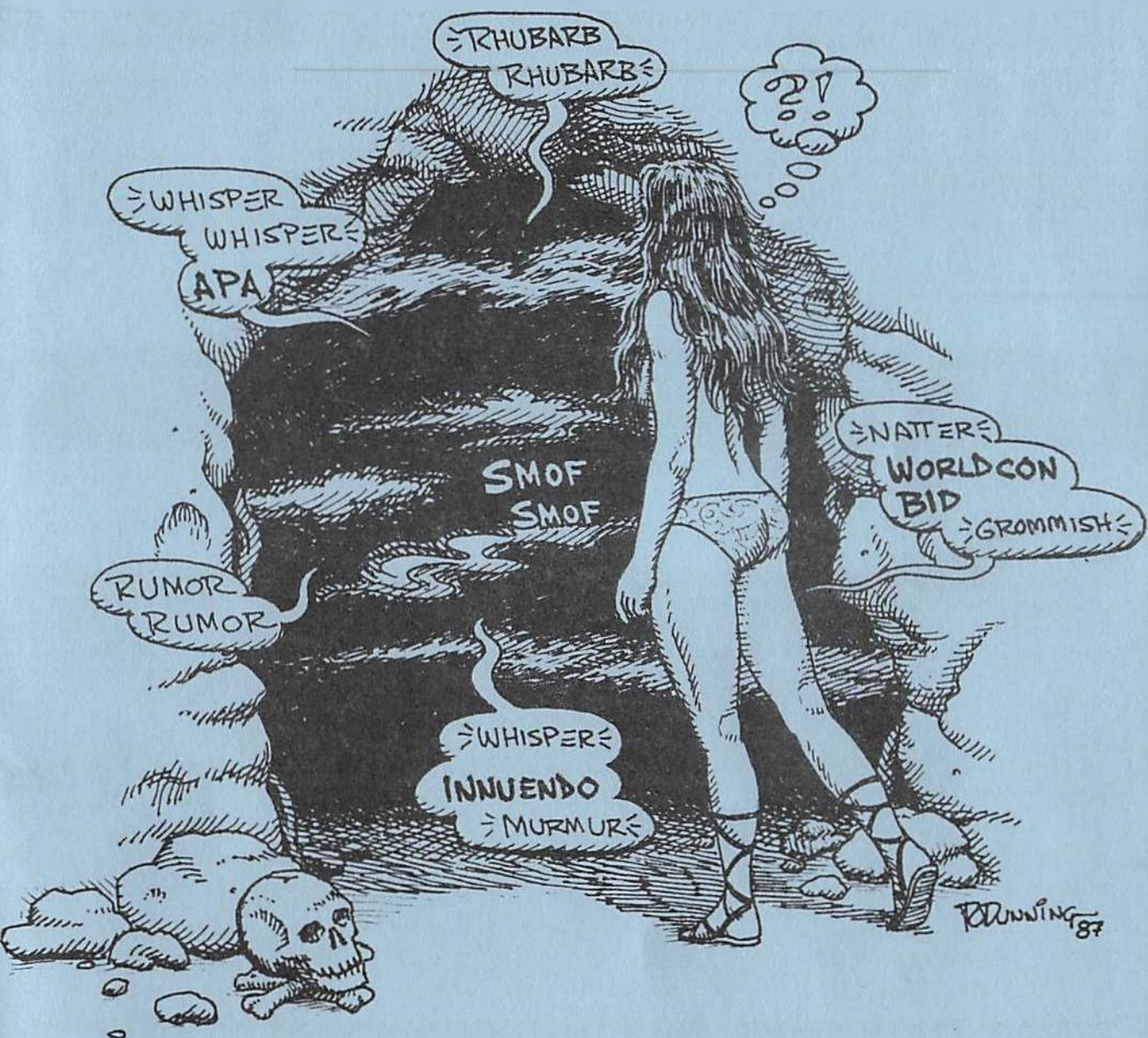


CONCAVE 8

UPPERSOUTHCLAVE 17



March 6-8, 1987

Park City, KY

Voices From The Cave

by Gary R. Robe

Hello and welcome to the eighth running of Concave. I am looking forward to seeing all of you this weekend. Our regulars will find that not much has changed this year. The consuite is better stocked, and we have moved the art show. Otherwise, things will mostly be the same. For those who are attending for the first time, I sincerely hope that you enjoy the con. A prominent Columbus fan once referred to Concave as a sleazy little con somewhere in Kentucky. We constantly try to live up to this reputation. Concave exists to honor and celebrate Science Fiction fandom so there will be no boring panels to attend, and no Big Name Pros to flock around. In short, there will be nothing to distract you from relaxing, partying, socializing, and playing with your friends. I hope that all of you have as much fun at Concave as the committee has in running it.

We try to get by with as few rules as possible here, but there are a few inevitable rules that we must enforce. First, the drinking age in Kentucky is 21. You will be asked for proof of age when you register, and your badge will be marked if you are of age. Please wear your badge when you are in the consuite. You will not be served without having it checked. All drinks which are removed from the consuite must be served in cups. Also, please respect our Consuite staff if they refuse to serve you. They are just doing what I have instructed them to do, so if you have any problems come find me. Second, no weapons are allowed at the convention. If you feel you must have a weapon at the con, play with it in the privacy of your room. Again, if you feel that you are being unduly harassed let me know about it, and I will settle any problems. Finally, please observe all of the posted rules of the hotel.

We are all here this weekend to have fun. Please don't jeopardize everyone's enjoyment of the convention by driving drunk. If you have overindulged and need help, please let the person attending the consuite know about it so we can try to assist you. One of the charms of the Park Mammoth Resort is its isolation, but that means that it is a long drive home. We hope that you can stay for the whole weekend, but if you must leave, please do it sober.

