

SWINGIN' BIG DICK

-Review/Photos:"Swingin" Big Dick Stephenson



It was a Friday and I was looking to see if there was any blues bands playing in my area. I saw that the Chris Duarte Band, Dave Rogers Band, and Kyle Renfro Band were playing at Trempealeau Hotel in Trempealeau WI. Well it was 3:30 so I had just enough time to jump in my truck, drive there and make it for the opening act at 6:00. The opener was the Kyle Renfro Band. Kyle and his band got us all warmed up by playing great cover songs and setting the stage on fire. His hot guitar playing was not to be undone by the two great guitarist coming up next.

Next was Dave Rogers Blues Band. Dave and the boys took it up to another level. It was guitar magic! Dave also played some great covers, including some Santana songs that took me back to when I was teenager. Yeah, that was a long time

ago.

I always love to watch Dave play guitar with his personal take on songs. So Dave got done playing and the wind came up off the Mississippi river. It started to rain. To finish out the night, Chris Duarte Band played in the hotel. I didn't want to go inside and be too close to people because I have a autoimmune disease. I didn't want to take any chances. I talked to Dave Rogers the next day to ask him how Chris Duarte was. He said it was wall to wall people and Chris blew the roof off with smokin' hot riffs. He is an amazing guitarist!

I have seen Chris many times and I'll get to see him again some time...

To see where Chris is playing next look up www.duarte.rock/about. To see who is playing next at the hotel check out www.trempealeauhotel.com



Well, The month started out so good, I had to check out what was up for the next weekend. Turned out I headed off to Brownsville, MN to Saxon Hall to see Howard "Guitar" Luedtke and Deb Klossner for an acoustic show. It was a beautiful night along the Mississippi River in this scenic little town. Howard & Deb played blues, rock, county; just a little bit of everything.

It was a very enjoyable night. Great music, great food, and ice cold drinks! It doesn't get any better than that...

To see where Howard is playing next, look up www.howardluedtke.com. To see what's happening at Saxon Hall, dial up www.saxonhallpizza.com.

