

JIM & JACKS OPENING SHOW (1 - 27 - 07) : Well, where do I begin? It's been awhile since I have done one of these commentaries. The last one would have been the Xmas show up at Mr. Greg Lack's great venue, the Crystal Palace, on December the 2nd. For many various reasons, I never got the opportunity to complete my commentary on the last show of the very successful 2006 "Hot Wax" tour...and that was the wonderful Christmas show at Jim & Jacks on December 9th.

In addition to covering that last Christmas show of the season in my last commentary of the year...I was also working on a bonus commentary called "The year in Review". Bobby gave me that idea...when he commented at the end of the J&J's Xmas show...that while it had been a very difficult year in many ways....it was amazing to look how far the band had come since this time a year ago. That got me to thinking and I thought that I would go back to the end of the 2005 season when Bobby was looking to hire 6 new band members...and to the best of my ability describe from the very beginning...how this great new edition of "Hot Wax" came to be! Then I would travel back through the entire 2006 season....and comment about the things that stood out in my mind as I thought back to the just completed 2006 season.

Anyway, a few weeks ago...I had that bonus commentary about 60% completed...and then decided that I didn't like the way it read. It was also running way too long ...even by my standards...so I deleted what I had done up to that point and started over with a slightly different plan. My new "Year in Review" is about 30% completed at this point....so I will put that on hold for a couple of weeks.

My new plan at the moment is to get back on schedule...and get this first show commentary of the 2007 season from Jim & Jacks posted on time. Then I hope to get next weeks Crystal Palace commentary posted on time also.

After next weeks show...we then have another 7 week break without a show until "Hot Wax" returns to the stage at the Crystal Palace on the 24th of March. During that 7 week break...I hope to complete my (two in one commentary) that includes the last Xmas show at Jim & Jacks and the "Year in Review " commentary also....and then post that for several weeks!

There may be some changes this year with my commentaries. When there are back to back shows only a week apart like there is this week...and there have been no major changes in the shows or the personnel...then I may combine them into one commentary. "Waxers"...get ready to test your loyalty and your dedication in July...as there are 3 shows in 3 days and 4 shows in 8 days! Those shows may be combined into one large "Super" commentary.

What a week that will be as "Hot Wax" will be at St. Rita's on Friday the 13th, Bellevue on the 14th, Mason on the 15th, and then Evendale on the 21st!

Now, when you consider that the Bellevue show will probably be our second annual Party/ Picnic....well...then that is quite a week indeed!

I also believe in the future that my commentaries will be quite a bit shorter....because I plan to utilize my other format....the ("Hot Wax" / "A-Bob" Guest Book) page.... a lot more....especially to promote shows, since it is always up to date and more current. Logically then, if I am writing quite a bit more on the Guest Book page...then there should be a lot less to write about in my commentaries on the "Ambassador Bob" commentary page...but we'll have to wait and see how this all works out....as this is still a work in progress.

Now, lets talk about the band some. One year ago at this time "Hot Wax" took a 3 month hiatus...and they were hoping that they could have had even more time off...because the band needed to hire 6 new members.....and put a whole new show together. This year was completely the opposite as the band was already 10 strong, loaded with talent, loaded with experience ...and even the newest addition to "Hot Wax," Dc Driver, our very talented drummer, had at least a half a dozen or more shows under his belt. This season...the break was only 7 weeks long ...but with this very talented and experienced group...7 weeks was more than enough time off...and "Hot Wax" was ready to go!

Wow...what a difference a year makes! Last year at this time "Hot Wax" was packing Jim & Jacks for the season opener....just like this year....but that is where the similarities end! Due to some very tough circumstances last year beyond Bobby's control...last season's opening show was a rough one! Bobby had a ridiculously short time to put a band and a new show together....and then when Bobby thought that he had a show put together for opening night....Bobby's new feature vocalist, Donny Diamond, came down with a case of Laryngitis....and couldn't perform! Just nothing went right that night...and I mean nothing! Bobby said it was the toughest night that he had ever had on stage in his long illustrious career. There have been very, very, few tough nights in "Hot Wax's" long proud history...but that was one of them.

