

CONCANNED

Bowling Green, Kentucky
February 25-27, 2011



CONCAVE XXXXIII

Schedule of Events

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 25, 2011

- 12:00 NOON Registration Opens¹
 Consuite officially opens
 Huxter (Meeting Room) and Art Show Setup
- 5:00 p.m. Approximate Opening of Huxter , Art, Film, & Game Rooms²
- 8:00 p.m. Opening Ceremonies
- 11:00 p.m. Registration closes.
- TBA: The pool will be closed only for minimum legal maintenance.

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 26, 2011

- 9:00 a.m. Breakfast Served
- 10:00 a.m. Registration, Art Show, and Huxter Room re-open
- 12:00 NOON Registration closes. Contact staff for Late Registration.
- 2:00 p.m. Group dining at Mariah's (Downtown Bowling Green)
- 6:00 p.m. Art Show closes for bidding
- 7:00 p.m. Approximate start of Art Auction
- 8:00 p.m. Evening Meal Served
- MIDNIGHT Informal Poolside Masquerade

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 27, 2011

- 9:00 a.m. Breakfast Served
- 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 closes
- 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 BADGES MUST BE WORN BY EVERYONE AT ALL TIMES! NO EXCEPTIONS!! Security will be ejecting those without Membership Badges. So keep them on and visible at all times. Hang on to your badge! Replacement badges are \$40!! We work hard to secure the entire hotel exclusively for us and the only way we can continue to offer the exceptional member services in the Concave tradition is for everyone to pay their fair share!

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



Welcome back! Another year has passed and the Time for Concave is once again upon us! I am pleased to report that last year was a rousing success and that we are looking forward to another year of Great Times at the Best Western Motor Inn here in Bowling Green! A few adjustments have been made in our continual tweaking of the Conspace. Make sure to find your way to the Huxter Room and Art Show downstairs! There is lots of great stuff there waiting to go home with you... For the right price!

Our additional space also allows us to return a programming favorite of my own childhood Concave experience The Film Room!! Long missing as a victim of the lottery it is back and better than ever. This year we have submissions in an informal Science Fiction Fantasy Indy Film Festival!! We are honored to present a screening of 'Swordbearer' a short fantasy film excerpted from H. David Blalock's novel 'Ascendant'. Watch for the schedule to be posted on the Film Room door; located in the block of Consuite Rooms next to the Game Room in the Pool Area.

Another addition to the Concave line-up is the Saturday Night Midnight Informal Masquerade. We just had so much fun last year that we're gonna give it another whirl. Not as a competition a runway show around the pool area for any who would like to display their fabulous costumes. So be ready to strut your stuff and show us what you got!

Always remember 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 Best Western! If you have problems or see something that needs a fix, please bring it to my attention. I'm not very hard to find. I'm the guy in the strange shirt that everyone knows.

Many of the Hotel Staff are new this year, so please be gentle. This is only our second year here so they are still learning how we operate. Also please remember that the pool area is a open to all ages, 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 coming for many years!

- Claude Miles

GUESTS OF HONOR: STEVE AND SUE FRANCIS

Kentucky Fandom's First Family

It's only natural. Here you have a couple, both of whose initials are SF. What could they be but big name Science Fiction fans? It is hard to imagine what SF Fandom in Kentucky would be like without Steve and Sue Francis. They are just that important. Sure there would be some sort of fannish activity, but without Steve and Sue it wouldn't have been as big, diverse or world-renowned.

For instance, Steve and Sue were not the founders of Rivercon, but there were there at the beginning, and took over the operation when the original leadership faded away after Rivercon 4. With Steve as Chairman and Sue as Vice-Chairman Rivercon continued for over 20 years under their leadership. During their tenure Rivercon grew to a well-respected regional convention with a yearly membership that pushed 1000 in its heyday. I remember once when Dan Caldwell and a group of Atlanta fans arrived at Rivercon in the middle of the night. They had been at Dragon-Con but were having a miserable time. They decided to jump ship and head for Louisville. As well as Rivercon, Steve and Sue also helped to bring two Deep South Cons, the North American SF Convention in 1979, as well as coming *this close* to bringing in the Worldcon to Louisville in 1994.

