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Presents:

North by Midwest

Neighborhood Music Showcase

A benefit for the Schenk Atwood Starkweather Yahara Neighborhood Association

Featuring the 'hood's own:

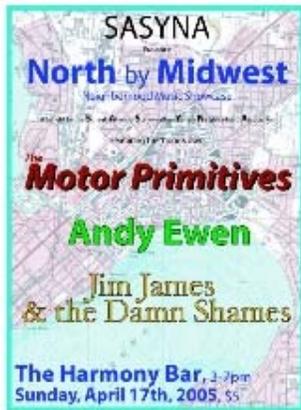
The
Motor Primitives

Andy Ewen

Jim James
& the Damn Shames

The Harmony Bar, 3-7pm
Sunday, April 17th, 2005, \$5

North by Midwest Music Festival Harmony Bar & Grill April 17, 2005



The Motor Primitives pack raucous Harmony for electrifying set.
by Dan Melton

Neighborhood band caps SASYNA fundraiser with set of smart, well-written rock filled with bright, radio-ready pop hooks -- The Motor Primitives packed a raucous Harmony bar Sunday to cap a Schenk - Atwood - Starkweather - Yahara Neighborhood Association (SASYNA) fundraiser with bright, danceable, hook-laden rock.

The SASYNA music showcase and fundraiser began in mid-afternoon with a kick-ass set of boot-stomping, country-flavored rock from SASYNA neighbor Jim James and his band, The Damn Shames, followed by a set of typically sizzling guitar work and P.S. Mueller songs from SASYNA neighbor Andy Ewen. Then The Motor Primitives, fronted by SASYNA neighbor Pam Barrett (guitar, vocals), wowed a packed house with smart, punchy pop hooks that had the crowd buzzing.

For the last half-dozen tunes in The Motor Primitives set, even SASYNA chair Dan "Gramps" Melton was spotted up on the dance floor, flailing away. He hopped down from his stool, threw away his crutches, and yelled "Pam! I can walk!" It was the first time in 60 years he'd stood up and danced at a bar. He said, afterwards, he hasn't heard pop hooks that infectious and well-written from a local band since Spooner. [Historical note: Spooner ruled the Madison music scene with smart, well-written rock, in the late 1970's (before many of you were born). It was fronted by Doug Erikson (guitar, vocals); and his buddy, Butch Vig, on drums. Those were the days you could say hi to Doug as he came out of the Jenifer Street Market, before Erikson and Vig became half of Garbage, toured packed houses in Europe and played on David Letterman.] Thank You to Harmony owner Keith Daniels, Thank You to Pam Barrett, and Thank You to SASYNA members Michael Goodman and Mark Bergum for making the Sunday event happen - and special thanks to Mark Bergum for getting the SASYNA t-shirts made.