This season's opener was just the opposite as this great addition of "Hot Wax" is just loaded from top to bottom with not only great talent...but with very experienced pros all throughout this band....and this opener could not have gone any better! With a cast of seasoned pro's returning this year...and 7 full weeks to fine tune and add new material...this show just could not have gone any smoother...as it was just outstanding!

Let's talk about all of that talent and experience...that "Hot Wax" is fortunate enough to possess right now.

You know President Bush just gave his "State of the Union Address" last week....so maybe this would be a great time for Ole "Ambassador Bob" to give his 2007 "State of the Band Address"!

CADILLAC CHARLIE: is a multi-talented veteran of many years...who not only is a very gifted keyboard player, but has also played some banjo and harmonica since he has been a member of "Hot Wax". I have heard some rumors that Cadillac can also play guitar and drums...and even sing some...but I'm not absolutely certain about that. Charlie's versatility is a real plus for "Hot Wax". The banjo came in handy during the "Man of Constant Sorrow" skit earlier in the season....and Cadillac's harmonica talents were a big help during the two Xmas shows! As Cadillac gets more and more experience with "Hot Wax"...his playing which was already excellent just gets stronger and stronger at every show and I am hearing more and more fill...with the strings etc....and I love that!

DOC & TITO: Both Doc Roc and Tito Barbella are seasoned pro's also! Both of these very talented fellows...have more than a few years under their belts with "Hot Wax"....and both have played or sat in with many other well known local groups. I know that Doc has played with "Ritchie & the Students" in the past....and maybe "Oolala & the Greasers" also. While both Doc & Tito who comprise the "Hot Wax" horns get most of their recognition from their great solo work during the shows...it is there regular blue collar work that I appreciate just as much or more.....especially the songs that Doc & Tito enhance so much that had no horns in them originally.

I really missed Tito when he was unable to perform at the Sunman show with his bad back! Again...not necessarily for the solo's...but again just the enhancement that his sax adds to all of the other songs! Tito was unable to perform the night in Sunman when "Hot Wax" unveiled the Righteous brothers number..."Little Latin Lupe-ti-Lupe" so they naturally had to perform the song without him...and it sounded very good. However, I heard the song again a couple of weeks later with Tito ...and I couldn't believe the difference that Tito made! The "Hot Wax" horns can take a song that previously was just mediocre to me...and then dress that song up and immediately turn the song into a "Hot Wax" classic and one of my favorites!

I was listening to a particular song about two thirds of the way through the show the other night....but I can't recall what song it was...and all of a sudden Doc came in and played a few bars....immediately followed by a few bars of great string work by Cadillac...and although it was only a small portion of the song...it just enhanced the song so much that it gave me goose bumps! I wished I could remember what the name of the song was. I guess at my age, Ole "A-Bob" needs to start writing down some of this material on the night of the shows. I will listen for that song again this week. I think most "Waxers take for granted our great "Hot Wax" horns...but like I have said in the past...when we play a new venue...and I walk amongst the crowd...it is almost always Doc & Tito...that I hear the most comments about!

BOOMER BAILEY: Now, you want to talk about talent and experience....look no further than our great bass player, Mr. Boomer Bailey. Boomer has played in too many bands to mention...and has played for many years. Boomer is still asked on many occasions to sit in with groups ...and he still does that now and then. Boomer was paid a great compliment by one of his peers and a former "Hot Wax" member, our former great keyboard player, Big Bear, the other night when I had the opportunity to chat with Bear on New Years Eve. Bear a former bass player himself told me that he had known Boomer for a long time....and when asked what he thought of Boomer, Bear told me and I quote "He is a hell of a bass player!" Bear also told me that years ago that Boomer was an excellent lead guitar player before an injury turned Boomer into a bass guitar player only!

D.C. DRIVER: You want more experience and talent....then check the resume of our new and very talented drummer, Dc Driver. Dc has played all over the place and is what you consider a pros pro! Dc reads charts...and from what I understand has spent some time as a studio musician. Dc has also played with some of the biggest national oldies acts in the business. Many of the people you grew up with and spent hours listening to...have hired DC to play for them when they have come into town.