There will be a few special activities this weekend that I would like to bring to your attention. First, the tour of Wigwam Village was such a success last year that we will do it again. Points of interest on the tour are the knife collection at the Park City State Bank, Wigwam Village, Jolly Motel and Funeral Parlor, The Cave City Convention Center, and bustling downtown Park City. Don't miss it! Second, the banquet will again be held at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday afternoon. This is one of the greatest food bargains in Fandom with all you can eat for only \$10.00. Yum! Third, the Concave contest this year will be to make me laugh during the weekend. It's always a challenge to get a con chairman to laugh while the convention is running, so I will award a free membership to next year's Concave to the person who tells me the best joke during the con.

I would like to thank all of the people who have helped in running Concave this year. Some of their names appear on the back cover of the program book. Without these volunteers Concave could not happen.

Our main purpose in running Concave is for our members to have a great time at the convention. If you have any problems this weekend, or have any suggestions for improving Concave, please let us know them. Have Fun.

DEDICATION

Concave 8 is dedicated to Dr. C. L. Barrett who died on February 7, 1987. Doc's fannish and professional achievements are far too numerous to list here. It was our great pleasure to have Doc as the Guest of Honor at Concave 6, and all of the Concave committee deeply regrets his passing. Doc's fannish activities continued until his attendance of Chattoon only three weeks before his death. Fandom has lost one of its greatest members.

Schedule of Events

Friday, March 6

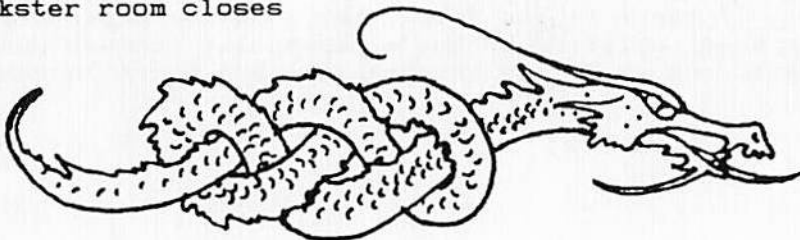
- 12:00 noon Registration opens-Hotel Lobby
Consuite opens-Barn Room
Huckster room setup begins- Blue Room
Art Show setup begins- Room 134
- 5:00 p.m. Huckster room opens
Art show opens
Game Room opens-Room 234
- 7:00 p.m. Opening ceremonies- Patio Room
- 7:00 p.m. Huckster Room closes when Steve wants to close it.
Art show closes when Dave says so.
Room parties start
- 10:00 p.m. Pool closes unless the hotel manager relents.
- 7:00 a.m. Game room closes if the master says so.

