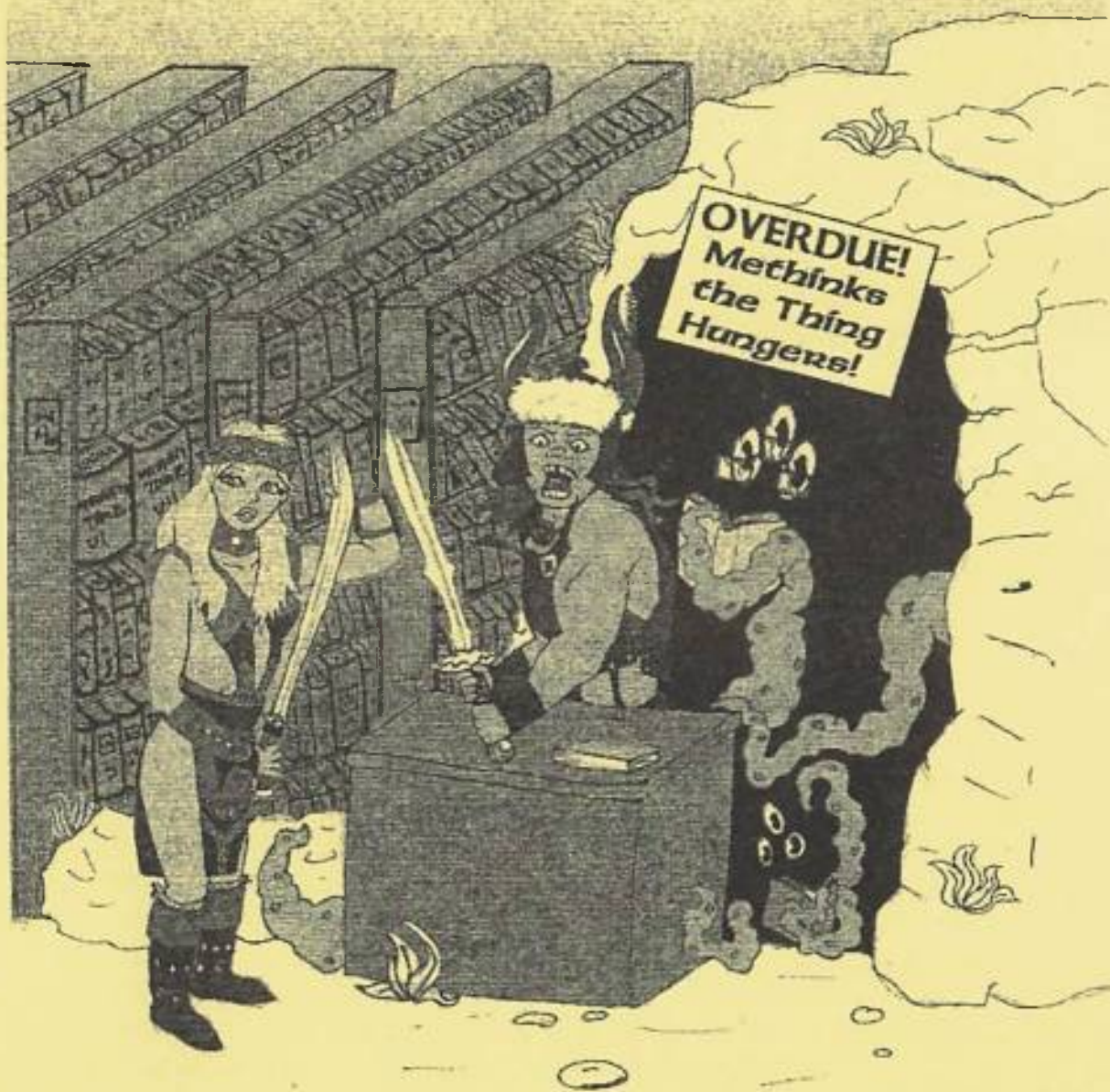


CONCAVE XXVIII

February 24-26, 2012
Bowling Green, KY



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Schedule of Events

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 24, 2012

- 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.
- About 3:00 a.m. Shopping expedition to Shoe Carnival — BG's 24/7 shoe store
- TBA: The pool will be closed only for minimum legal maintenance.

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 27, 2012

- 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. Concave banquet in the basement room. Banquet tickets are available at registration for \$15 each. Banquet is limited to 30.
- 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 28, 2012

- 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 ALL CONCAVE ATTENDEES WILL BE ID-CHECKED AT REGISTRATION. THOSE 21 AND OLDER WILL BE ISSUED A SPECIAL WRISTBAND. This wristband will be used as proof-of-age at all activities, including room parties. Further proof-of-age may be required by servers at their discretion. Lost or damaged wristbands can be replaced with proof of payment.

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 Concavers! Another exciting year is upon us and we have lots of new fun to share! First you may notice changes in the way we are occupying the hotel this year. The Atrium area of the Best Western is now magically transformed into Concave Village; a place where you can find all manner of wares to buy, games to play, food to eat, liquid refreshment to imbibe, and out of this world parties to explore! Although we have shifted the Huxter Room up out of the Art Show and into the main strip make sure you still head down to the basement to visit the Art Show and on Saturday Night for the Art Auction. Next

up on the "New and Improved" list is the Banquet... Now we know many of you have never had a chance to join us for the Banquet and we understand why. By freeing space there we can provide a home-cooked buffet banquet there at 2pm on Saturday (tickets on sale at Registration). Except for during the Banquet the Art Show will be open regular hours, so go down there early and bid on new treasures early and often! Additionally we have designated the Atrium/Concave Village as the only acceptable place to Host a room Party (if you were planning to throw one and are not in the Atrium contact Me immediately so we can try and move you there). This should allow for those who wish to sleep in the other parts of the Hotel to be able to do so. It should also allow those who never sleep or stop partying to be able to do that too!

