

CONCAVE 37

February 26-28, 2016
Bowling Green, KY



GRUMBLES FROM THE CAVE



Greeting Concavers! Welcome to Concave 37! My seventh time writing this message to you! What a ride it has been! Last year saw our attendance down from inclement weather but we are back again with Kentucky's Longest Running Science-Fiction Convention! Now, I have a confession to make... I am actually a Time Traveler and that is how I know that this will be one of the Greatest Concaves Ever! This year, as always, some things are a little different. The Denny's we used as our Kitchen and Band Performance area last year is now a Mexican Restaurant. Consequently our cooking facilities are now located in rooms 107 & 108 in the Atrium area. We are operating without the benefit of Bob 'Apple Pie' Andrews AKA Scary Bob this year and so feel free to stop by and volunteer to help out. Remember, Concave is an ALL VOLUNTEER convention. No one is paid to do anything.

Which brings me to a less exciting topic, Money. Last year someone passed a counterfeit \$100 at Registration. To that person I say... Well done. Very clever. You like coming to Concave SO much you are willing to destroy it to attend. Yes, in a year when attendance was more than decimated someone felt the need to screw us out of another \$100. If you know who this person is or it is you please self-police and self-deport; also the Feds probably want to talk to you. This Convention is unlike any other in that it is a not-for-profit all volunteer convention. We the attendees actually run this con ourselves for the benefit of having it exist. If you see someone jeopardizing this for all of us by using counterfeit money, sharing badges, or behaving inappropriately in any way then speak up! In today's World Concave struggles to continue to exist without becoming a "pay to shop" Convention. We don't need any additional obstacles. So if you see something, say something.

Now to lighter fare, a big congratulations to Drew Curtis and Brad Hall on this being their 20th Concave! I know lots of you are celebrating milestone attendance records this year too: so let us know and help your fellow "Lifers" celebrate this occasion!

Another big change going down this year is with our Art Show. James and Trish Krog have retired from running it and we thank them for their 6 years of service to the Convention and all of us. It isn't easy setting up all that stuff and having to maintain a presence in the basement! However, I am thrilled to announce that Curt and Kim Payne of the Hallway Troll Syndicate have stepped up to fill the spot! You can expect all the usual fun of the Art Show now coupled with the glory that is the Hallway Troll Syndicate. The Hallway Troll Syndicate was formed as a Party Crew to Honor Bob 'The Hallway Troll' Etheridge when he became too ill to continue to attend. Curt and Kim bring this Legacy and their party to the Art Show with a Combo Opening and Party that you will love! This year their theme is taken from the 1989 Batman film and I am sure you will love what they have done with the place! Make sure and stop by to give them your support and encouragement for this endeavor!

I am also excited to announce the return of Five Year Mission! They will be back for their third year as the Concave House Band. Performance will be Saturday evening in the Art Show room downstairs. Don't miss it!

Finally, I want to personally thank all of you. This Convention is in a lot of ways like a Family to me and you ALL help to make it that way. Keep coming, keep bringing new people, and keep up the great work.

Best wishes,
Claude

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Schedule of Events

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 26, 2016

- 12:00 NOON Registration Opens¹ - Art Show Setup
Consuite officially opens
- 5:00 p.m. Art show opens in the Artist's Dungeon – Dealer rooms and game open/close at proprietor's and gamer's discretion
- 8:00 p.m. Opening Ceremonies/Evening Meal – East Atrium area
- 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 27, 2016

- 9:00 a.m. Breakfast Served – East Atrium area
- 8:00 a.m. Art Show re-opens – Artist's Dungeon
- 10:00 A.M. Registration, dealers and gaming are on independent schedules are will be open whenever responsible parties are available
- 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 – Artist's Dungeon
- 8:00 p.m. Evening Meal Served – East Atrium area
- 10:00 p.m.-ish **Five Year Mission Concert** – Artist's Dungeon

TBA: The pool will be closed only for required maintenance periods

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 28, 2016

- 9:00 a.m. Breakfast Served – East Atrium area
- 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!

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The Committee:

CHAIRMAN: Claude Miles

FACILITIES VC: Brad Hall

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CONSULTE: Tonya Miles, C. S. Lanham, Josh Cady

ADDITIONAL CONTRIBUTORS:

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The Wrecking Crew

In Memorium: Ryan E. Kemp

How does one sum up the life of someone as indefinable as Ryan E. Kemp? Those of us that were lucky enough to know him will remember him as a Ghostbuster, a master improviser, a comedy genius, a genuinely kind and caring man who always gave his all in everything he did, a son, a brother, and a true friend.

He was a founding member of the Western Kentucky Ghostbusters group that continues to raise money for charities. He studied his craft at the renowned Second City school in Chicago and was a member of multiple improv comedy groups. He was a fixture in the Ghostbusters fan community, traveling all across the country to attend various conventions and events. No one ever met Kemp without coming away with a great story to tell afterwards. He was truly a force to be experienced.

On October 9th, 2015 the world lost one of the great ones. Ryan E. Kemp is gone but his legacy will live on through those of us lucky enough to call him a friend. Rest in piece Kemp, nice job you did!

-Jon Peacock

Co-Founder Western Kentucky Ghostbusters