One night...Dc listed for me some of the great national acts that he has played with over the years...and quite a list it was! The one that I recall at the moment is Lesli Gore...because although she appeared to be "America's sweet heart"...Dc told me that she was by far the most spoiled...difficult....person that he ever had the displeasure to work with...and no one was even a close second!

Dc thrilled all of us the other night as he cut loose on a couple of drum solos during both the new number, "Hawaii Five-0"...and again on "I'm So Glad I'm Livin' in the USA"! DC had jaws just dropping to the floor!. He was just simply amazing! As good as DC was....and believe me ...DC was very good! DC claims he still has a little rust on him as he has been retired the last couple of years! Just imagine what he will be like when the rust is gone and they cut him loose outdoors! Again, not that I am an expert by any means...but I sure have heard a lot of bands in my day but DC may be as good as any drummer that I have ever heard..at least in the tri-state area...and I have heard some real good ones!

The Great Sigsbee....what can I say...the words escape me...and if you have ever met me...you know very few words get by me! Honestly....I just get more and more impressed with TGS every time I hear him. We all know how good Bruno was when he was our lead guitar player...but if you listen to the experts...then Tommy Casino who is just a tremendous guitar player in his own right is supposed to be even better than Bruno. Now if you listen to both of these very talented guys, Bruno and Tommy Casino, they will both tell you that the Great Sigsbee is even much more talented than either one of them...so does that tell you how good the "Great One " is?

I believe that I might have told you this earlier in the year...but it's worth repeating. I found some information on the "Great One" on the computer one evening...not sure how I found it or where I was looking but they give out awards each year to musicians in the Ohio, Kentucky and Indiana area...kind of like the Tri-states "Grammy" awards....and the "Great One" in his field was named the best guitar player in two different years! I am guessing on those years...but if I am wrong ...I'm not far off...but I believe it was something like 2002 and 2004. Unlike Bruno and Tommy...I am no expert by any means...but again TGS is as good a guitar player as I have ever heard. Sigs...I know the boys are probably going to give you some more grief in the locker room....LOL...but I honestly meant every word that I said!

Anyway...just how impressive is this group of ( "Super Six" ) musicians that we proudly call "the Hot Wax" band! Honestly, we thought that we were going to be pretty darn good when we had very talented people like Donny Diamond, Kingsley and our very popular former drummer, "Sticky". However...is there anyone out there who really knows music including the 3 guys that I just mentioned who doesn't think that when Donny Diamond was replaced with Tommy Casino, Kingsley was replaced with the "Great Sigsbee"...and "Sticky" was replaced by "DC Driver" that the band didn't get significantly better?

Now, that the band has gotten comfortable with each other and they have had a chance to jell with each other ... just how incredibly good is this addition of "Hot Wax"? I've heard Tommy, Boomer, and DC all tell me that this band...as great as it is....that it is not anywhere near as good as it is going to get....and that there is no limit on how good it can become! Now...think back to a year ago when Bobby had only 4 remaining band members....and look at where we are today. "Waxers"...are we feeling a lot better than we were a year ago....I think we are...don't you?

I'm not going to spend as much time on our outstanding group of vocalist...because most people are already more familiar with our ("Fab Four")...than they are with our very talented group of musicians ( Super Six )...but when it comes to talent and experience....this group takes a back seat to no one either! Is there any band around who can match the depth of these 4 vocalist....in other words...no matter how you rank our front men...is there another band that has a 4th singer who can match "Hot Wax's" fourth singer. Actually...are there many bands who even have 4 lead singers or even 3 for that matter? There are plenty of bands out there ...believe me...whose best vocalist can't match our third or fourth most talented. Lets briefly break down our ( "Fab Four.")

**BOBBY VALENTINE :** Bobby has been performing for over 20 years...and does a great job singing both lead and back ups...and Bobby has a great ear for harmonies! Bobby, with the help of others is also very skilled at putting the

special "Hot Wax" arrangements together on the different songs. Bobby can also play guitar...some. Probably the most important talent Bobby has is recognizing talent...and knowing how to put a show together that will please us "waxers"! In other words....Bobby knows his audience and always has!

