

CONCAVE 38

February 24-26, 2017
Bowling Green, KY



GRUMBLES FROM THE CAVE



What a joy it is to be alive at the same time as the existence of Concave! For the Majority of recorded History there was no Concave. Yet we can rejoice at our own incarnation during a time when there IS Concave! This ineffable Convention of Conventioneers, this fan letter to Convention Fandom! We are here once again to celebrate together as a gathering of the Minds and Cultures of Fandom. Our Open Arms Programming Free Relax-A-Con. Don't Forget to attend the Art Auction and Five Year Mission... Which brings me to the Big News for this year's Cave Grumbling.

Our Programming is about to grow, so stay with me while I explain. Everything Concave offers is Volunteer run. Meaning if you see something you think should be done then find me and talk to me about doing it, like longtime Concaver Joni Hunt did last year. She loved the poolside costume parade of our first year at this venue and has wanted a costume contest ever since. This year we are giving her the space and time to make it happen. So, you heard it here first folks, there will be a costume contest between the Art Auction and the Five Year Mission Show. Not sure yet if they will do a poolside parade but there will be stuff about it hanging up so check it out and support this new volunteer endeavor!

In addition to this adding programming you will notice that the gaming area has been expanded. The hotel is remodeling and we will be using some of the new space to expand the Gaming area this year.

I want to talk more about the Volunteer aspect of Concave since we are very much self-run. I got this job by taking out the trash one too many times. When people ask me how much tickets cost I feel obliged to tell them that we do not sell tickets. We offer membership; at a very reasonable rate. That's right folks this is actually all a fancy Science Fiction Country Club and you are a Member! And as Members of this most weird of Clubs we also have responsibilities. We are responsible for ensuring the maximization of comfort and fun with a minimization of risks to each other. To this end I would ask that you all treat each other with kindness and dignity; even if you just had fourteen jello shots, six beers, and more Skippy than you can calculate without differential equations. Concave has always been a self-policing community where the hotel we occupy is hallowed ground. Let's continue to build our all inclusive community and continue to show the world at large how "High Society" should be done.

Now who wants the Big News? Are you ready? Next year Concave will be hosting DEEP SOUTH CON 56! So in addition to everything you love about Concave, we'll be adding more programming, guests, an expanded Huxter Room, and the Works so will need all hands on deck! Get with us if there is something you want to do. The sky is the limit! We want to show them the Best Darn Deep South Con this side of the Milky Way! Don't worry Relax-A-Conventioneers we will be back to Concave Classic for 2019.

Which brings me to 2019. We are contracted to be at this hotel through 2019 which will be our 40th Concave. This Hotel has been good for us and under current management has really begun to improve. The size of the venue, the flexibility, and willingness to cater to us, is unique. Please have continued patience with them as the work continues. Everyone they have is working as hard as they can to insure you the best experience possible but this is not a Seven Star Luxury Resort. If you do have an issue with the hotel please politely let them know as soon as possible what the it is, and be patient while they work to resolve it. Most conventions don't fill a hotel the way Concave does. Most hotels also close their pools down. This is a compromise. We give up some amenities so that we can make a lot of noise, while dressed like Stormtroopers, and boil in the hot tub through the night.

One final thing, If I seem a bit off this weekend it's because I'm working through some serious health issues. The hope is that it won't prevent me from writing these nasty little notes to you for years to come. A strict dietary regimen, of the kind I am unlikely to follow whilst actually here at Concave, and I should be fine. There are precisely 22 years left in my original 30 year sentence. I will let you all know if I need to go up for early parole. Until such time, or the Robot Human Singularity, I remain humbly yours. -Lord Reverend Colonel Claude Miles aka Doctor Kitty

CONCAVE XXXVIII

Schedule of Events

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 24, 2017

- 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 25, 2017

- 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. Target start of Art Auction – Artist's Dungeon
- 8:00 p.m. Evening Meal Served – East Atrium area
- 9:00 p.m.- ish Costume Contest Assembly/Judging – Dungeon Room
- 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 26, 2017

- 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 are 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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DEEP SOUTH CON 56

Guest of Honor: Jack Campbell
More guest announcements coming soon!

February 23-25, 2018 Bowling Green, KY
Check www.concaveky.org for developing information

Deep South Con and Concave—Two great Southern Fannish traditions harmonizing for the first time!
Come celebrate 40 years of Bowling Green Fandom with us!



In 1978 Science Fiction Fandom sprung into existence with the foundation of the Western Kentucky University Speculative Fiction Society.

In 2018 we celebrate with Western Kentucky's biggest fannish event ever!

HOTEL: The Greenwood Inn and Jameson Inn hotels
\$ 80 per night for single-quad occupancy.

MEMBERSHIP: \$45 adult / \$30 under 21 until 1/31/18.

