

Falmouth Kentucky

What a great time we had Saturday night as our boys traveled south to Falmouth and performed in front of one of their larger crowds for what I believe is the 8th consecutive year in Falmouth. In my mind and granted my mind can be a little warped at times...LOL...but I tend to think of Falmouth as the capital city of "Hot Wax Land". There is just something special that exist between "Hot Wax" and the city of Falmouth. You can't pin point exactly what it is...but you can feel it! Although every show is great fun...last night had a real party atmosphere to it. Gail and I have been to 35 consecutive shows and when I am at the shows I see a lot of familiar faces...and in most cases everyone tends to sit with their own group...which is fine and there is nothing wrong with that. Gail and I were actually no different until recently as we would come with our group and stay within our group and have a fun time. However.... then we met 3 other great "Waxers".... Jim, Shirley and Carol from Edgewood who also try to attend every show and used to refer to themselves as the 3 Musketeers. Now there are 5 of us....and we now refer to ourselves as the "Fab 5". We have really become great friends or as Shirley might put it...."totally awesome friends" and the shows have become even more fun! Jim and Shirley and Carol still bring their old friends and family to the shows and we do also....but now our two groups intermingle with each other and everyone has a great time and you get an opportunity to make great new friends at the same time. That works for me! I am by nature a "people" person and I have been trying a little to bring all of our different groups together and I think it may be working some as I can feel the comradery building. Although "Waxers" may come from everywhere... for example; Connie, Rita and Jim come from Delhi, McGee and his lovely young bride of 42 years live in the Cleves area, Rick and Mary are from Bellevue, Randal and Joan are from Crittendon Kentucky and of course our new friend Debbie hails from Florence.....and I could go on and on....and some would say that I usually do...LOL. However...while we may come from all over.... the one common bond that we all share is our love for Bobby , Bruno , Sonny and "The Boys in the band". I'd be remiss if I didn't mention that we certainly love the support troops also. Gail and I have found that sharing our love for "Hot Wax" is much more fun in a larger group no matter where you come from.

Ok...now a little about the show. No one can say that "Hot Wax" doesn't listen to their fans or aim to please. Everyone absolutely loved Frankie's new Roy Orbison 3 song tribute...but as we all know when our boys add songs they also unfortunately have to take out old favorites of the show or the show would last forever...hmmm.... that would not necessarily be a bad thing to most of us "Waxers"...LOL. Well...while 3 great new Big "O" songs were added...unfortunately we lost "Pretty Woman". However, when "Hot Wax" heard of the fans disappointment in losing one of our favorite songs....our boys immediately sprung in to action and after only one show worked out a very creative medley to work all 4 Roy songs into the tribute and it works great. As a spokesperson for the fans... I would like to say how much we appreciated the bands desire to grant our wishes....very classy...very classy indeed! During the break between shows we had a great time as we decided to gather our newly formed T-shirt battalion consisting of the "Black Shirt Brigade" and the "Purple Platoon" and we got them to march onto the stage to pose for a photo for the web site. Well...to everyone's surprise ...over 80 "waxers" appeared on stage and we had great fun! (Check out the picture on the Fan's Page). I'd like to thank all of the "waxers" who participated in our little staged event. I would also like to take a moment to thank Buddy Love for all of his flattering remarks about me and my new "Ambassador Bob" title. I had no idea he was going to do that. When I was asked to stay on stage for a little recognition....I was completely caught off guard. Buddy probably got carried away a bit with his nice comments about "Ambassador Bob" ..and even though I was a little embarrassed...it was very nice. Thanks Buddy! I'm sure most of the people in the audience probably heard way more about "Ambassador Bob" than they needed to or wanted to...LOL. In the second show Bobby did his very popular "Hurt" number and again received a standing ovation and then only 2 numbers later closed his Elvis set with what we were hoping for "The American Trilogy" and that received an even larger standing ovation. When Bobby dramatically turns his back to the audience in the middle of "The Trilogy and then you hear Bubba Q's drum roll followed by the blast of the "Hot Wax" horns and then all of the vocals joining in as Bobby turns around for the powerful climatic ending...well... if that doesn't get your blood flowing ...then you may need a transfusion! To me personally....it is the most memorable moment of the entire show! I think I speak for most of

the "Waxer" nation when I say how thrilled we are to have those 2 beloved fan favorites back in the show. Martha and her VanDyke girls happened to be in Falmouth and surprised us with a nice visit and a rousing performance! One final note on last night's show. Near the end of the show....the "Big Bear" displayed some very fancy dance moves that we had never seen before and the crowd loved it. There is just no end to the "Big Bears" talent!

Ok...as we wrap up the local outdoor season...it is now time to declare the best crowd of the season title. This was probably the closest competition yet...because there simply wasn't a bad crowd anywhere. However...I think it came down to a final 4. Those 4 would be the picturesque Bellevue, the always enthusiastic Cold Spring, surprising newcomer Florence and the defending champ...Falmouth. Well...much like boxing...you have to beat the champ to take the title away...and after last night all 4 cities were still so close...but no one clearly beat last year's champion Falmouth. Congratulations to all these great venues but in my humble opinion... I believe Falmouth retained their title. Great job Falmouth!

I must be OFF! Keep On Rockin!

Bob "The Ambassador" Horn