First of all a SF fan should have a big collection, and Steve is a Capital "C" Collector. His passion is the pulp magazines and old-fashioned adventure fiction from writers like Edgar Rice Burroughs and Doc Smith. Anyone visiting the Francis residence in Louisville must take the tour of the basement to see the collection of meticulously preserved and displayed books, magazines and SF memorabilia. Steve is a dedicated packrat and now owns the only complete collection of the cover art posters that Conclave has traditionally given as mementos to our Guests of Honor. This year's edition will be especially rare since we won't have to make a duplicate for Steve's collection!

One of the Francis' secrets in running a convention was to grow their own committee. The Francis sisters were the familiar faces behind the registration desk at Rivercon for most of its run and David Francis grew into a Strapping Young Lad who provided a lot of the muscle for setting up and tearing down the convention. Nowadays Steve and Sue have so many grand and great-grandchildren that they could *be* their own convention! Asking Sue if she has any new grandchildren is always a good conversation starter.

Although Steve's mundane career was as a mechanical engineer for many years with American Air Filter, he moonlighted as a huxter at many regional conventions and became so well-versed in the mechanics of running dealer's rooms that he either ran or assisted in running the dealer's rooms at most of the domestic Worldcons through the 80's and 90's. Steve is one of the few huxters I've ever known who was actually satisfied with his sales during at least one convention. He struck a deal to sell his complete stock and left the con with nothing but a check in his pocket! In the spring

of 1987 the internal struts for the roof to Rickey Sheppard's mobile home split down the middle and he faced having to abandon his house. Steve and I decided that we could brace the ceiling from the inside and then build a roof over the outside which would salvage the home. Steve and I built the roof together in the hot July sun without resorting to



anything as mundane as blueprints. As we were nailing shingles to the nearly-completed structure we joked that if we could build a roof on-the-fly, we could also run a Worldcon. The Ghods seldom let a jest like that pass, so within 18 months of that offhand joke, we were organizing the effort that became the Louisville in '94 bid. The roof, by the way, remained in place until the trailer was finally abandoned 10-years later.

Sue is one of those people who don't feel comfortable unless she's doing something, and feels uncomfortable seeing a jog going undone at a convention. For many years Sue was the unofficial back-up consuite host at Concave. She usually took over in the nighttime hours when Anette Carrico needed to go home. Sue's "mom voice" always comes in handy when volunteers need to be recruited in a hurry. She is a master at coming up to a group as asking "would any of you mind coming to help us in the consuite for a while?" Something in her voice says "I'm a mom and I'm not afraid to use it!" Fans hear this and they scoot into the kitchen looking for veggies to slice.

You can't be big names in fandom for as long as Steve and Sue without picking up some awards and honors. Believe it or not, but being the Guests of Honor at Concave 32 is not their biggest accolade. They have been GoHs at several regional conventions and both have won the Rebel Award given by the DeepSouthCon for lifetime service to fandom. Their greatest honor was being chosen as the North American delegates for the Down Under Fan Fund which sent them to Australia to represent American fandom at the Australian National Convention in 2008. They toured the major cities of Australia for two weeks as the guests of the local fans and then reported back to American fandom and acted as the as DUFF administrators until handing off responsibility this year.

While Steve and Sue are now retired in mundane life, they still are active in fandom, especially at Worldcons where they still find places on bid and convention committees. They may publicly say "Stop me before I volunteer again!" but don't let that fool you. They were in the thick of the bidding for last year's Worldcon in Australia and are on the committee for this year's Worldcon in Reno.