Saturday, March 7

- 9:00 a.m. Registration reopens.
Huckster room reopens.
Art Show reopens.
Game room reopens (unless it never closed.)
- 11:00 a.m. Field trip to Wigwam Village- Meet in the lobby
- 2:00 p.m. Registration closes. (Late registration in the consuite)
- 3:00 p.m. Buffet- Hotel Restaurant
- 7:00 p.m. Art Show closes for bidding.
- 7:00 p.m. Huckster room closes whenever Steve gets tired of running it.
- 9:00 p.m. Art Auction- Patio Room (Come and spend \$\$\$\$!)
- 10:00 p.m. Pool closes (unless we're really good)

Sunday, March 8

- 2:45 a.m. NESFA Rules: All tables in the consuite must be cleared.
- 10:00 a.m. Art show checkout begins. No sales after 11:00 a.m.
Huckster room opens
Kentucky Fried Fandom meeting- Patio Room
- 10:30 a.m. UpperSouthClave 18 bid presentations.
- 11:00 a.m. Consuite closes for move to Room 234
Game Room closes
- 12:00 noon Hotel checkout
Consuite reopens for dead dog party-Room 234
- 2:00 p.m. Huckster room closes



JANE and SCOTT DENNIS

KENTUCKY'S AMBASSADORS TO WORLD FANDOM



If you ever get a chance to attend an SF convention in a faraway place (you define faraway), and the subject of fans from Kentucky comes up I will wager that almost the only fan from this great Commonwealth who are known in that distant land will be Jane and Scott Dennis. There is a good reason for this. Nobody from this area goes to more conventions than Jane and Scott. One reason for this is economic since the Dennises are huxters. Perhaps the biggest reason, however, is that Jane and Scott are fascinated with the workings of fandom.

The Dennis' travels are extremely valuable to those of us who try to run these exercises in weirdness we call SF conventions. Just like ambassadors, Jane and Scott return with reports about just what's happening Out There. By compiling tidbits about what con committees throughout fandom are doing right and wrong Jane and Scott help us to swipe the bits that work and to avoid those that don't. This can keep con chairs from losing their shirts and minds while making cons more enjoyable for the fans who attend them. If there is one thing that Jane and Scott are not shy about sharing it is their opinions on how a particular con was run. Even if you aren't trying to run an SF con knowing Jane and Scott is rewarding.

Jane is a native of St Louis, and did the usual growing up things. She has a son, Alex Boster, from her first marriage. She currently lives in Paris, KY where she works for the state housing agency. Jane got involved in area fandom through The Lexington Science Fiction Association and The Cincinnati Fan Group. Jane was the founding Operating Editor of *The Kentucky Amateur Press Association* (KAPA). Through its four year history KAPA has become an entertaining way for the members to communicate across the miles without running up phone bills. Jane is an avid lover of horses and penguins, although so far she only keeps a pet horse. Jane is also a stickler for correct grammar and spelling, and is probably going over this right now with her blue pencil.

Scott was born in Yellow Springs, Ohio which, according to Rand McNally, is a little black spot on the road between Xenia and Springfield. Scott attended Johns Hopkins University where he became involved in the Washington Science Fiction Society. After leaving college Scott lived in Italy for several years which formed his love of travel. In the late 70's Scott traveled across the country throwing parties for the Baltimore bid for the 1983 Worldcon. After Baltimore won Scott served as secretary for ConStellation. Scott enjoys dressing up for informal occasions and dressing down for formal ones. He has no interest in films, TV, or other forms of high-tech mind rot. Scott shares Jane's appreciation for correct usage of English. He once explained that he and Jane could not possibly have been the perpetrators of a particular hoax fanzine since they would never have published something saying less than when fewer than was appropriate, and that left out the hyphen in Jean-Paul Sartre.

