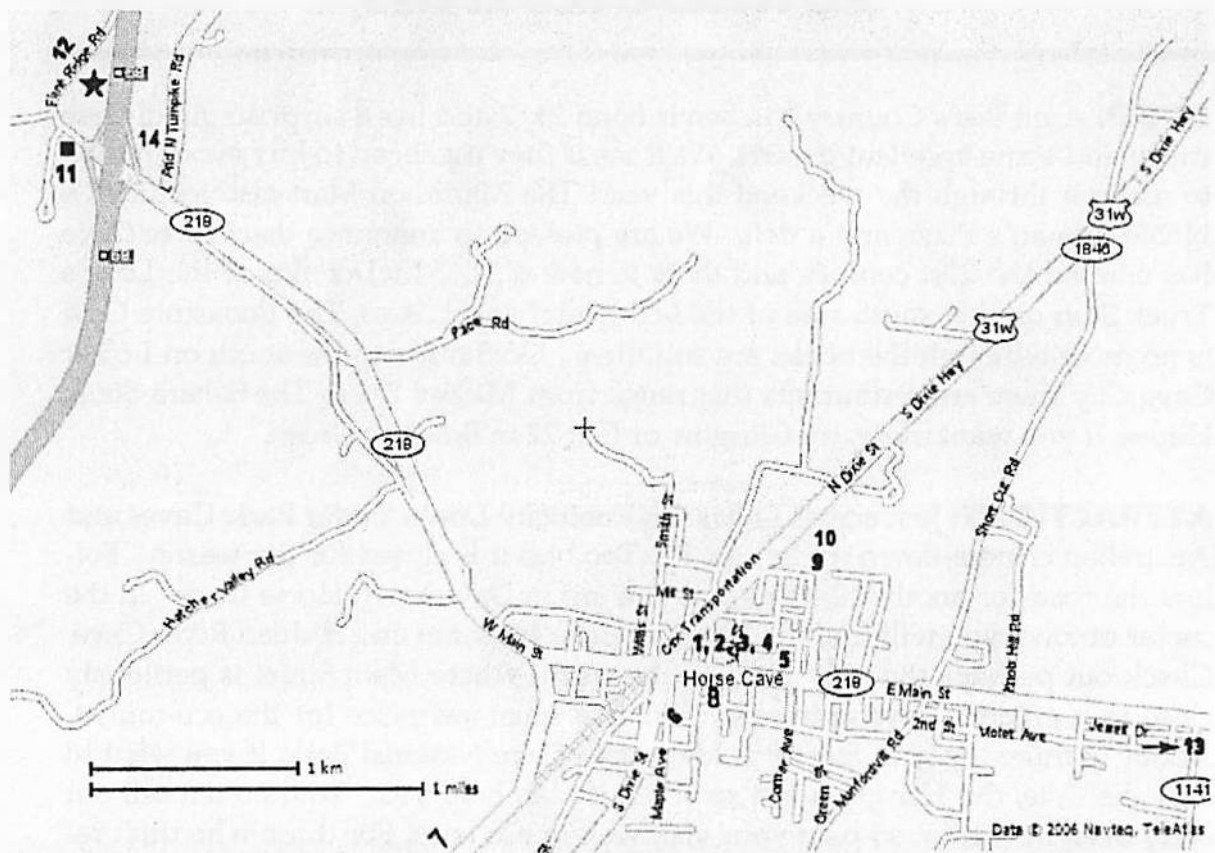
ATTRACTIONS: Just across I-65 is the Kentucky Down Under Park Caves and Australian critters-down under, get it? Too bad it is closed for the season. Follow the road for another 2 miles and you are in Downtown Horse Cave. In the center of town you will find the National Cave Museum and Hidden River Cave. 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 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 (8 to 8 Daily) in Horse Cave can probably satisfy your non-alcoholic party needs. Take Highway 218 into Horse Cave, turn left onto Highway 31-W and the store is three blocks away on the right. There is a 24/7 Wal-Mart on Highway 90 in Glasgow that has all one might expect. If you need something more potent, you'll discover that the nearest oasis is Exit 28 or 22 in Bowling Green. Since this is the only wet spot within a 50-mile radius, the liquor stores are within sight of the exit ramps. All the liquor stores in Bowling Green close promptly at 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 three convenience stores of Exit 58 should provide what it takes to provision both you and your car for the trip home. There are also ATMs located at the Marathon Mart and Love's