MAIL TO: Concave—124 Fairlawn AV, Lexington, KY 40505
PayPal payments accepted at www.concaveky.org

SPECIAL PROGRAMS AT CONCAVE 38

IN NOMINE LARP AT CONCAVE

In Nomine is a modern roleplaying game in which the players take the part of celestial beings - angels and demons - as they struggle for control of humanity and themselves. The celestials, powerful though they may be, are merely pawns in a much larger game being played by their Superiors, the Archangels and Demon Princes. Look for posted announcements and at Registration for LARP HQ location. Character creation begins Friday afternoon, game start Friday 9pm continuing through Saturday night if participation is sufficient. We will be using the corebook rules posted in LARP HQ with modifications as agreed between Story Teller and players. Limit 18+ due to adult themes, 16 - 17 with parental permission, below 16 not admitted. The Story Teller is always right; even if not! No physical weapons, no violence, or stunts. Touching is allowed only between players with game credentials. It's only a game, so be mindful of others and do what works for you! Play to have fun! You can come and go as you please, so you're not bound to the game. Have fun!

FIVE YEAR MISSION CONCERT

Once again the World's Greatest Star Trek Rock Band will be taking the stage after the art auction in the lovely Dungeon Room of The Greenwood Hotel. Five Year Mission has undertaken the musical challenge of writing an original song for each of the original *Star Trek* episodes. Each band member contributes songs and a collective decision is made on which to include on the Year "X" CDs. So far they have released *Year 1*, *Year 2* and *Year 3*, plus two diversions for *The Trouble With Tribbles* and *Spock's Brain* when a single song was not enough. It should be a show to remember since the band has been asking for requests from the Concave audience for the last several weeks! Last year they debuted *The Omega Glory* from their highly anticipated next album to be titled...wait for it... *Year 4*. Hopefully we'll get more previews and maybe even a projected release date. Be there or you'll have to fight a Gorn.

COSTUME CONTEST

Back in Concave's first year in what's now The Greenwood Hotel there was a mostly spontaneous costume contest where folks showed off their convention finery in a parade around the pool at midnight. This year we're reviving the idea with a costume parade to fill the gap between the end of the art auction and the start of the Five Year Mission concert. With the changes to the pool area access we'll probably parade around the atrium balcony instead so all of the Concave revelers can get a good look at the costumes. Assemble in the Dungeon Room once the auction is over to get organized and strut for the judges. Please keep costumes at least pool-legal. Improvisation is not only allowed, it's encouraged! There are no entry fees, no inhibitions, and bragging rights from the decision of our panel of judges, and some prizes for the winners!

CARE AND FEEDING OF THE GREENWOOD/JAMESON INN

Please treat the Greenwood Hotel/Jameson 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 AND REAR 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 relocating to Bowling Green the temptation to leave the convention is greater than ever, 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 us 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 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. The Jameson Inn wing of the hotel is the designated Quiet Zone. 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 hotel 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

MOSTLY HARMLESS: A FAN'S GUIDE TO BOWLING GREEN

FOOD: 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 hotel front desk has information about restaurants with specials for guests. In addition there is now El Mariachi restaurant attached to the hotel. The committee has tried it out already and it's pretty good authentic Mexican cuisine.

ATTRACTIONS: Come on kids! This is Concave! Where do you need to go that is more entertaining than this?!?! Well, if you must go there are several local attractions. I will name them briefly and forgive me if I forget your favorite. Bowling Green is the Home of the Corvette and as such is host to the Corvette Museum. If you are feeling more adventurous the Lost River Cave is one of many parks and outdoor areas around the city. As usual Mammoth Cave is just down the road (so to speak) only now it is to the north .

PARTY SUPPLIES: Well it is a city so I think you will find a quick peek in the phone book can provide you with the location of almost anything you could want. However all the liquor stores in Bowling Green close promptly at 11 p.m., so plan accordingly. Chuck's Liquors on Cave Mill Road is the official adult beverage supplier for Concave, and we highly suggest visiting them by heading north on Scottsville Rd and turning left at the first light after crossing I-65.

SHOPPING: Can be found in abundance on the oh-so-well-planned for growth Scottsville Road. If you need something you can get it here if you can brave the traffic! We're not kidding.

FUEL FOR MAN AND MACHINE: Can be found at every turn in this burgeoning fast food test market. There are over 100,000 McDonald's, 65,000 Arby's, and 29,456 Hardee's in a two-square mile area. Seriously though everything you need should be easy to find.

JAIL: Bowling Green, KY has more police per capita than Louisville and Lexington combined. So for anyone who feels the need to drive inebriated or run havoc in the town be aware they are waiting for you. They are dying to show you the accommodations they take such pride in and for the low cost of your fines, lawyer, and court fees. 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!!

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