The relationship between Jane and Scott and Bowling Green Fandom has been quite close. Jane and Scott met for the first time at the infamous Bowling Green Nosemask party at Chattanooga in 1979 (or maybe before). Jane and Scott's chance meeting evolved over several years into an interstate romance that left them with more knowledge of West Virginia highways than either of them really want to have. (Just ask Scott about getting a speeding ticket on I-79.) Their friendship passed the greatest test of a fannish relationship--they both worked in administrative level positions at ConStellation, and came away from it speaking to each other. After that, Scott moved to Kentucky, and married Jane in 1984 at a mini relaxation which they hosted that doubled as a wedding.

The mention of worldcon bidding brings us to one of Jane and Scott's most ambitious fannish projects. This is *The Magazine of Science Fiction Convention Bidding* (with the tongue-in-cheek subtitle *Jane's Fighting SMOFS*). In this quarterly publication the Dennises detail the politics and mechanics of bidding for SF conventions. This includes all bided conventions such as Westarcon, DSC, and, of course, The Worldcon. In *JFS*, Jane and Scott strive to inform us about the facts of each bid while restraining themselves from the urge to sway their readers with opinion. The Dennises usually have very strong opinions about any bid, but you couldn't tell that from reading *JFS* unless you read very closely between the lines. *JFS* is a refreshing rarity among fannish publications--a zine about the most heavily political issues in fandom which attempts to report only unbiased facts. Besides, it's much more fun reading than *Instant Message*.

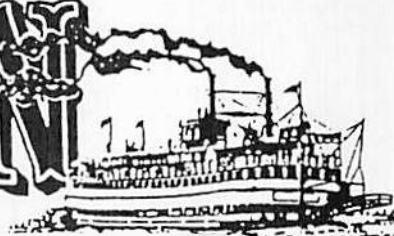
In summary, Jane and Scott Dennis are *Compleat Fans*. They attend scores of conventions each year, they publish fanzines, they are members of several SF clubs, and they even (shudder, gasp) read Science Fiction. Their wit and intelligence is recognized throughout fandom. We are lucky to have them among us, and we are proud to welcome them as the Guests of Honor at Concave.

--Gary R. Robe & Rickey Sheppard



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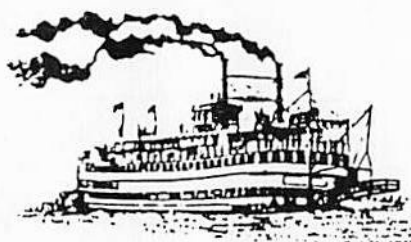
Guest of Honor

Bob Shaw



Fan Guest of Honor

Ken Moore



Toastmaster

Michael Banks

RiverCon XII will again be bringing you all the traditional RiverCon features, plus a few new ones. (Stay tuned for further developments.)

RiverCon memberships are \$15.00 until July 15, 1987, and \$20.00 thereafter and at the door. Children's memberships (for ages three through twelve) are \$10.00 in advance and \$15.00 at the door. Send your membership requests (checks payable to RiverCon) to the address below.

The Gull House will again be our home for the weekend. Room rates are \$57.00 single or double, \$62.00 triple, and \$69.00 quad. A limited number of parlor suites are also available for \$125.00 per night. A hotel reservation card will be sent to you when you pre-register, or you can call the hotel at 502-589-5200. Be sure, however, to tell them you are with RiverCon. Reservations should be made prior to July 1 for guaranteed availability.

For information on specific areas, write to the people below:

Art Show: Lynn Harris, 1308 S. Weyant Ave., Columbus, OH 43227 (telephone 614-235-1740).

Program Book Advertising: Bob Roehm, 1806 Edgeland Ave., #2, Louisville, KY 40204 (502-454-5495).

