

HOT WAX SHOW - Dillsboro Indiana Street Fair (05-20-06) : If you were one of the "waxers" who was not able to make the Dillsboro show.....then I might suggest that you go to the show page and click on the Dillsboro show where you will see about 25 of the Jimster's great pictures taken at the show.....and then read my commentary.....then hopefully you will feel like you were right there! Debbie, Nancy, Barb, Mary, Pat , Otto and Diane.....that is the best we can do for you! By the way, none of you in that group will need to bring Ole "Ambassador Bob" a note from your parents or a doctor's excuse for your absence as I approved your reasons for missing the show earlier in the week! I have already heard from Barb, Nancy and Pat.....and everyone of them said that even though they had a great time celebrating Barb Helwig's birthday.....that you all were thinking about Dillsboro all day and wishing you could have been with us at the "Hot Wax" show. We missed you guys also! Again, Happy belated Birthday Barb!

There are certain shows every year that have a little extra special meaning.....and those shows would be the first show of the year which usually occurs at our home away from home for many years, Jim & Jacks. Then, another extra special show is usually the end of the Summer outdoor season at Hot Wax land's capitol city of Falmouth Kentucky. The third extra special show is always of course the first outdoor show of the season.....and for many years that would be the street fair in Dillsboro Indiana.....and once again Dillsboro was the opener this season.

What a great day Saturday was..... as God must also be a big "Hot Wax" fan or maybe it has something to do with Einstein "Calling all of those Angels"but after 2 weeks of nothing but rain....the skies cleared for a beautiful sunny spring afternoon....which made the scenic drive to Dillsboro perfect. We had a beautiful day and we were anxiously anticipating getting to see all of our friends both in the band and outside the band....and then we knew that for dessert we were still going to get our great and very entertaining "Hot Wax" show that we had been anticipating for 2 weeks....which always seems like two months.... by the way!

It's amazing the difference a year makes. Last year Gail and I went to Dillsboro....and sat at the show by ourselves....and we really didn't know anyone at the show. I had assumed that there was no one there last year that we recognize as friends now....but that would be a wrong assumption. When we got to the show Saturday...it was just like they moved Cincinnati to Dillsboro as all of our friends that you would normally see at Jim & Jacks were all in Dillsboro. There must have been at least 50 to 100 hardcore "waxers" in Dillsboro and like always with "waxers".... we were all there several hour early...so that we can mix and mingle....and mix and mingle we did....and that is great fun and part of the whole "Hot Wax" experience! It was just amazing how many "waxers" said they were there last year....and yet no one else remembered anyone else being there. Now, we all know each other and it was great just to look around and see so many groups of people talking and laughing together everywhere you looked....and then those groups would break up and then move on and talk to other groups of "waxers"! I've never seen 3 hours go so fast!

There is a pattern that has developed this year that is very healthy for "Hot Wax"....and I'm not sure if everyone is aware of it. When "Hot Wax" has played any new venues this season.....they have drawn larger crowds at every show than what was anticipated...and in some cases like the Murphy theatre in Wilmington Ohio, much larger crowds..... where "Hot Wax" drew an outstanding crowd of over 600 or so! Now on top of that even when "Hot Wax" has played at venues that they have often played at before....the crowds have been significantly larger. Examples would be that they have been either selling out Jim & Jacks or coming awfully close to it for every appearance there. The Starlite ballroom had the largest crowd that I have ever seen at that venue. This week at Dillsboro....again was the largest crowd that I have ever seen there....and that was despite the bitter cold that sat in after the sun went down! I think the credit for that success has to be spread around to everyone. Some of it has to go to the 4 very talented and popular "Hot Wax" veterans that stayed this season like Tito , Doc, Bruno and Bobby! A lot of credit has to naturally go to Bobby for bringing in the new talented personnel like Cadillac Charlie, Frank Einstein, Boomer Bailey and of course last but not least....the very cool Sticky or the "Stickman" as I like to refer to him! Not only are all of these fellows very talented.....but each and

everyone of these guys a great guy also....which is what we have come to expect from our "Hot Waxers"....and this class is no different! In a business that is always full of overblown or inflated ego's....I honestly don't sense that in a single member of "Hot Wax"! Much like my gang of "waxers" where we all married over our heads.....you could maybe say the same thing about our new band members....because as great as all the new guys are.....their wives, Angie, Kim and Bonita are just as nice or nicer! I didn't mean to leave Tommy and his lovely wife Patti out by any means, it's just that Tommy and Patti were not exactly returning veterans from last yearor are they exactly newcomers so they needed their own classification.....LOL! We must also, like I have said before.... credit the great wives like the "First Lady" Tina, Katie and Karen of the veteran band members of "Hot Wax" for being a huge part of this very successful season!