When the band decided to separate over a year ago...and "waxers" were still in a state of shock and despair....Sonny assured me that we had nothing to worry about...as Bobby had done this many times before...and that Bobby was an expert at knowing what we baby boomers or "waxers" liked. Sonny told me not to worry...that Bobby would put a band and a show together every bit as good or better than what we had...and Sonny was right ....Bobby has! When I say Bobby...I don't mean to indicate that Bobby does all of this by himself and without help...and if you know Bobby...you know that Bobby certainly wouldn't want to take all of the credit for this...but there is no doubt that Bobby is the leader and the driving force behind this great "Hot Wax" show band!

**BRUNO CALIENTE:** Bruno has been a very important member of the "Hot Wax" for many years, I believe maybe 12 years or so. Bruno brings great experience to "Hot Wax" in many areas...and not just to the entertainment facet. Bruno is very knowledgeable about all aspects of the band business from the sound to lighting to public relations and promoting. Bruno is also a very talented guitar player and was "Hot Wax's" lead guitar player for quite a few years. Bruno does a great job singing leads as a front man...and does an equally great job singing the back up vocals! Bruno is also a pro's pro....and very steady and consistent....and gives his best effort at all times ...and just never seems to have an off night!

**TOMMY CASINO:** Another outstanding entertainer. Tommy has many years of experience in the band business...including quite a few with "Hot Wax" as Tommy has served two term's with "Hot Wax". Tommy has a fantastic lead singing voice....who also does an equally great job on the back ups! Tommy's specialty is singing ...falsetto. Tommy is a terrific guitar player also. Once again, one of Tommy's peers and a fantastic front man himself, Sonny Shondell, after listening to Tommy sing "Cara Mia" at the Mason show said that was the best non-full time professional voice that he had ever heard! That's quite a compliment...when it comes from someone with Sonny's ability! Recently , our former short time vocalist Donny Diamond, sang a few numbers with the "Vibe". I was curious about how Donny sounded...and I asked Bear...and bear said he was good. I then asked Bear....how good? Bear then told me that Donny was real good...but not Tommy Casino good! Again, high praise from a talented musician and performer like Bear is! Tommy just has a knack and a knowledge of every facet of entertaining people....and knows how to put on a great show...much like Bobby! Tommy is the ultimate professional performer!

**FRANK EINSTEIN:** Another outstanding vocalist....who brings something different to the table. Einstein has a background probably more suited for

Broadway, the stage or theatre....and has a stage persona to match. I don't know if Einstein has been professionally trained to sing ...but with the talent that he displays...it certainly would not surprise me to hear that he was! With his years of performing in different types of theatre....it has made him a cool cucumber on stage...and he is very at home and at ease when on stage! While Einstein certainly lacked experience in the rock 'n roll business initially.... and Einstein will admit that...he has come a long way! Whether he is doing Do-wop or the Big Bopper or getting down and dirty like he was while rocking with Tommy on the "Grass Roots" medley...Einstein is now just as comfortable singing the rock material as he is singing the standards of Frank Sinatra!

Now....as you can plainly see...this "Hot Wax" band simply has it all. This great show band has an unbelievable array of talent in every area, it has great depth in most areas, it has experience everywhere, great showmanship, tremendous leadership, great pride, tradition and History! This band is also fortunate enough to be performing the best and most fun music ever written!

Now, in addition to that...."Hot Wax" is fortunate enough to have some of the best sound and lighting equipment available....and the best crew to utilize all of that high quality equipment! That crew would be our outstanding "Syndicate of Sound " boys, Buddy, Rocky, Tiny, Roo and still occasionally the lovely Miss Sable! If that wasn't enough...then "Hot Wax" also has the Jimster, who is an outstanding photographer, and does a great job for "Hot Wax"...and the Rickmeister who does a very professional job running the souvenir stand!