Masquerade: B.J. Willinger, 3831 Oboe Dr., Louisville, KY 40216 (502-447-2362).

Huckster Room: Steve Francis, 5503 Matterhorn Dr., Louisville, KY 40216 (502-448-6562).

There'll be lots more information in our first progress report, out around the first of the year. In the meantime, if you have any questions write to the address below.

RiverCon, P.O. Box 58009, Louisville, KY 40258

A SHORT HISTORY OF CONCAVE

You may have noticed that the full name of the convention is Concave 8 / UpperSouthClave 17. This is no accident. Since the UpperSouthClave (USC) part is the oldest, I will attempt to tell about it first.

The story of USC begins in 1972 with one of the most active southern fans, Irvin Koch. Irvin decided to start a convention of his own in the Knoxville area which he called Gnomeoclave. Starting concs is something of an obsession with Irvin, and he certainly didn't stop with the 1972 Gnomeoclave. The next year, Irv called his convention USC, and decided to try and make it a moving convention. A site selection meeting was held on Sunday afternoon. It just so happened that John Hollis and Ken Moore were at that USC, bid for Nashville, and won the vote.

After having won the USC from Knoxville, Ken had no intention of letting it go, so he dropped the USC part and the bidding session, and the rest is Kubla Kahn. So things stood for seven years, and would have remained so if Cliff Amos' car hadn't broken down in Bowling Green one weekend. While staying in BG having his car repaired, Cliff stayed in the Red Carpet Inn which had a sign that is like magnet to a con organizer: CONVENTION SPACE AVAILABLE! Cliff hit upon the idea of reviving the USC idea and bringing it to Bowling Green. The only hitch was getting Ken to have a business meeting at Kubla--an event as likely as frozen precipitation in Hell. Cliff got around this by simply showing up in the empty program room at Kubla on Sunday morning and holding his own meeting. Surprise! The vote was unanimous for the Bowling Green bid! A hotel contract was then negotiated, P. L. Carruthers was asked to be the guest of honor, fliers were printed, and all went forward.

In November of 1979, it became apparent that Cliff would not be able to run a convention 120 miles away from his home. He contacted the fledgeling Bowling Green fan group, and turned USC over to them. The first USC to be held in the Southern Kentucky area was held in March of 1980, and carried the subtitle of Concave 1. Over the years the Concave name has been pushed ahead of the USC, but we are still proud to be a part of the 17 year old UpperSouthClave tradition. If anyone wants to continue the story, we have now hosted the USC for 8 years which exceeds the Kubla record. The business meeting will be on Sunday. If you want the honor of hosting USC, come and place a bid!

MidSouthCon 6

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TENNESSEE

Toastmaster

Wilson (bob) Tucker

FAN G. O. H.

Rickey Sheppard

Memberships

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All door - \$15

Artist CoH
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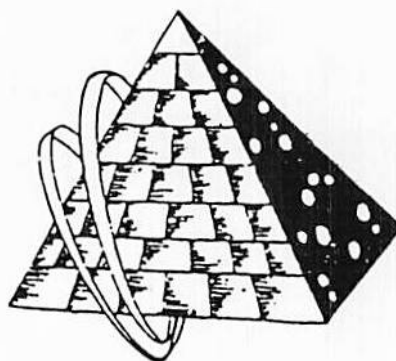
Hotel

WILSON WORLD LUXURY HOTEL
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(Children under 12 half-price)

For further info, contact:

Ken Moore, 647 Devon Dr., Nashville, TN 37220; (615) 832-8402

A Fan's Guide To PARK MAMMOTH RESORT

For those of you who have never visited the Park Mammoth Resort before, or if your memory needs to be refreshed as to the available facilities, here is a short description of what there is to do at the resort. The attractions are listed in order of decreasing importance.

The Pool... a hole lined with concrete, filled with warm water, and mostly enclosed from the elements. The pool is open from 10:00 a.m. until 10:00 p.m. daily, and perhaps later if we're lucky. The pool is very wet, very warm, and usually very chlorinated. Enjoy.