GETTING AROUND HORSE CAVE



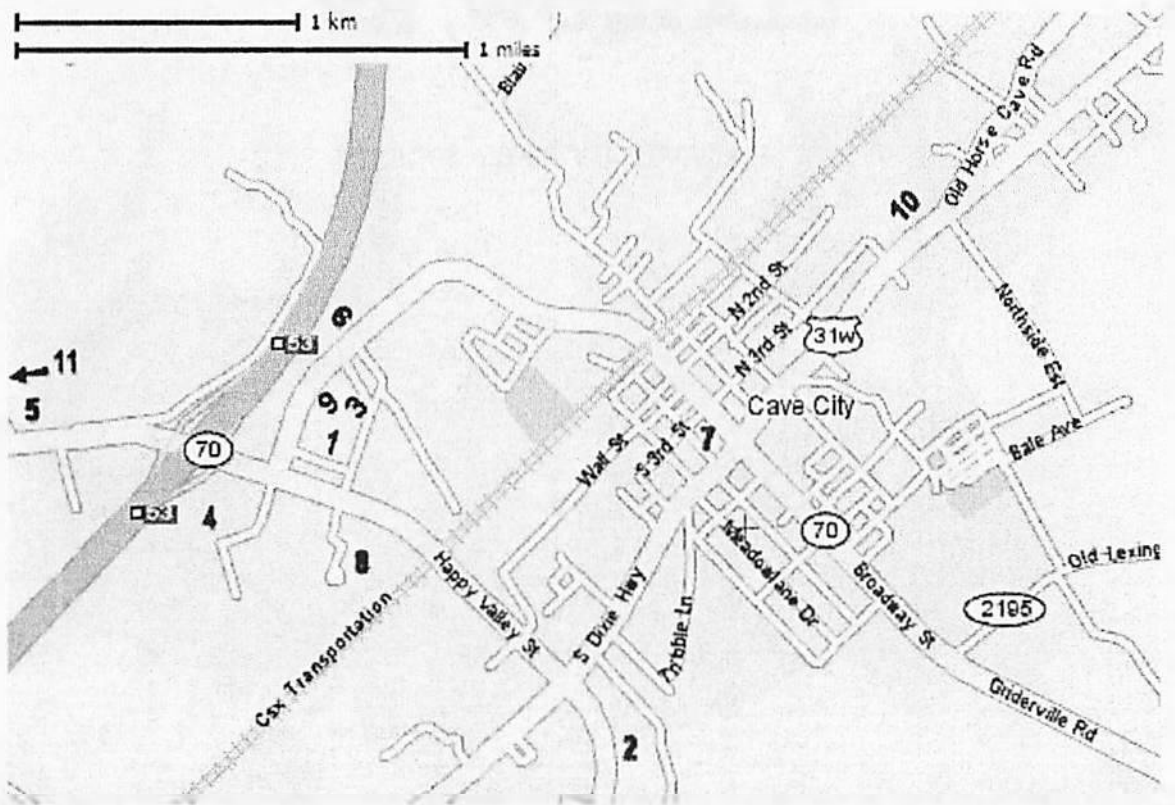
Horse Cave offers several unexpected surprises for the curious visitor. The Bookstore, The Gypsy's Closet and the American Cave Conservation Museum all offer discounts for Concave members. Having the convention in a small town means it is quite visible but that has worked in our favor in developing the 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. **Snappy's Pizza** - 103 N Dixie St - 786-8686
4. **The Gypsy's Closet** - 101 Water St - 786-2492
5. **CK's Homestyle 6am-4pm Buffet** - 209 E Main St - 786-3864
6. **C&C's Family Restaurant** - S Dixie St - 786-4370
7. **Caverna Memorial Hospital** - 1501 S Dixie St - 786-2191
8. **American Cave Conservation Museum** - 119 E Main St - 786-1466
9. **Houchens Market** - 390 N Dixie St - 786-2639
10. **Rite-Aid Pharmacy** - 394 N Dixie St - 786-1147
11. **Aunt B's** - I-65 & Highway 218 - 786-2020
12. **Noble Romans Pizza** - 735 Flint Ridge Rd - 786-1824
13. **Dollar General Store** - 1010 E Main St - 786-3030
14. **Love's Truckstop + Mc Donalds 24/7 + Chester's Fried Chicken** 9 am to 10 pm Daily