The last thanks must go to the fans and the very loyal "waxers"! The love and loyalty of a "Hot Wax" fan is unsurpassed anywhere else in the entire area. There is something special going on with the fans that we have not seen or at least have not seen in more than a few years! Gail and I have not missed a show in nearly 3 years....and I know that "Hot Wax" has always had lots of great fans similar or better than Gail and I. I am hesitant to name some of them as I know that I will forget some of thembut I will attempt to name some of the most loyal fans that come to mind at the moment like Jean from Hamilton, Denny and Sandy Mcgee. Rick and Mary Montgomery from Bellevue. Jim, Carol, and Shirley Breeze from Edgewood , Nancy, Barb and Mary Helwig, Pat & Otto Roth, Barb & Christina Gabbard, Judy, Loma and of course our girl Debbie! I know that I forgot a lot of you but please forgive me as the mind was the first thing to go for Ole "Ambassador Bob"....well, maybe the second....but I digress. Anyway my point is that a few years ago that even the most avid "Hot Wax" fans saw a lot of shows but not nearly everyone of them...and a great fan would say that he or she saw "Hot Wax" 5 or 6 times a year ...maybe more for some. You would ask a fan when he would see the next show....and he might respond with something like.....I see "Hot Wax" pretty often and have seen them a few times already and will probably see them again before the years over....or something to that affect.

Now....whether you are an old fan or a relatively new fan like Tiffany or our friend Gwen.....when you leave a show now....the common and almost always heard comment is "See you at the next show".....and no one is surprised at that comment as we all say it and we expect to hear that response. It is just assumed now that we will all be at nearly every show.....and we are.....and I don't just mean Gail and I or a Jean! A "Hot Wax" show has now become not only a great rock concert.....but a great social event or a happening....but basically a "Hot Wax" show has become a CAN'T MISS EVENT!!! Greg, the owner of the Crystal Palace, say "Hot Wax" has almost a cult following....but in a good way of course. Greg says that "Hot Wax" fans kind of reminds him of the Parrot heads that follow Jimmy Buffet! . When Our boys are playing somewhere....then you definitely need to be there..... or be square! I'm sorry....I just had to do that! I've had a few very nice people tell me that I have had something to do with this new enthusiasm and that my effort to bring all of us "waxer's" together has played a big part in making the shows so much fun. The shows were always great and they are still great or better than ever.....but a show is now a fun event also a couple of hours before a show....and also fun event after the show as a large group of "waxers" continue the party as we all go dine together after the show....and then discuss how much fun we had all evening! I suggest to you ...that it simply does not get any better than thatdoes it? I don't know if Mr. Buddy Love remembers this or notbut I will not forget it as I was just drafted into my "Ambassador Bob" position by Bruno about a year agoand I was still feeling pretty nervous about the whole situation as I was kind of the new guy and I didn't know anyone in the band all that well or know even most of the fans that well at that time....so I was not sure that what I was trying to do for the fans or "Hot Wax" was working. What I was trying to do was to make the shows even more fun to attend by getting us to know each other and share our love of the music and the band together! It's always more fun to share something you love. I was thinking about maybe giving up the "Ambassador Bob" thing at the time because I knew I was not a real writer or even close.....so I couldn't imagine anyone wanting to read what I wrote or even worse people wondering why I even thought that anyone would want to read something I wrote. After all....I did not attend college.....and I graduated from Newport High School....which some people might argue that that doesn't even count....LoL! I also didn't know if my effort to make us