The Restaurant... not wet. The restaurant does, however, feature a commanding view of the countryside below the PMR, and a menu filled with home cooked favorites. Especially recommended are the prime rib and the cinnamon rolls.

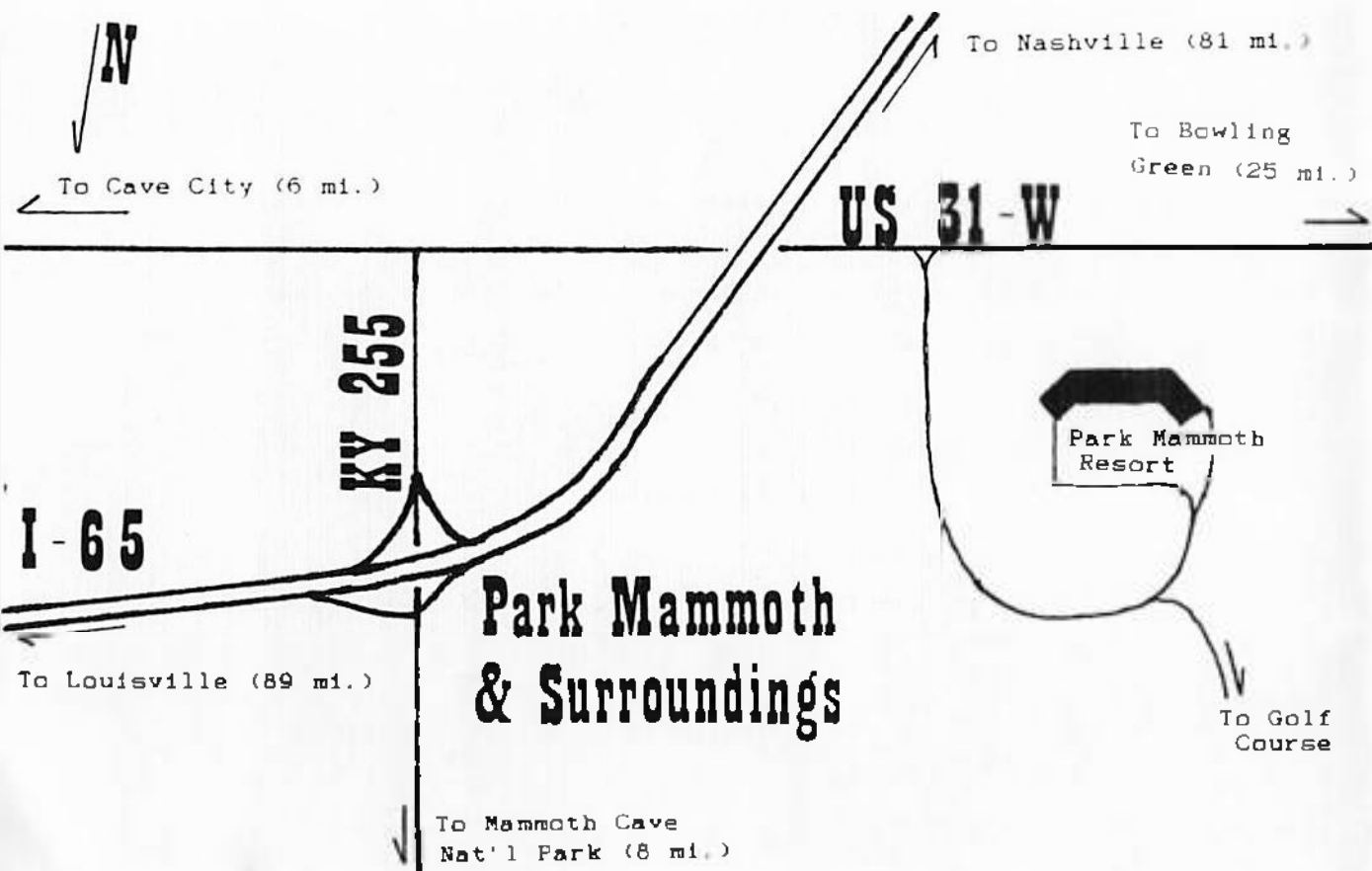
The Sauna... located just around the corner from the pool, outside the hotel, giving a rustic outhouse sensation. You can get a key at the front desk. One person at a time, though, and you should keep an eye out for "screamers", i.e., hot exposed nails.

