

HOT WAX SHOW - Blanchester High School (04-08-06): On a beautiful but cool early Spring afternoon, Gail and I left Florence Kentucky around 5:00 and headed North to Blanchester Ohio where we were anxiously anticipating a 7:00 "Hot Wax" show. Our trip was supposed to take an hour....but that was assuming we knew where we were going....and you know what happens when you assume! We had planned on getting to the show at 6:00 so that we would have an hour or so to meet and greet our other "waxer" friends...and get a chance to mingle with the boys in the band.....and also.....the girls married to our boys in the band. However, while we were traveling Highway 28....we came to a fork in the road and we took a rightwhen we should have gone left. A few minutes later Jim & Shirley also from Kentucky came to the same fork in the road and also took a right when they should have stayed left. Rick & Mary Montgomery also from Kentucky came to the same fork in the roadand once again....made the wrong choice and went right when they should have stayed left. My group was 3 for 3 as we all went the wrong way....LOL! Now, this tells me one of two things, either KY people can't drive in Ohio....or Ohio people can't mark the Hwy signs properly. I choose to believe the latter and that's my story and I'm sticking to it....LOL!

When we arrived at the school around 6:15 there was already a line. While most of the people in line were veteran "waxers" like Rick & Mary, Loma, Judy, Gail and myself...there were a few newcomers. There was an older gentleman waiting in line who was approached by Rick and eventually me as we surrounded him to inform him of what he was about to see. He didn't seem overly impressed with our sales pitch....but he listened to us very respectfully. I told him that I would check back with him after the show.....and see what he thought of his first " Hot Wax" show! This gentleman sat at the table next to us and we watched him all night. He was a little slow to warm up...but after a few numbers...he was smiling ear to ear. He took many pictures during the show....and at one point he even joined us on several of our standing ovations!

As soon as the show ended this nice gentleman rushed the stage and approached Tommy Casino and myself....and the first thing he said was "Hot Wax" is terrific"! He immediately wanted to know where "Hot Wax" was from. He said he was thrilled and wanted to know where he could see "Hot Wax" again. He said that he thought that he might have seen "Hot Wax" many years ago play at something called the Pumpkin Patch festival or something like that and Tommy agreed with the gentleman telling the man that he had remembered playing there years ago. I naturally had fun reminding the gentleman about Rick & I telling him before the show how much he was going to enjoy the show and he said that he certainly did! Another interesting thing was that this man told us he knew Doug Morgan.....also known as Donnie Diamond....and that he had performed with Donnie at some point in his life. Anyway, I'm quite sure that "Hot Wax" picked up another life time fan and a satisfied customer!

Speaking of fans, while there were a whole lot of "waxers" in Blanchester like Jean, Judy , Loma, and of course our gang consisting of Jim, Shirley, Carol, Denny , Sandy, Rick, Mary, Gail, Doris, Tiffany and our two newest "waxers" Corey Reynolds and his pal Jake.....there were a few of you "waxers" missing....and you know who you are. Now, only Nikki Adamkiewicz and Debbie Lepperd had excused absences because of medical reasons. To all of the rest of you AWOL "waxers", Ole "Ambassador Bob" will insist that you bring a note from home from your parents or a note from your doctor explaining your absence....LOL! Now as far as you "waxers" whose pictures may have shown up on another site that evening....and you know who you are.....well then you may need just a little punishment. I will expect each of you to write 1000 times....."I will never miss another Hot Wax show again...and all night long I was thinking about all of the fun I was missing...and wishing I was there!" I think that will be enough....and I'm sure that it will never happen again....LOL!

Now, for a few show comments....and they will be few...at least for me. My comments this week will be pretty brief and maybe even a little boring....but I like it that way ...and I'll tell you why. After all of the emotional ups and downs, highs and lows, for both Bobby and the boys and us fans.....things have now really come together! There was absolutely nothing but good news this week.....and as we all knowgood news doesn't get as much ink as bad news generally

gets! "Hot Wax" put another great show under their belts and they are getting tighter each and every show. There is now a comfort and a confidence level being reached when "Hot Wax" is performing now that you would not have seen a few shows ago. The personnel changes have been worked out and that situation is now stabilized. When I first saw Bobby at the show....he told me that he had some good news...although I might call it great news from my perspective and most "waxers" perspectives also. The first piece of good news is that both Tommy and Bruno have agreed to share the guitar duties and will enjoy doing so. Both Tommy and Bruno made it sound to me that while neither of them would have been all that thrilled to take on all of the guitar playing responsibilities.....that they love this arrangement as both will get to play guitar somebut not too much and both said they still really enjoy playing the guitar. As "waxers", we couldn't be any happier about that....because both Tommy and Bruno are so talented....and they are already familiar with most of the "Hot Wax" material and the bands style....which obviously adds quality to the band. A new guitar player would take quite awhile to learn all the material as well as Tommy & Bruno already know it!

