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Cadillac Kings rule

By Betti Blatman

SwampRock's Louisiana Dance Club at the Wilf Slack Sports Club in East End Road is rapidly becoming a popular dance venue.

On Saturday 12 March, people phoned all day booking tickets for The Cadillac Kings, who were performing their only London gig and whose latest CD *Highway 17* was chosen by The Times' music critics in their end-of-year review as best blues CD of 2004. Mardi Gras flags and bunting decorated the hall and elaborate masks and beads were worn to create a real New Orleans Mardi Gras flavour in the heart of East Finchley.

This band recreates blues and swing bands of the 1950s but also includes some zydeco and its music is as much about the danc-

ing that goes with it as it is about the instruments playing on stage. The packed dance floor was hot and steamy despite almost zero temperatures outside.

In the 1980s and 1990s, Mike Thomas and Mike Adcock played in a cajun band The Poorboys and then renamed themselves Third Degree but Mike Thomas chose a new name The Cadillac Kings in 2000. They are: Mike Thomas (vocalist), Roy Webber (drummer), Gary Potts (harmonica and vocal), Mike Adcock (keyboard and accordion), Tim Copp (double bass) and Del Van Dee

(guitarist). They are playing gigs throughout the UK and also in Holland and Norway this year. It was one of SwampRock's most successful nights and more than 100 people danced to their music and a great selection of records from guest DJ Paul Rose.

For details of future Swamprock gigs, contact Carole Lateman on 020 8810 7454 or Neil Papworth on 01 727 830280 or visit www.swamprock.org

Left: Mike Adcock of The Cadillac Kings. Below: Z-Funk's Sue Warren. Photos by Ian Cook

Z-Funk

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Z-Funk, one of the hottest Louisiana-style bands in the UK, made a very rare London appearance at SwampRock in East Finchley. There was a large crowd to see them play at the Wilf Slack pavilion, East End Road, Finchley on Saturday 26 February.

The dance floor was full all night and the friendly atmosphere ensured everybody was havin' a great time!

Z-Funk features the fabulous Gavin Lewery on accordion, Dave Luke on guitar, Micky Jones on drums, Tommy Mills on bass guitar and Sue Warren on washboard, all of whom combine their talents with great vocals. SwampRock's monthly Louisiana-style dances are rapidly becoming a popular event in Finchley but also attract people from all over the UK.



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