Now, you would think that is just way too much of everything for one band to be fortunate enough to have...but I'm not done yet. I still need to mention the great group of women behind all of these talented guys who support and allow all of them to do what they love to do..and they would be Tina, Carol, Katie, Karen, Patti, Angie, Kim, Bonita, Lynn, Sandie, Kim, Shirley and Mary!

Now, you would certainly think that that would cover everything that makes "Hot Wax" the "Greatest Show band in the Land" ....but no...there are still two things left..and one of them is huge! This almost doesn't seem fair somehow...and this factor may be as significant as any of them...but "Hot Wax" still has the biggest, best and the most loyal fan base of any band in the tri-state area!

Now, here is where you would normally say "and last but certainly not least"....but in this case I will change that to "last and certainly least"! You lucky "waxers"...with everything else you already have... you also have good Ole "Ambassador Bob" to tell you about all of this great stuff...and I would like to thank Princess Gail for putting up with all of my nonsense...LOL!

After reading my "State of the Union" address....are there any "waxers" out there who are not feeling real positive about our boys right now? A year ago at this time...I felt as low as I have ever felt since becoming involved with "Hot Wax"...in

fact that is the only time I have felt anything but total elation since I have been involved with "Hot Wax"! However, right now, the "Hot Wax" band and the entire organization may be as strong and as healthy as it has ever been in it's long and rich history!

At this point in time...I would like to announce to my fellow "waxers" that the "State of the Band" is Strong!

This concludes my "State of the Band" address!

Now, let's talk about the show Saturday night! After being deprived of a "Hot Wax" show for over 7 weeks...."Hot Wax" fever was running rampant! I have seen a lot of large crowds at Jim & Jacks ...and also a few sell outs...but this crowd was the biggest yet...at least in my tenure as "Ambassador Bob"! This opening show of the 2007 season was not only sold out...but sold out two days in advance!

I called Friday evening to see if I could add two more reservations...and was told that that was virtually impossible as they had people crammed in there like sardines. Not only was the show sold out....but dozens were turned away at the door! I was told that the fans who were turned away...were given first chance to make reservations for the next Jim & Jacks show on April 7th!

Our gang shattered our previous record for reservations. At the Christmas show we had 48 reservations....but for this opener....we shattered that record with 59. The Helwig clan also had 18 reservations. The best part of that was that out of our combined 77 reservations...18 of them were first timers or newbies! I think the entire "Hot Wax" nation made a concerted effort to bring people with them to the show...including the band....and it certainly paid off! The lovely gals of the "Hot Wax" members did a great job also. While I did not personally see all of them...I was told that everyone of them were in attendance...somewhere Saturday night. Once again..."waxers" pat yourselves on the back for another job well done!

Now comes the tough part....I know it is the dead of the winter...and you just saw a show this week...but we have another great one coming up this week at Greg Lacks terrific Crystal Palace...and we want to show up in big numbers again! Greg, just like Jim, from Jim & Jacks, has been great to the entire "Hot Wax" organization including us "waxers" from day one. Greg has rewarded "Hot Wax" and their loyal fan base with 6 shows this year....and it would be great if we rewarded Greg by showing up in large numbers!

Also, remember that the Palace will be lot roomier and much cooler than last Saturday night...so come on out to the Palace Saturday night! This is also a great opportunity for those "waxers" who were shut out last Saturday to see our boys this week!

Ok...I saved the best for last...and that is talking about the performance of our boys last Saturday night. It didn't take long to notice the show was going to be different. The show still opens with Danny & the Juniors "At the Hop"...which is fine with me ...because it is just a great way to open a show...just has the perfect feel for an "Oldies" show..and sets the tone for the rest of the evening. The show also closes with Danny & the Juniors singing' "Rockn Roll is here to Stay"....and I hope that song is here to stay! You cannot hear that rousing song ...and then leave the show without being pumped up and wanting more...and let's face it...the lyrics are just absolutely perfect! That great song fires up the entire audience...and gives the room that old church revival feel!