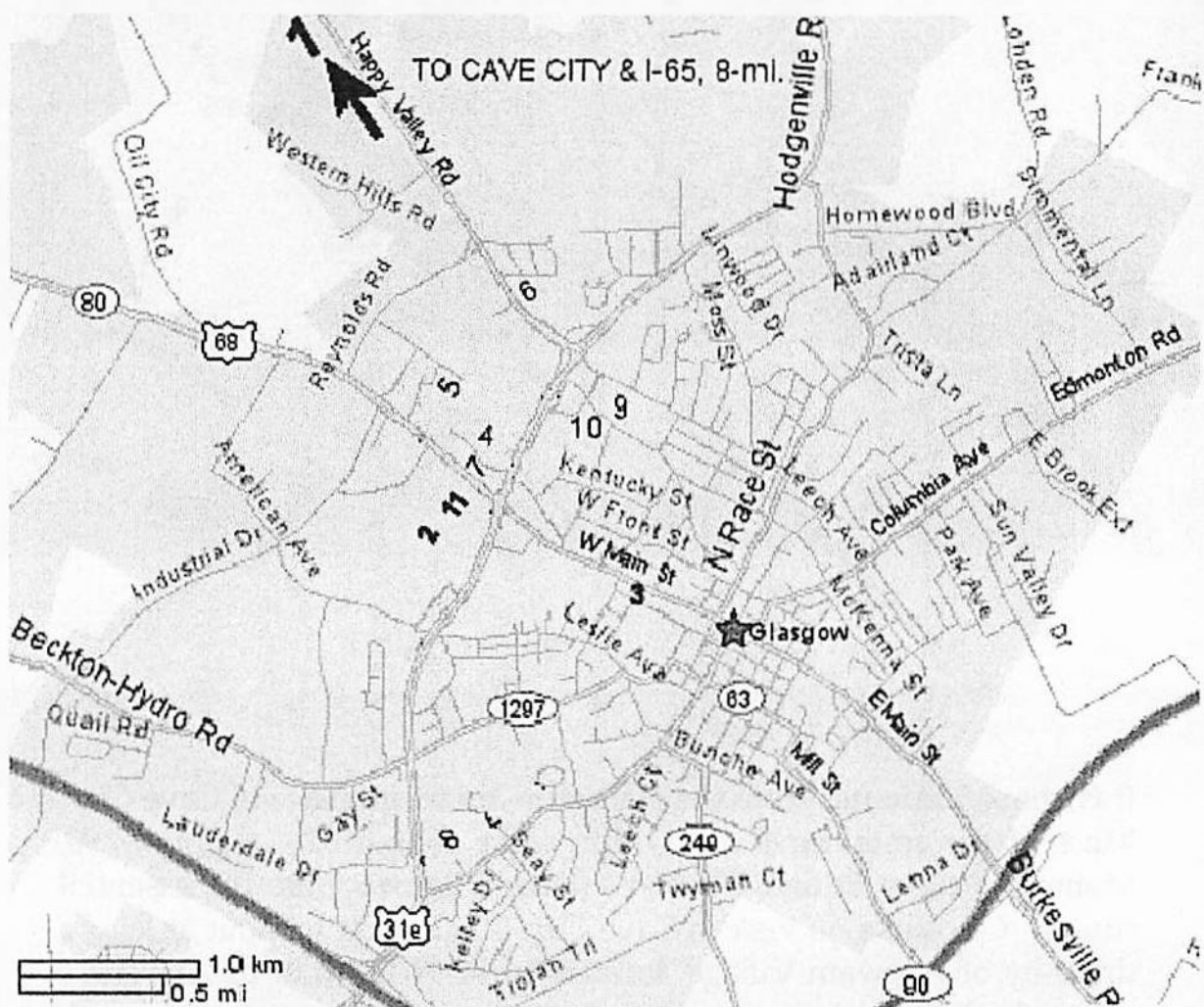
PLACES OF INTEREST IN CAVE CITY, KY



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. **Hickory Villa Barbecue** - Behind Cracker Barrel—Old favorite reborn! 11 am-9pm
4. **Rawhide Steakhouse** - At Knight's Inn—10-10 Daily - Full Bar
5. **Watermill Restaurant** - 1004 Mammoth Cave Rd (North of I-65) - \$5.95 buffet 5:30 am - 9 pm CASH ONLY! 773-3186
6. **Pizza Hut** - 804 Mammoth Cave St - 773-3370
7. **Godfather's Pizza** - 99 S Dixie Hwy - 773-4403
8. **El Matatlan** - 105 Gardner Ln - 11 am-10:30pm - Alcohol served
9. **Jerry's Restaurant** - 805 Mammoth Cave St - 773-2169
10. **Wigwam Village** - 601 N Dixie Highway - Seeing is believing!
11. **Wild Country Steaks & Barbecue** - Mammoth Cave Rd 11 am-9pm (Very New!)

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

Guy & Rosy cont. from p.5

to break a tie in Guy's favor!

Guy and Rosy try to attend Worldcon or the NASFiC as well as Deep South Con. Guy has only flown once that I'm aware of to Australia, under hypnosis and heavily sedation, but he loves to drive. Guy has wanted to attend Concave for many years, but too often it conflicts with Mardi Gras so it's a no-brainer which event he chooses to attend. This year Mardi Gras was in February so the Concave Committee was able to entice Guy and Rosy to come here. You will find out just what charming people Guy and Rosy are this weekend (if you can get a word in edgewise). Just be careful what you say. Guy is a keen observer of humanity. He will expect you to defend anything you say no matter how much beer consumption is involved!

I am also certain that there will be a one-shot produced this weekend in the consuite, so be sure to take your turn. Who knows, you may end up publishing your own fanzines!

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- And Others Inadvertently Missed! -

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!**