The next piece of GREAT news is that both Bobby & Tommy have informed me and several others that Tommy has agreed to stick around for quite a bit longer than we originally thought! I'm still not exactly sure what that means.... but I do know that it sounds a heck of a lot better than what we originally heard! That bit of news put a real smile on Ole "Ambassador Bob's" face for the entire eveningas Tommy just brings so much to "Hot Wax" in so many areas....and his overall professionalism just adds so much stability to the band....in my humble opinion! I've only known Tommy a few weeks or so but not only is Tommy great performerbut is a very down to earth fan friendly sort of guy and always seems to find the time to chat with "waxers"....and he also gives the impression that he doesn't mind doing so! It's easy to see why Tommy has always been one of "Hot Wax's" most popular performers. Ok, I've gone on enough about Tommy....next thing you know is he will be holding out for a raise...LOL! Again.....we don't know for sure how long Tommy will be with usbut I have a feeling that we owe Tommy's lovely wife Patti a big THANK YOU also!

Bobby had one more piece of potentially great news for "Hot Wax" real soon also.....but it is not confirmed news yet....so I have a hunch that I probably should not say anything about that until it is confirmed...or if it is confirmed. However, it does sound like potentially some excellent news for "Hot Wax"....so keep your fingers crossed! If you would like to know more..... then maybe as they used to say on TVsend your cards and letters to Bobby or Brunoin care of "Hot Wax".....LOL!

Now, again the reason I don't have a ton to say about the show itself is because it was great again..... just like the show a week ago at Jim & Jacks....and all of the guys had great night. I had just written a few days ago my novel which was longer than "War & Peace"....so I don't want to repeat myself this soon. I must say this....and maybe it is just me or maybe it is the sound mix.....but I am hearing Cadillac Charlie's very talented Keyboard playing better & better each week....and I love it. The entire band just sounds so much fuller when you have a guy like Charlie playing and filling in on the bare spots....plus I just love the sound of the keyboard in either piano or string form...when playing music from the 50's & 60's! Anyway, it was another great show which again is showing that consistency I was talking about. Now throw in the good news that Bobby had regarding the personel and you can see that it will only be a short time before the edition of "Hot Wax" will rank with the best of all time! "Ambassador Bob" was a very happy camper Saturday night and did go home with that extra bounce in my step....LOL!

Now, for a few more "FAN OBSERVATIONS"....before I close with Show Observations!

(1) - Nikki Adamkiewicz, one of my youngest fans,....LOL, was not able to make the show Saturday because she had to enter the hospital for some important tests. We were thinking about you Nikki and we hope everything went well! We will make it up to you....as we have you the best seats in the house for the Crystal Place show.....and the next Jim & Jacks show!

(2) - Loma, it was nice to see you Saturday....and I was glad that you were feeling better!

(3) - Debbie, like alwayswe missed you and we hope you keep getting better & better also....like I'm sure you will!

(4) - Rick Montgomery likes to claim that being around Ole "Ambassador Bob" is a jinx. Well, Mr Montgomery went to the Argosy gambling boat two days ago....and one of those one armed bandits handed Rick \$1300.00! Yep....I'm a jinx alright....LoL.....way to go Rickmeister!

(5) - Tiffany, it was great fun watching your 12 year old, Corey and his friend Jake, have so much fun at the show....and I think Sticky & Tito have made fans for life! Tiffany, the Summer shows in the parks will be great shows to bring them back!

(6) - "Ambassador Bob's" little group has really worked hard on our choreography and we drew a few smiles from Bobby & the boys as we matched them step for step and move for move on the encore song "Get ready here I come"LOL! Well.....maybe not step for step....but we gave it our best effort!

(7) - After the show, Hot Wax virtually invaded the IHOP restaurant in the area. Now how would you like to work there and see this group coming at you all at once!

There was "WAXERS", Bobby, Tina, Doc Roc, Katie, Tito, Karen, Tommy, Patti, Boomer and Angie!

"waxers", "Ambassador Bob, Gail, Jim, Shirley, Carol, Denny, Sandy, Rick, Mary, Tiffany, Doris, Corey, and Jake!

"Syndicate of Sound" Techsters, Buddy Love and Tiny! Pretty Scaryhuh?

Now, for a few more "SHOW or BAND OBSERVATIONS", before I close!