I hope I get this next part right...because I was not at my seat at the beginning of the show...as I was still trying to get everyone in their seats...but I believe that the rockabilly songs like... "After While Crocodile" and "Shake ,Rattle & Roll" were replaced by a 3 or 4 song Do-wop medley...which also included "Einsteins very popular "Calling all Angels". If I have that right...then that is an excellent swap for my taste! I personally much prefer the Do-wop style music over the Rockabilly! I don't think we get to utilize or show off our great vocalist and our ability to sing great harmonies as much with the rockabilly music...as we do with the Do-wop! I also think that the very upbeat song "Remember When" was part of this fast paced and very entertaining medley.

Remember the words fast paced ....because that was the theme for the entire evening . There was very little idle chatter on stage....and the songs came boom, boom, boom...one right after the other....and that is the way most of us "waxers like it...in fact...I loved it!! We can go hear talking anywhere...but where can we hear music done like "Hot Wax" does it ...nowhere! I have to be honest here and most "waxers" will say the same thing...and that is that it is pretty hard to hear or make out the dialogue between you fellahs on stage...and we spend most of the time looking at each other and saying ..."what did he say?". The crowd noise....and the fact that the mic is not always right close to your mouth when something spontaneous is being talked about on stage makes it tough to decipher the one liners or the quick quips that are thrown around...so again...more music is great with me!

Another great thing about the faster pace is that it seemed to me that I heard quite a few new songs or at least different arrangements...maybe 6 to 8 of them...and yet very few songs seemed to be missing...although I did notice a few. I think a few songs were shortened a touch....and by putting songs in medley form like the ...opening Do-wop medley, Buddy Holly, Beach boys, Righteous Brothers and the great new Grass Roots medley....that really sets an upbeat pace for the show...and saves time for more songs! I think the word that I am searching for is energy...the show just has so much more ENERGY!

Ole "A-Bob" has to keep reminding himself that he has to trust our guys. I remember telling everyone that I was not all that fired up about a Xmas

show...until I heard how well our guys did those Christmas standards. Well...the same thing when I heard that "Hot Wax" was going to do the instrumental theme song from the TV show, Hawaii Five -0. I wasn't all that excited about it ....and then I heard it...and as usual...after "Hot Wax" puts their special twist on a number and then you hear them perform it live....you change your mind very quickly! "Hot Wax" was really cranking....and our ("Super Six") simply sounded sensational! There ....try to say that quickly 5 times!

The most pleasant surprise to me was when Bobby announced that they were about to do some "Grass Roots" numbers . I have been hoping for that to come back to the show ever since I met Tommy Casino for the first time at the Murphy Theatre...and it was one of the first questions I ask him at that time. I had heard that "Hot Wax" used to do the "grass Roots" when Tommy was with the group years ago...but I had never heard it until Saturday night. "Hot Wax" did a 3 song medley ....which included "Midnight Confession", "Temptation Eyes"...and I think the third number was "Wait a Million Years"....and the medley was just awesome...and it rocked...and so did Einstein. Einstein was a pure rocker on that medley....what's next for Mr. Einstein....Metallica...LOL? Kudos to everyone on that fantastic medley...it sounded great!

I have probably lobbied harder for the "Grass Roots" medley than just about anything else...with the exception being...yep...you guessed it...of course...the Bee Gee's "To Love Somebody" ...LOL! After 3 years...I'm starting to think that that song is just never going to happen...LOL! Although, as most of you know by now...the Vibe" added that great song to their play list about a month ago...and they do a great job it....so I guess I will have to quit bugging Bobby about it...although I would still love to hear "Hot Wax" do it also....so I could hear it at every show! Ok, everybody...I promise that is the last time I will ever mention that song...well...at least in my commentaries...LOL!

The "Hawaii Five -0" and the "Grass Roots" numbers were welcome additions to me ...not just because they sound great ...which they do...but when some of my younger friends come to the shows...I like to tell them that my boys can get down and dirty a little bit and do some real rockin when they want to. I used to point out Bruno's "Vehicle"...and "Im so Glad I'm Living in the USA". Now, I can add "Hawaii Five-O" and the "Grass Roots" to that list!

The play list is just terrific right now. "Hot Wax" virtually never does a song that I don't like...but probably 8 months ago....I might have had 3 or 4 favorite places in the show that...I really, really, looked forward too. As I listened to the show the other night..it would be easier to name the songs that I don't absolutely look forward too....as I love so much of it...and even the ones that I don't love...I still enjoy!