-Gary Robe

Care and Feeding of the Best Western Motor Inn

Please treat the Best Western Motor 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 and in designated smoking guestrooms.
2. The Lobby / Atrium 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. Since we are now in a larger city the temptation to drive somewhere is greater than it was in Horse Cave. So, it is very important that we all do our best to prevent drinking and driving. The BCPD will be quick to shut us down if we flood the streets of Bowling Green with DUI's! Be your own Police force first and help keep each other out of trouble!
4. Concave is a membership driven convention. The low low cost of our membership is the sole form of revenue that makes this convention happen. So if you see someone without a badge help them to get one or notify Concave staff. This is a zero-tolerance issue. If we find you are harboring non-members in your room or sharing your badge then you are out.
5. Don't trash the hotel! There are several trash barrels on each floor and in the atrium 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. There will be posted notices of Quiet Areas. Please 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 designated Quiet Zones.

We hope you all will join us in thanking the staff of The Best Western Motor 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.

- CLAUDE AND THE CONCAVE COMMITTEE

Stuff and Nonsense in Bowling Green

PROMOTIONS: Although there are literally hundreds of places to eat in Bowling Green a few have gone out of there way to make us feel especially welcome. The Denny's attached to the hotel offers 20% off from 6-9am and 10% off any other time. Show them your Concave badge when you order. The Great Escape comics, games and music is giving a 30% discount to anyone showing a Concave badge. (Turn right on Scottsville Rd (AKA US 231), go 1 mile, then left into the Kroger/K-Mart shopping center.) The hotel has other promotions with nearby restaurants and stores, so check at Reception for details and suggestions.

ATTRACTIONS: This is Concave! Where could you go that is more entertaining than this?!?! Well, if you must, there are several attractions. BGKY is the Home of the Corvette and hosts the Corvette Museum (I-65 Exit 28). If you are more adventurous Lost River Cave (Cave Mill Rd - 6th light right on US 231, then left) is one of many parks and outdoor areas around the city. Mammoth Cave is up the road 30 miles to the north on I-65. There are two Great Escape (not the comic store!) Theaters on Campbell Ln (8th light to right on US 231, then left).

PARTY SUPPLIES: Well, it's a wet city, so there are liquor stores within walking distance of the hotel. All liquor stores in Bowling Green close promptly at 11 p.m., so plan accordingly. They DO NOT serve people in the checkout line at closing time. Beer, however is sold in groceries until 2 AM Sunday morning.

RESTAURANTS AND SHOPPING: Can be found in abundance on the oh-so-well-planned for growth Scottsville Road. If you need something you can get it , if you can stomach the traffic! We're not kidding. Sam's Club, The Greenwood Mall, Best Buy, K-Mart, Kroger and dozens of restaurants are all located between 1-2 miles to the right from the hotel on Scottsville Rd. Turn left 2 miles north on Scottsville Rd to Campbell Lane (Best Buy/CVS on the corners) to find Wal-Mart, Target, Lowes, CVS Pharmacy, Sam's Club, Barnes & Noble, Office Depot and more restaurants and shopping.

FEEDING THE MACHINES: There are plenty of convenience stores right here at the Exit 22 interchange offering all types of fuel. For those with the required affiliations, Sam's Club and Kroger offer their usual discounts on fuel.

JAIL: Bowling Green, KY has more police per capita than Louisville and Lexington combined, so be aware they are waiting for you. They are dying to show you the accommodations they take such pride in. Seriously, these cops do not play. The city wants our revenue and the Police are there to facilitate this just as much as the hotel. Be safe and DO NOT DRINK AND DRIVE!!

IN MEMORANDUM

On a sad note, long-time Louisville fan Jack Young passed away on January 21st. Jack and his wife Susan ran the consuite at Rivercon and both were familiar faces at regional conventions and the FOSFA SF club in Louisville. Jack will be remembered as a tireless worker and friendly face in a consuite in the wee hours of the morning.

CONCAVE 32 ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

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**And Appologies to
Anyone Who Was
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 a very special thanks, to the
management and staff of the



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