all close and to eventually make us all friends was working eitherand maybe I was being a dreamer or at least being very unrealistic. At this point a small group of "waxers" traveled several hundred miles north to see the Clyde Ohio show. On the way back we decided to stop at a Cracker Barrel restaurant for a bite to eat. The "Syndicate of Sound" boys Buddy, Rocky, Tiny and Roo joined our little gang and had breakfast with us. It was at this point that as we were sitting around gabbing that Buddy Love told me how much fun the shows were becoming and that he had been with the group a long time and while the band was always great and so were the shows....that Buddy could never remember the fans being so close to each other and to the band , wives and support people and that this was the most fun that he ever had since being with the band! Buddy then told me that I had done more in my "Ambassador Bob" role in 4 months than other people who were in my position had done in years. Mr. Buddy Love, I'm not even sure if you will remember that as maybe it didn't even mean that much to you.....but it sure meant a lot to me. It gave me the confidence that I was doing some good for the band and for us fans....and that I was serving some useful purpose! Buddy, I don't think I ever really thanked you for those very nice and encouraging words so I will do it now just in case. THANK YOU, BUDDY! Shortly after that then my good buddy Debbie came along and gave me even a little more encouragement by telling me how much she appreciated reading my comments because she loved our boys..but she was too ill to go to the shows....and my nonsense made her feel like she was still part of the "Hot Wax" experience.....and as they saythe rest is history! This will end the Ole "Ambassador Bob" tribute to himself.....and I hope I did not break my arm patting myself on my backLOL! I hope it did not come off that way too much as that was not my real intention....but I'm sure that it probably did....and if it did ...I apologize! That will be the last time that I will mention myself in my commentary....well almost the last time that I will anyway...LOL! Anyway, my point of this entire part of my commentary was just to tell us all that we need to pat each other on the back and congratulate everyone involved with "Hot Wax" from the band to the wives, the support people and all of the great loyal fans. As we all know, this could have been a very difficult year for "Hot Wax" but by all of us pulling together as a team or a family....."Hot Wax" is not only doing well....but like my original point, they are bringing in record crowds everywhere "Hot Wax" plays! Great job....everybody!!!!!!

I will say a few words on the show itself. The reasons the words will be few is that like always with our boys...."Hot Wax" was simply outstanding and consistent like they always are! Although it was pretty darn cold al night....our boys did not let it bother them one bit...and carried on like the pros that they are! There were a few changes in this weeks show as some of the songs were shifted to different positions. I only noticed that one song was missing from the show. The song missing was "I'm so glad I'm living in the USA" and the reason that was missing I suspect.... was that it didn't feel like we were living in the USA....it felt like SIBERIA for crying out loud....LOL! While Tiffany looked great in her summer outfit.....when it got dark poor Tiffany nearly froze to death....so Gail gave Tiff her jacket, then being the Sir Walter Raleigh of my generation, I then offered Gail my "Hot Wax" coat to keep her warm. I decided that I would walk around all night in just my polo shirt and to try to convince people who were bundled that it wasn't that cold. It didn't work, I only convinced them that I was an IDIOT!

For all of you "waxers" who were not able to make the show.....you did not miss seeing some of your friends make idiots out of themselves in the Hula Hoop competition. All the people who were brought up on stage were pretty much youngsters and I believe maybe one of them was Barb Gabbard's granddaughter who did very well! For all of you ladies who were disappointed that you missed Bruno do the Hula Hoop.....Bruno displayed his skills for a few seconds before the show....and Bruno was telling the truth....he can hoop. He is a ringer! I suspect that Bruno took lessons recently! I have no proof.....but Ole "Ambassador Bob" is highly suspicious....LOL!

I have to give credit to all of the wives for hanging so tough in the very cold weather.....but as the night wore on we saw less and less of both Tina and Katie as they as they kept adding clothing or blankets and by the end of the show....all we were able to see was 4 eyes peaking above a blanket! My medal of Valor bravery awards goes to Cadillac Charlie's wife, Bonita, who I believe sat for the entire show at the back of the venue at the very top of the very cold aluminum

bleachers that had no back support.....and I believe Bonita was keeping an eye on a couple of youngsters also. Bonita, I salute you! I'm not sure how Jean, one of Bobby's greatest fans, kept from freezing to death.....but I suspect seeing Bobby in his white Elvis suit and hearing Bobby sing "Hurt" was enough to keep her warm! Nikki Adamkiewicz wins the enthusiasm award for cheering all night for her "Hot Wax" boys...and even though every time I looked at Nikkishe another layer of clothing on...it did not stop her from cheering! Thanks Nikki for your very pretty prom picture.....you looked great... and that was very nice of you to give me one. I am honored! I am working on a big display of some kind to display all of my Hot Wax photo's and your picture will have a prominent special place in it!