Well...I better start to wrap this up...as I have no idea what I will write about next week...since I covered everything this week...but I'm sure I will find something!

Anyway guys....I just can't begin to find the words to describe how much I enjoyed the show ...and no doubt in my mind...that this was by far the best show that I have seen with this new edition of "Hot Wax"! The newbies were just raving all night...and just basically said things like...they didn't know anything like you guys existed in the tri-state area...or they had never been any show where they enjoyed themselves more! The most common theme heard all night ...and this comes as no surprise to me...was that you all look like your having so much fun! That show was so good that I can't wait to see it again Saturday night at the Crystal Palace...just to make sure I wasn't dreaming!

I want to thank my two good "Syndicate of Sound" buddies...Buddy & Tiny for their hard work...and Rocky...hurry back....we REALLY missed you! Like Always...I want to thank my other 2 "Amigo's," the Jimster , for the great photo's...and the Rickmeister for the professional way that he runs the souvenir stand!

( A FEW MISCELLANEOUS THOUGHTS ):

( 1 ) Boomer was sporting a new green 5 string bass guitar instead of his usual 4 string red one...looked and sounded good!

( 2 ) Cadillac was also sporting something new, but it is a goatee....what do you ladies think?

( 3 ) I walked up to the table where the lovely "HW" gals were....and they were in mid discussion and I think they were talking about doing either a "Hot Wax" gals calendar or a "Hot Wax" gals gone wild" video! I know it was one of them...LOL! Anyway...seriously...the Jimster has done some great calendars this year of some of the band members...and I think it would be great to do a group photo of the gals...and it would help a lot of us "waxers" to recognize you easier...assuming that the gals think that is a good thing....LOL! Would that be Ok with you lovely ladies?

( 4 ) To Gwennie, Paulette, Jackie and Randall...I hope all of you guys feel better this week...and can join us this week at the Palace! Debb...a show is always a lot more fun when you are there...and I hope you get to feeling much better also! Pat...just like Debb....always great to see you at a show...as your enthusiasm is contagious and just spreads to the rest of us! Jean, there are certain faces I like to watch at the shows because the fun they are having is written all over their faces...and like Debbie and Pat...you are one of those people...and you looked even happier than normal at this show...and that was fun to see! Carol Woodward...I know you are having surgery on both of your wrist today...so our best wishes to you! Mary & Nancy...I know you both had difficult weeks...but I was glad to hear that the show put you both in better spirits! Bob, Selena & Nikki...sorry your car broke down...but it will just make this upcoming

show even more exciting for you! Dee, Cassie and Stan...it was great having you as our special guest at our table this week...and I'm glad I was able to talk Stan into coming this week! Lucy & Denny...thank you so much for...well you know what for....how about just for being such nice and generous people...and I owe you one!

Bobby & Tina, I know it is a difficult time for you guys also and Bobby...I know that your mom is fighting a real tough battle right now...but know that all of our hearts and prayers are with all of you!

Ok, remember "Waxers" that we are at Greg's wonderful Crystal palace this Saturday night February 3rd...and the show starts early at 8:30. Then our next show open to the public will be at the Palace again on March 24...so like I said earlier in my comments...make plans to spend both of these evenings at the Crystal Palace...and reward Greg for being so good to "Hot Wax" and us "waxers"! I will be posting more about the Palace show this week on the ("Hot Wax" - "A-Bob") Guest Book! ( PTP ) Pack the Palace!

Wow...this was a long one....but it has been over two months since the last one....so Ole "A-Bob" had a lot to say! "Waxers"....don't you say it....don't you dare say it...LOL! Anyway ...I can guarantee you that my commentaries will be much, much, shorter starting after our 7 week break because I do plan on utilizing the "A-Bob" Guest Book much more! See you all Saturday night ...and like always ...THANKS for always being so nice to me when you see me!

I must be OFF.....( insert your wise cracks here! ) (PTP)...Pack the Palace!!!!

"Ambassador Bob"