

A View From The Stage

Story and Photos By Blind Willie



Rack's Bar & Billiards is featuring live entertainment on Saturday nights. Rack's is located on Rt. 13 in Dover near Dover Downs at 865 North Dupont Highway. They are in the rear of the building that houses 865 Fine Dining.

Rack's is a large pool hall and sports bar. They have more TV's than Circuit City. They have moved the live performance stage to the front of the building. They have their own light show in case a band doesn't have a decent light rig. Rack's also features a covered outside smoking lounge that could easily be heated in colder weather. Something for everyone.

Owner Jim Kozel tells me he realizes it might take some time to build this up, but he seems to be a supporter of live entertainment.. you may remember him as the owner of the Dugout before it became JW's... back when Hyde Park used to draw crowds of 200 to 300 people in there..

So far some of the bands that have made appearances are: Over the Edge, Ledfoot, Token Jane, Road Rage, and Blind Willie.

Rack's features an impressive stage area for the band. Plenty of room, probably the largest stage in Dover. And the room is large as well. Excellent load in situation, right at the stage... plenty of room.

Blind Willie hit the boards at 9 rolling right into SRV's House is Rockin'.. and the house was indeed rockin'! An enthusiastic group of young partiers hooted and hollered and grinned a big thumbs up. But there was no time to stop and garner praise.. the band rolled through four numbers before catching it's breath, typical of the rock and roll energy that is Blind Willie. An overzealous fan charges the stage and lays on his back on the dance floor in a frenzied shaking episode as if he were being electrocuted. Let it rock! Blind Willie is known for one hour sets of solid rock and roll from the '50's to the '90's. The set ends with a blistering medley that starts with Long Cool Woman, hits Pink Cadillac, then I Just Want To Make Love to You, some heavy rock & roll jamming hijinks reaching a crescendo with a full on heavy version of Satisfaction dying in strains from the Star Spangled Banner and everyone saluted!

The second set blasts into vision with some more eclectic rock including a tune familiar with the bar crowds in Dover from 10 years ago.. Hyde Park's Clever Moon from the CD Rats, Cats, and Dogs. But, of course...two thirds of Blind Willie was at one time half of Hyde Park and the guitar and bass are so close because Rob Robertson and Carl Peters are the guys that did those parts on the original recording back in 1986.

The third set starts at midnight and runs until one. It is non-stop.. Pride & Joy, I Know A Little, Hendrix, CCR, Bob Seger, Otis Redding.. it's only rock and roll, but I LIVE FOR IT!! Finishing with Rock & Roll All

Night... the only problem all night when on the very last crash of that very last song, the power conditioner shuts the system down due to current over draw.. but it's over and we have to go home... until the next time.. we rock on!

Blind Willie is a three piece rock & roll band, covering great rock & roll from the '50's to the '90's. Blind Willie is: Allen Townsend of Lincoln, drums & vocals, Rob Robertson of Dover, bass & vocals, Carl Peters of Greenwood, guitar & vocals. Blind Willie plays frequently around the area... you can find more info at www.blindwillie.net.

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