I apologize to everyone for leading the chant of "One more song" at the end of the show which led to an encore on this bitter cold night. I could feel the daggers being stared at me and hear the nasty remarks. Doc already was taking his horn apart when he heard my chant of "One more song". My guess is at that moment Doc would have liked to taken this Horn apart. Doc's look of disbelief was very funny and priceless....LOL! Ole "Ambassador Bob" needed the encore so I could dance and get some circulation back into my legs! Bobby tried to trick me and mess up my dance moves again and againit worked. Next show, I'm only looking at Einstein during the encore!

We always appreciate our "Syndicate of Sound" boys and we know what a great Job they always do. However, this week Buddy Love and Tiny were just fantastic! Due to circumstances beyond their control Buddy and Tiny had to set the entire show up in a record breaking 2 hours! That seems virtually impossible to me. Great, great job guys!!!! I talked to Bobby tonight and he said that there would be bonuses for you guys this week. Ok, well at least I did talk to Bobby tonight....LOL! Tiny and Kim had their little cutie, Mckenzie, at the show. She not only is beautiful.....but she is the best behaved baby that I have ever seen.... just unbelievable! Heck, Gail and I might of had a few kids if we thought there were babies like Mckenzie, trouble free....LOL! Hey Buddy and Tiny.....what's the latest news on the Reds game for "Waxer" nation? Is that still on for the middle of July?

(MISCELLANEOUS BAND NOTES)

(1) I don't think we will ever have a shortage of future drummers for "Hot Wax". We already know that Tiffany's older son Corey's favorite band member is Sticky or the "Stickman" as I like to call him. Ole "Ambassador Bob" went out into the crowd at intermission to hand out some "Hot Wax" buttons to the kids.....and about 75 % of all the boys between the ages of 7 to 17 want to be like the "Stickman". He was their favorite! They loved his drums and they thought Sticky was cool. They loved his look also.....and the earring was a huge hit! Ole "AB" might have to try that earring look! Sticky does a great job and again we are lucky to have him!

(2) Cadillac Charlie just gets better and better as he keeps getting more familiar with the band and gets more and more reps on the songs. I am hearing more and more string work and that really adds to the songs!

(3) Boomer Bailey has just as much fun when he's out talking to the crowd as he does playing. Boomer is a treat to talk to and he always make you feel like he truly enjoys talking to you. Boomer has a great sense of humor....and have you ever seen a bass player have as much fun as Boomer does on stage which makes the show fun for us!

(4) Einstein is getting more popular every week with "waxers" as he is not only an excellent singer.....but he keeps improving his stage presence and his entertaining skills! We were watching Einstein's wife Kim while Einstein was performing....and she was beaming and smiling the whole time Einstein was performing in the first show. It was pretty cool to see Kim enjoying his performance so much! We love it when Einstein is strutting all over the stage when he is doing the "Calling all Angels" number!

(5) I think that sometimes we take our talented Horn players for granted.....but I notice whenever we play a new venue..... that Doc and Tito get the most praise. When we were at the Murphy theatre, during the break, nearly everyone wanted to talk about how great that both Doc and Tito were! The same thing happened in Dillsboro Saturday as I heard more compliments about both Doc and Tito than anyone and most just wondered how they could play so strongly!

(6) Tommy Casino always takes the time to talk music with me which I thoroughly enjoy.....and I always learn something new. Tommy really knows his craft and told me all kinds of interesting things Saturday. Thanks for taking the time Tommy.....and for making me feel that you enjoy our chats as much as I do!

