

CONCAVE 35

February 21-23, 2014
Bowling Green, KY



GRUMBLES FROM THE CAVE



Greetings Old Friends and welcome Newcomers!

Concave 35 is here! We made it. We did it. We weathered the storms of Fate and found ourselves... back in the same exact place again for our fifth year! Now I am not sure what they call it anymore or if it is two hotels or what; but the venue formerly known as The Best Western Motor Inn, The Baymont Inn and Suites, The Bowling Green Inn, etc. is where we once again find ourselves. Actually I do know the name and want to formally welcome you all to the Greenwood Inn & The Jameson Inn and Suites. Phew. Now they are pretty much all new people so Concave is going to be a new experience for them. So go easy on them. They are going to do the best they can to accommodate us this weekend but this is a learning process. We all know how to act and how to treat people so just remember the staff are people too. You may notice some other differences this weekend as we have made a few modifications in our ongoing effort to make this the Best Relax-a-Con in the known Universe. For one we have brought in our first band and it is a doozy! Now the place isn't really sound equipped to have a big band play in the Atrium but after the Art Auction ends FIVE YEAR MISSION is going to play us a little acoustic set right there in the basement. Yes, FIVE YEAR MISSION (I do have to shout it). If you don't know who they are then this is your lucky day!

Another less palatable change would be the \$5 increase in Membership rates. The new management/ownership has great concern about Convention goers who are not also Hotel guests making use of their facilities. To assuage their concerns we made a concession of \$5 per person from our membership rolls who is not a documented guest at the hotel. So there is that and unfortunately we are looking at another \$10 increase next year to off set our other new huge required expense, event insurance. The cost of which is a third of our total budget from previous years. Although I do hope to lock in that rate for several years to come. Enough with the math. The good news is CONCAVE 35 is here and now! I expect the wonders of our little Convention will be a delight to all! To help make that happen; help us help you. Concave is an All-volunteer organization so pitch in if you can. Always looking for help in the kitchen and with stocking the bar. You can find sign up sheets in the Consuite. If that is too formal for you just join in when you see one of us hauling sodas or taking out the trash, There are plenty of opportunities for the willing.

Additionally, I would ask that you all continue to do the wonderful job you have done for years. That is having fun and taking care of each other. So, if you see a friend having too much fun then help them to find a safe place to sleep it off. Let us show the new owners and staff here that we know how to have a good time without destroying the place. That we are courteous and polite even if not from the same Universe. I am confident that together we can have the best Concave yet!
Allons-y!

-Claude

CONCAVE XXXV

Schedule of Events

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 21, 2014

- 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. Late registration in the bar room.
- TBA: The pool will be closed only for required maintenance periods

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 22, 2014

- 9:00 a.m. Breakfast Served
- 10:00 a.m. Registration, Art Show, and Huxter Room re-open
- 12:00 NOON Registration closes. Late registration in the bar room.
- 6:00 p.m. Art Show closes for bidding
- 7:00 p.m. Approximate start of Art Auction – Basement program room
- 8:00 p.m. Evening Meal Served
- 10:00 p.m.-ish Five Year Mission Concert – Basement program room
- TBA: The pool will be closed only for required maintenance periods

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 24, 2014

- 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!

GUEST OF HONOR: MIKE JAMISON

The Man Who Saved ConCave...More Than Once

For those who knew Mike, we all remember him in different ways, at different times: Hearing a certain song (I always think of him when I hear Henry Rollins or Led Zeppelin), seeing someone who actually knows how to wear a bowtie (and tie it), or just coming to ConCave. We will all remember our Mike Jamison. For those who did not know him, we hope this will give you a feel for who Mike was to us.

Mike was born and raised in Bowling Green, Kentucky and graduated from Bowling Green High School in 1990 where he excelled in art and JROTC. Right on track with his quirkiness, Mike turned down an art scholarship and took his talents elsewhere. Mike joined the army and served for four years as a Specialist with the 82nd Airborne before returning to Bowling Green where he received a Bachelor's of Arts in philosophy from Western Kentucky University. Perhaps realizing the philosophy degree would get him a whole lot of nothing, Mike went to law school at the University of Louisville Louis D. Brandeis School of Law. He practiced for several years as a public defender in Glasgow, Kentucky before striking out on his own where he continued to practice criminal defense. Mike leaves behind his wife (Jennifer), two beautiful daughters (Gillian and Tinsley), his father (John), his sister (Diane), his grandmother (Mavis) and many many friends, all of whom will miss him greatly.

Those of us who knew Mike from high school and before watched him grow from a scrawny kid, who found t-shirts and fatigues to be appropriate for almost every occasion, into a man who always looked like he stepped right off the cover of Gentleman's Quarterly. Mike looked more comfortable in a seersucker suit and bowtie than in jeans and a t-shirt (not that any of us ever saw him wear a t-shirt in the last few years). Oftentimes, he came to Con still dressed in a suit. Despite his appearance of propriety, Mike never lost the War Hammer loving dork inside.

As the sole member of ConCave's legal team, Mike was instrumental in helping make ConCave what it is today. He talked to hotel managers, hammered out contracts and set up ConCave as a non-profit corporation. ConCave was Mike's opportunity, once a year, to get away from the woes of real life, spend time with like-minded people and be himself. Anything he could do to assist our beloved Con, he was willing to do, even if that just meant wearing a bodice and make-up to provide some comic relief as a

hairy, 6'2" Frank.

Not only did Mike step up to help ConCave, he was also always there to help out a friend in need, always ready with a smile and an ear to listen for those who just needed to talk. He, of course, reserved the right to make fun of you while he listened or argue with you for argument's sake (always the lawyer). He gave his all in support of his friends and fought the good fight for his clients until the last. Throughout his career as a public defender and private criminal defense lawyer, Mike never lost his excitement and idealism in defending his clients and protecting their rights, an unusual trait in criminal defense.

Our dear leader, Claude, said soon after Mike passed away, "he was the best of us." As I look back across the years of Mike's life, I realize that statement is only partially true. Mike was, indeed, the best of us, but he didn't stop with just "being" the best. Mike took his best and gave it to us all. He saw the best in us and did what he could to bring the best out in those around him. So, when you think of Mike, do so with a smile and know that he cared for those he met and always made them laugh, whether they were his friends here at ConCave or his clients. We will miss you, Mike.

MIKE JAMISON, RIP
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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 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 if it hasn't fallen into a sinkhole (I-65 Exit 28). If you are more adventurous Lost River Cave (Cave Mill Rd - 6th light on US 231 – Scottsville Rd, 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 – there's everything from new cars to camping gear! 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. As far as restaurants, there is everything from Applebee's to Zaxby's waiting for you along Scottsville Rd and Campbell Lane.

FEEDING OUR 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!!

Care and Feeding of the The Lovely Hotel

Please treat the hotel 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 out in the boonies. It is very important that we all do our best to prevent drinking and driving. The BCPD will be quick to shut us down at the first sign of a DUI complaint! 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 Greenwood/Jameson 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.

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And Apologies 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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NAME HERE*