Now for our next big change we turn to one of my personal favorite subjects... BEER! After an in depth study of our options, Concave has decided to go kegging! That's right! We are kicking out the cans and rolling in the barrels! This should reduce the amount of waste produced and allows Concave to serve only the finest in Imported and Domestic Beer; without scouring the globe to find it in a can!

Since we are on the subject of Adult beverages let's close with another change in that department. You may have noticed a change in the Registration rates this year. The rate for Under 21 went down! This means savings for those of you with kids or teens. It also means a heightened responsibility upon us all to insure that we prevent underage drinking. To this end we will be carding everyone who wishes to partake in adult beverages and giving them an arm band. This band must be worn at all times and should not be tampered with or shared (we will know if you do). Bartenders in the Consuite and Room parties will be looking for the band before they serve you.

Now enough of my scolding and change-mongering let's get this Concave started!!

- *Claude Miles*

GUESTS OF HONOR: MARK LINNEMAN

The Intercontinental Fan

As a former Concave chairman, one of the last things I ever want to hear is the home phone ringing just as I'm locking the house to leave for convention set-up. That's just what happened back in the mid-80's as I was literally heading out the door on my way to the Park Mammoth Resort. I debated taking the call, but I muttered under my breath and answered. I'm glad I did because it was Mark Linneman on the other end. Mark had just returned to the US from several years working for the University of Melbourne (Australia) as a law librarian and was now working for The University of Kentucky. By a circuitous route he had heard about Concave and was thinking about attending. I went into my pre-programmed spiel that normally scares away all but the faithful about how Concave wasn't a big, programmed convention and that the hotel was completely full, but we'd be happy for him to come and could probably find him somebody to share a room with. Mark said that he preferred small conventions, and decided to make the trip. What I didn't know was that Mark was completely familiar with Midwestern Fandom and relaxacons in the Midwestcon tradition, so Concave fit right in with his taste in conventions. He must have liked what he found because over 20 years and several jobs later Mark is still coming to Concave and lending a very welcome helping hand, especially in running the Consuite.

Mark is a large, gregarious bear of a man who likes talking and meeting people. In the last 25 years he has lived in Australia, Kentucky, Ohio and California working in various capacities as a Law Librarian. Mark's career as a law librarian gives him a lot of ammunition for late-night conversations: state politics, academic politics, lawyers, politicians, governors, and budgets. If you think the government of California is a cutthroat environment, just ask Mark about the old ladies who run the University of Kentucky Law Library! It is his current job working for the State of California Law Library that earns him the Conan the Librarian comments. As a world traveler Mark has naturally connected with the various fan groups in the cities where he has lived and formed many long-lasting friendships. That is especially true of Australia, where Mark has remained active in Fannish projects long after moving away, especially in helping to run the last two Aussicon Worldcons. If all goes well at least two of Mark's Australian friends will be joining us

here this weekend to help honor Mark.

One could make the case that Mark is one of the true SMOFs (Secret Masters of Fandom) in that while he is involved at some level in running the Worldcon year-after-year he seldom does jobs that are in view of the majority of conventioners. Mark likes doing behind-the-scenes jobs like running the site selection process or the WSFS (World Science Fiction Society) business meetings. These can be scenes of high drama which pass almost unobserved to the rest of Fandom. WSFS is the entity which actually administers the Worldcon site selection process, maintains the corporate bylaws, and protects the Corporate Identity of the World Science Fiction Convention. This is the legislative body of Worldcon Fandom, and while each Worldcon site had the prerogative to run each Worldcon as it sees fit, it is WSFS and the site selection committees which make sure it's done according to the rules.

You may not be able to remember The Wimpy Zone, No-Zone Rotation, three vs. two year bidding, and all the other esoteric arguments that have raged in the business meetings, but Mark was there and was looking out for the interests of traditional Fandom (whatever that is). There was also a time when Worldcon bids were hotly contested, and I remember a race in 1991 where the difference between winner and loser came out at 7 votes. With a vote that close the site selection process better not produce any hanging chads. Mark has been one of the steady hands running the vote at several recent Worldcons.

Closer to home, Mark had played a vital role in running Concave for many years. He is one of the handful of regular volunteers to run the Consuite bar in the wee hours of the morning. Mark is the sort of person who enjoys interacting with the people coming in for refills, keeps up a lively conversation with the barflies holding forth, and is self-controlled enough to be able to judge when it is time to cut off folks who may have had a wee too much. Here's a Linneman Late-Night sobriety test: "If they are too plotzed to figure out which end of the can to open, they've had enough." Year in and out Mark volunteers for this duty, *and returns the next year all the way from California to keep doing it!* For this reason alone, it is very fitting that we honor our old friend, Mark Linneman as our Guest of Honor at Concave 33!

-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 BYPD 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.

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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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