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Party Time At Pakefield

Grillfest

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It was a cloudy Saturday afternoon when we were converging to Riihimäki, a small town about 70km north from Helsinki. This festival was in Finland for the first time and it meant good grill food and good music. During the day there had also been a programme for children. When we arrived, a Finnish trio,

Hollow Point Blues were just finishing their set. On their website, they describe themselves as playing 50s/60s Rock 'n' Roll with the attitude of 70s pub-rock. I liked



what I heard but only heard a couple of tracks.

During a break we wandered around the area, where there were many different kinds of food stalls and I also

bought a piece of goat's brie cheese, which was on sale in one stall. The festival had been pitched in a beautiful park, so the area was very engaging too.

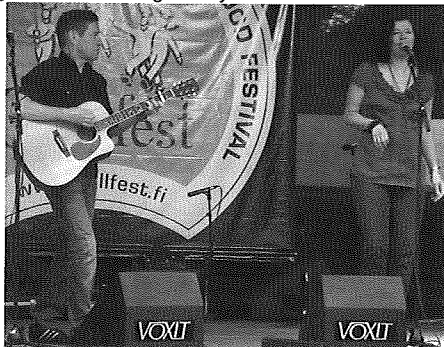
Musician couple Kaija Kärkinen and Ille Kallio were next on stage. I'm not a fan of theirs, but their pop-rock music is popular. They have written most of their songs and they have also released many albums. Ille was the original guitarist of the legendary Finnish triad Rock 'n' Roll band, Hurriganes, but nowadays he plays pretty much a different kind of music.

Whilst we were waiting for the evening's main guests to come on stage, we met some mates and enjoyed the environment. Moreover, we had very tasty fried European ciscoes, which are a very common and popular nosh at festivals here.

Finally, the Boogie

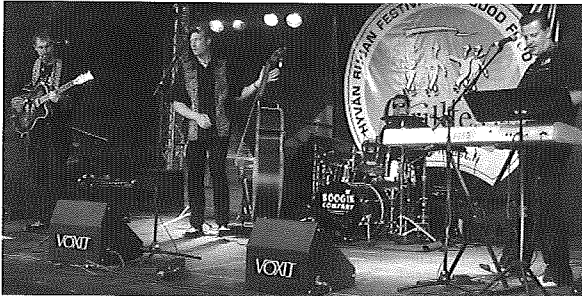
Marek; (drums/backing vocals), Margus; (keyboards/rhythm guitar/vocals) and Oleg; (lead guitar/backing vocals). During the two sets we heard some tracks from the new CD such as 'Stealer Of Hearts', 'God Is Dancing Jive', 'Bad Bad Boy' and 'Rocket To The Moon'. One band manager said he liked

Boogie Company's Rockabilly version of 'Ace Of Spades', but not the original version. That one is, by the way, done by Motörhead. The set also included a few tracks from Elvis and other classic Rock 'n' Roll



Company guys arrived.

When they had put their gear on stage, we had a word before they started to play. Boogie Company is a splendid Rockabilly band from Tallinn, Estonia. They've been playing a long time and last year they released their first CD, God Is Dancing Jive with the current line-up of Andrus; (vocals/double bass),



performers. During the first set Boogie Company performed a custom-made track, 'Grillbilly Rock', which has lyrics in Finnish.

Also, most of announcements between songs were in Finnish,

which was great. The closing number, 'Yellow House' was also from their new CD.

After the gig we went to thank the guys for their excellent performance once again. It was nearly midnight and time to go home. We hope that they will come back to Helsinki soon!