(MISCELLANEOUS FAN NOTES)

(1) Judy had all kinds of health problems last week and we hope you are feeling better. Judy was a real trooper to make it to the show Saturday night! Judy wanted to go to Jim & Jacks real bad on June the 3rd. However, Judy always rides with Loma and Loma is not going to be able to make the J & J's show so Judy was going to miss the show since she had no way to get there. Well, we found out about Judy not being able to go to the show on the 3rd so Gail and I will get her to the show and we have had several more "waxers" volunteer to get Judy to the show if we can't for some reason. That's just the way "waxers" are.....and I'm still waiting to meet just one "waxer" anywhere who is not a warm and friendly person.....just convinced there are none! We take care of each other in "Hot Wax" nation and that is cool!

(2) It was great to finally meet your family Tiffany.....and they are really nice people. I believe they were great parents to raise you to be such a nice young lady and a great Mom to your boys. I will not hold it against your parents that they made one mistake in your upbringing and allowed you to be a dreaded "Pittsburg Steeler" fan.....LOL! Tiff, you are going to love meeting one of my best and oldest friends who may be a more rabid Steeler fan than you are....if possible....LOL! Greg will be at Jim & Jacks with the Deer Park High School football coaching staff. I'll be sure to introduce you to each other.....and then you two can bore each other to death with your Steeler talk instead of us Bengal fans.....LOL! I might be mistaken but I believe that you just might have a birthday.....maybe Friday...if so.....then Happy Birthday Tiff !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

(3) Christina Gabbard was munching on a delicious salad of some kind before the show. I asked Christina where she got it and said that she brought it from home. I threw some hints ...but Christina never did offer me a bite....so Ole "Ambassador Bob" settled for 3 carnival hot dogs instead which would explain why I look the way I do and Christina looks the way she does!!!!!!

(4) Debbie in honor of you not being able to be at the show.....I did pull out a hanky and pretended to cry when Bobby sang his moving "Fan " song.....just like you would have done if you were therebut I don't think that I was all that convincing playing you! We missed you Debb.....glad to hear that we will see you at Jim & Jacks.

(5) I have a new assistant to help out Ole "Ambassador Bob" and she is one of the prettiest girls that I have ever seen. Her name is Abbiegail. She already has her "Hot Wax" outfit and it makes her look even more stunning! She will be a big help to me! Go to the show page and click on Dillsboro to see my new partner. Check the bottom photo....left hand corner. Was I exaggerating?

(6) There has been a lot of talk of the Hula Hoop contest at the Jim & Jacks show on June 3rd. I can't believe how many suggestion I have received. I will post a few of them here....but I welcome more of them during the next couple of days. Post your suggestions on the comment page. I have no control over who will get picked as that will be Bobby's job....so make it tough on him. I know that a lot of you ladies are disappointed that Bruno can't compete because he has to play his guitar during the skit.....but I'm thinking maybe if you ask real nice that Bruno will show us

other contestants how to do the hoopbefore he puts his guitar on for the official judging! Here are a few of the suggestions so far!

Four of the available band members

Four of the band members... wives

Rick, McGee, Jimster, "Ambassador Bob"

Otto, A-Bob, two others

Band members including Bobby....and "Ambassador Bob" will handle Bobby's MC duties

Rick, Mary, McGee and Sandy

Barb and Nancy Helwig, A-Bob, Otto

Buddy, Tiny, ? ?

Two band members....and two band member wives

Let Bobby know who you would like to see or pick one of the above....and again leave your comments on the comment page. Tickets will not last long for this show at Jim & Jacks with this kind of first rate entertainment! Make your reservations soon!

(7) Last ...but not least I would like to thank Greg from the Crystal Palace for booking our boys for 3 more shows. The Summer Blast show on August 26th, the Regular Rock n' Roll show on October 14th and then the Christmas Show on December 2nd! I would also like to thank Greg for working with me and making it so much easier to book reservations which should help me bring more people. I can't tell you how much I appreciate that! Show your appreciation to Greg & the Palace by attending other events at the Palacejust like we do at Jim & Jacks! My gang plans on being frequent visitors to the Palace!

Ok , "waxers" this completes another one of my novels....do with it what you will....LOL! I suggest if you have problems sleeping ...then maybe try this right before bed time! Time to run....but I hope to see you all at Jim and Jacks on June the 3rd for a great time! Have a great and safe Memorial Day weekend and pause for a moment to think about what Memorial Day is really represents!

I must be OFF (insert your wisecracks here)! "Ambassador Bob"