The Arcade... a selection of video and pinball games. They operate on quarters, and are not very current. However, one of your favorite oldies may be standing in the corner! Wipe the dust from the screen and give it a try.

The Miniature Golf Course... a smaller but no less taxing version of its big brother next door. Clubs may be obtained at the front desk. The hotel management requests that the clubs not be used on the peacocks, and that the peacocks not be used as clubs.

The Peacocks... exotic birds maintained by the resort to add more color to the grounds. The peacocks generally strut around the premises, look pretty, and make strange sounds in the early morning.

The Train... an exhilarating amusement ride that is sure to entertain even the most jaded convention goers. Too bad it's out of season.



A Fan's Guide To The CAVE AREA

To get anywhere you must endure a short lesson in local geography. You are in Edmonson County just off US Highway 31-W. To find any of the basic staples of life, just follow these simple directions.

BHEER: For drinkables not found in the comfort of the consuite, you must voyage to distant Bowling Green for verily all the area surrounding Park Mammoth are dry. Your quest will begin by turning right on 31-W as you leave the resort. Just keep going until you find civilization. Civilization, by definition, means liquor stores. There are several on 31-W when you enter the Bowling Green city limits. A suspicious soul might think that such strategically located businesses might exist only to cater to the thirst of the outlying dry areas.

FOOD: Park City has one truckstop on KY 255 between 31-W and I-65. It is often open 24 hours a day, and features typical truckstop fare. Eat at your own risk. For more variety you must voyage to Cave City. Turn left when leaving the resort, and journey about six miles. You will soon come to a stoplight and signs pointing to I-65. Turn left, and you are in Fat City. Pizza, hamburgers, chicken, fish, and a 24 hour Jerry's are awaiting your gastronomical delight.

GASOLINE: A few gasoline/food stores are immediately available on highway 255 near the interstate. For those who prefer using plastic money, Cave City is again the place for you. Just go as is described above, and you will find what you seek, probably at inflated interstate prices.

CAVE TOURS: For those wishing to highlight an already memorable weekend, why not top it off with a visit to Mammoth Cave? The visitor center of the Mammoth Cave National Park is just 8 miles from Park Mammoth Resort. Just turn left on 31-W, and then left on Highway 255. Then follow the signs to the park. The schedule of tours is as follows:

| TOUR | TIMES | PRICES |
|----------------|------------|------------------------------------|
| HISTORIC | 9:05 a.m. | Adults: \$3.50 |
| | 11:00 a.m. | Under 16: \$1.75 |
| | 2:15 p.m. | |
| PRESIDENTIAL | 10:00 a.m. | Adults: \$3.50 Under 16: \$1.75 |
| HALF DAY | 12:00 noon | Adults: \$5.50 Under 16: \$2.75 |
| FROZEN NIAGARA | 1:00 p.m. | Adults: \$3.50 |
| | 4:00 p.m. | Under 16: \$1.75 |
| HANDICAPPED | 9:00 a.m. | Adults: \$2.00 Under 16: \$1.00 |

The tours often sell out, so you are well advised to get to the visitor center at least 2 hours before the tour is scheduled to leave.

STUFF: The various tourist traps and gift shops are worth the effort if you are in a piddling mood. There are many genuine authentic cave rocks to be had at bargain prices as well as a plethora of antique/authentic/handmade/genuine treasures out there looking for owners.

If you have any questions not covered in these directions, please ask us about it. We will eventually come up with an answer, and if we don't know the correct answer, we'll make something up that sounds plausible.

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