



## Bernie's Blog...

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Well... we made it through our first gig! Thanks to those of you who came out to "Tommy's" in Moline and supported us. You helped to make it happen. We gotta tell 'ya, it's a bit scary playing a ton of new stuff by memory. Ever been in a play...trying to remember all your lines? Yeah...then you know the feeling!

**Timespan** ...it means so much. For one thing, every time you come out to hear us play, you're going to hear a wide range of great hits from the 50's to some of today's songs. You will find yourself saying a whole bunch of times..."Oh, yeah, I remember that one." or "Wow! It's been ages since I've heard this one!" So it has a "chronological" meaning.

But if you are like me, every one of these songs is a time capsule all by itself. Songs seem to attach to themselves memories of the events of our lives...what we were going through or where we were at when they occupied the airways. For instance, when I hear "Bohemian Rhapsody" I remember working just out of High School at the "Emerald Country Club" in Sterling, IL as a dishwasher. Any Doobie Brothers song brings to mind me jamming in my bedroom when I picked my first bass in '76. (For being conservative, looking back my parents were pretty gracious to me. Thanks, Mom & Dad!) Some songs bring back memories of when I moved to the

Quad Cities to try to put my life back together after a painful divorce. You know, as painful as some of the memories are, I think that God gives us songs to help us make it through the tough times. I have come to value those memories, the good times and the bad. When you stand back and get a good perspective, just like the mountains and the valleys, they add a sense of depth and beauty to our lives. Songs like "Still Got The Blues For You" to "Celebrate!" reflect that same depth. So **Timespan** is also about the memories of our lives.

"But wait! There's more!"...not only do you get the above, when you come out to see us, we will throw in something better than steak knives.

**Timespan** is also the continuing saga of friendships. So many of you have followed each of us through the years with "The Dani Lynn Howe Band" and other gigs. We gotta tell you...deep down, that is really one of the top reasons we keep doing what we do. Just seeing you come out night after night means so much. We really do try our best to whip up plate after plate of delicious tunes for your hearts and your ears. But we gotta tell 'ya...the energy we get back from you is great! It's a "synergy" thing that each of you have a chance to be a part of...great energy coming from us to you and from you to us...cycling back to you...it's pretty incredible!

If you've never heard us, don't stay home alone. Come on out! Bring a friend. And if they can't come, you will soon find yourself among friends. Just ask some of our biggest fans, like Milo and Jean, or Dave and Sally, or...the list goes on...They keep coming out because they have become a part of a rich **Timespan** of memories hanging out with us at our shows and having really good times! We're just a bunch of down-to-earth guys without any pretentious egos, that love life, music, friendships and family. Many of our fans have become some of our dearest friends. Every time you come out, you will find yourself feeling a growing bond of friendship with "The Band" and with our other "easy to talk to" fans. A **Timespan** gig is like a family reunion...only this one is a GOOD One! There's a space at the bar waiting just for you!

We're working on getting our next show booked so keep checking back at the website for our future dates. See you at our next show!

- Bernie