

DNQ'S FEARLESS NEWSHAWKS...

...went to DISCLAVE, and Taral and I demonstrated just how fearless we could be by venturing forth into the wilds of the midwest a week before DISCLAVE to play tourist, knowing there was a gas shortage on. Gas turned out to be no problem at all; but we had forgotten the food shortage in Ohio and Kentucky. There was plenty of plastic that could be inserted into the stomach by way of the mouth, that would in its own bizarre fashion sustain a flicker of life; there was almost nothing to give pleasure to the tastebuds and to find what little there was among the glut of "Family Restaurants" was daunting. During the week we toured Mammoth Caves and drove through scenic parts of the Virginias towards Philadelphia, and wound up camping out only one of the nights due to the weather.

But the trip was enjoyable, rain, Buffalo, rotten restaurant chains and Kentucky drivers notwithstanding. In Philadelphia we spent a day with Linda and Ron Bushyager, obtained an infusion of twiltone, and rested; and with Linda as passenger and a trunkful of stuff, backtracked to Washington on Friday.

DISCLAVE was, as in the past couple of years, one of the most enjoyable cons on my "circuit"; low key, not too terribly huge, well stocked with fine & faanish folk to talk with, and amply supplied with temptations to lure money away from my wallet. Highlights were ALIEN (a Hugo contender next year for sure, no matter what else comes up this year, with marvelously gruesome special effects-- a nonstop adrenalin high), Mexican Food at the "Tucson Cantina", and hefty acquisitions of old fanzines and other neat stuff. As usual, DNQ did not send observers to any of the programming, although examinations were

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