(1) - As I was sitting at our table, I turned around and saw all of the of the really important people of "Hot Wax" all sitting together at one table....and I thought that was pretty neat! Nope, I'm not talking about the band members. Remember, I said the real important people....and that would be the spouses of all the band members! There was the Tina, the "First Lady " of "Hot Wax", along with other veteran wives like Katie, Karen and Patti. Also, sitting at the table were all of the very nice new women of "Hot Wax", like Angie, Kim and Bonita.

All of these very nice and lovely ladies make it possible for us "waxers" to have all of the fun that we do by following the best band in the Tri-state area! I know what I am about to say has probably been said oftenbut I bet it has not been said often enough so I will try to say it again! All of these very nice and unselfish ladies make many great sacrifices so that "Hot Wax" can exist. These ladies allow their mates to spend hours away from home both during the shows and rehearsals....and believe methere have been a lot of rehearsal hours during the last 5 months or so! They have many of their weekends taken away. Vacation have to be altered. Weddings are missed. Rain checks have to be taken for family reunions! These great gals also have to suck it up and grin and bear it as women fans talk about their hubbies like they are gods or idols of some kind.....when they know that when he is home....he is anything but that....LOL! While most of the female fans are just having good natured fun at the shows....and they may find the guys charming and very talented while on stage....I think most of the "Hot Wax" wives know that it is just good fun.....and have no problem with that. Without that sort of thing which just kind of goes with the business ...you really wouldn't have the fan following you need to be successful. However, there is a line that should not be crossed and unfortunately a lot of self centered, egotistical or alcohol induced female fans can and do cross the line....and that is not easy for the wives to take.....I don't imagine....but most of the time they do! For our wives and female friends to spend a few hours of fantasy watching our "Hot Wax" boys perform, even us husbands don't

have a problem with that....It's all clean fun and we tease each other about it. I guess all I am really saying is treat our Women of "HOT Wax" with the respect they deserve....and THANKS again for letting your husbands provide us with so much pleasure and fun and THANK you for treating us "waxers" as nicely and as warmly as you do! I'm sure that all "waxers" will agree with me when I say that Hot Wax" has always been first classand so have you ladies!!!!

(2) - In case you didn't think that Bobby had a sense of humor.....well...he does! Our group like I said last week tries to guess what color suit Bobby is wearing when he comes out as Elvis. I made some odds last week and put Bobby's Red suit at 400-1 since I don't believe he has worn it in my long lifetime.....and wouldn't you know it.....Bobby wore RED! Bobby , your quite the comedian....LOL! Remember ...if you had a \$2.00 bet last week....then you are \$800.00 richer, not as good as Rick's \$1300.00...but not bad! Anyway here are the odds for the Crystal Palace: 1,000,000 - 1 NUDE, 750 - 1 RED, 4 - 1 BLACK, and 2 - 1 WHITE.

(3) - Bobby, thanks you so much for mentioning me on stage Saturday night and saying over the PA what a nice job you think I do on my commentary and in my role of "Ambassador Bob". I know both you and Bruno have told me that privately before....but it was still very flattering to hear you say it on stage. Thanks again Bobby!

(4) - I'm glad that "Hot Wax" had their web site banner back again....as I must get asked 4 or 5 times a week after a showhow can they find out where you are playing in the future. They just don't hear or remember the web site when it is announced or don't have paper and pen handy at the time. I also think that more people may write in to the comment page....if they can see the web site all night! I may try to print something up with the schedule and web site on it....and since I get to the shows so early usually....then pass them out or put them on tables for the indoor shows.

(5) - Now, there is no show for about 4 weeks....so it would be easy to lose some of our enthusiasm.....and forget that we need to "Pack the Palace" so that we can get more shows there as I think we are going to really like it! I know that "PTP" is a prime time player to Dick Vitale if you follow college basketball at all. However in our case "PTP" will take on 2 meanings. "PACK the PALACE".....and while your at it we need each "waxer" to "PTP""PERSUADE TWO PEOPLE" to come with them!

(6) - During the next 4 weeks.....I may try to do some interviews or some question and answer sessions like I did last week in my commentary just to keep our enthusiasm level up....and I think we could find out some interesting things about our boys....and I would enjoy doing it. I'm pretty sure that I could come up with some questions...LOL! Gail and I are dealing with some health issues for our 3 remaining parentsso sometime the time gets away.....but I will keep you posted and let you know when and where you can find my interviews or questions and answers if I can find the time to do it!

(7) - Thanks again everyone for being so kind and nice to me when you see me at the shows. Meeting and greeting all of you very nice "waxers"...at the shows.just makes the "WHOLE "Hot Wax " experience even more fun if possible than the shows already are!

Ok, Gang....that will probably have to hold you for awhile as the next show is a few weeks away yet! Take care and be safe....and I will see you at the next show....and remember "PACK the PALACE"! Ok, I must be OFF.....(insert wisecracks here) !

"Ambassador Bob"