

## Workshop with Mark Hummel at Dave's

It was a great time with fine bunch of people. Again as with the last workshop we had I was equally impressed with our club's turn out, it always makes me feel good to see so many people that love this instrument and the music it makes in one place.

I always attend these types of events with low expectations, after all it's a group workshop not individual instruction, and as in the past I get surprised with something I didn't see coming, this was no different.

It started out as a Mark Hummel Workshop only but ended up including D.W. Gill and Kim Harpo sitting in and given feedback, which I thought only help to add to the class learning experience and was the unexpected surprise.

Mark clearly walked us through from the simplest skill of single notes on up to some more advanced techniques such as tongue blocking and tongue slapping on the harp, demystifying the sounds we so long to recreate.

I believe from the feedback I received that everyone was impressed with Mark and felt they were sitting under the teachings of one today's finest harp players. I've met many of today's great harp players and they have all been very nice and accommodating, Mark Hummel was no exception.

The added benefit to the workshop was the free admission to the gig afterwards, thanks to Kim Harpo, which turned out to be another "Harp Blow Out" that Mark Hummel is known for hosting. (See Mark Hummel gig review to see why!)

Thanks to the Suncoast Harmonica Club for another great event!!