

HOT WAX SHOW - Jim & Jacks (4-01-06): The Jimster and I once again headed up to our favorite home away from home, Jim & Jacks, Saturday night and we got there about 3 hours early to check on our seating arrangements. Either "Hot Wax" is getting better and better or I am promoting too hard....but we have created a monster....well...but in a good way! The "Hot Wax" crowds have become so big that ole "Ambassador Bob" and his gang of 30 couldn't even get a table on the dance floor Saturday night....and we called in reservations a month ago! To Margie, who is our favorite hostess and sweetie at Jim & Jacks....we still love you and we know you tried your best. I took care of that problem already for the next J&J's show on June third. I made 24 reservations while I was there the other night.....and for a change we beat those darn Helwig girls to the best table....which is never easy....LOL! Barb & Nancy Helwig made a bunch of reservations right after we did. We decided if we can't beat their group.....well then.... we might as well join them....so we will be neighbors from now on.....and we couldn't find better neighbors! We also have the best seats in the house for the Crystal Palace show in May.....and the Helwig clan are right next to us....so it should be great funand I'm sure the room will be rockin!

Well...the "Hot Wax" magical mystery tour continues to roll....and nothing seems to slow it down. "Hot Wax" has performed 4 times this year...and every show has been different and every venue has either been sold out or awfully close to selling out and that was the case again Saturday night as Jim & Jacks was absolutely packed! Jim & Jacks was rockin, and I mean really rockin! I mean, blow the roof off the place rockin! We see a lot of bands up at Jim & Jacks when "Hot Wax" is not performingand I can tell you that "Hot Wax" is out drawing all of them right now....and there are some excellent bands who play at Jim & Jacks on a regular basis. By the way, I highly recommend in between "Hot Wax" shows a band called "Blue stone Ivory" who brings in real nice crowds also. They are very good....not "Hot Wax" good.....but very good and a little different as they play a lot of "Chicago" type music from the 70's. I think the only group in the area out drawing "Hot Wax" right now are the Cincinnati Reds, who were sold out today for their home opener. However, based on the Reds performance opening day, I think this will be the last time the Reds will outdraw our boys!

I was going to do this at the end of my commentary....but since I am on the subject of crowds and the Crystal Palace, I think I will do this now. The Crystal Palace is a new Rock 'n Roll venue in Fairfield on Route #4. The Palace is in the process of booking a lot of very good rock bands right now and "Hot Wax" is one of them. "Hot Wax" is booked for May the 6th.....and we need to "Pack the Palace" as this looks like a great venue where we can really have fun and enjoy seeing the boys there. Tickets are \$7.00 each and they will mail them to you.....but I'm sure you can get them at the door also...if they do not sell out. It is very important that we "Pack the Palace" for a couple of reasons. It looks like a great venue....and it gets harder every year to find venues who want to pay to bring in live music acts....so when we find them....we need to show our gratitude and support those venues! The Crystal Palace is very important also....because much like Jim & Jacks....it appears that "Hot Wax" could get booked their several times a year....if we can show up in large numbers on May the 6th. I will give you "waxers" a little inside information. As you all know.....and I'm sure Rick Montgomery knows.....there is no dancing allowed at a "Hot Wax" show. There is an inside joke in there somewhere....LOL. Bobby, Rick....are we laughing....LOL? I'm sure we are!

Anyway, because there is no dancing, the Palace has placed 9 tables on the dance floor right up next to the stage that seats 8 to 12 people each. Five of those tables were reserved only 18 hours after Bobby signed the contract....and the Palace said they had not seen that before and they were very impressed! I reserved 3 of those tables and the Helwig girls reserved one also....and I don't remember who had the other one....but when I talked to the Palace last Friday....they had 4 tables left right down in front with us. I don't know how long they will have them or even if they are still available....but I would think there might be a table or two left if you call soon. However, to get up front, you must have a group of at least 8. Those tables will seat 10 comfortably....and will seat 12 tightly. If you don't have a group of at least 8....then maybe you could send your names to me....and I could try to hook you up with other small groups so that you can get a front row table. By the way, Connie, Jim, Rita and Vicki.....we are glad you will be

sitting with our gang for the first time at the Palace....and we are also thrilled to have Tiffany and her family joining us also at the Palace! Anyway "waxers" do your best to bring some friends with you as the seating capacity of the room that "Hot Wax" will be performing is 462which is probably about 100 more people than Jim & Jacks holds. This show is in May and indoor venues are usually a lot harder to fill during the summer months.....but I know we "waxers" can do it! How about it gang? For the next month or so, our motto will not be "Have it your way", "It's the real thing, or "Remember the Alamo",our "waxer" motto will be "Pack the Palace"! I have a lot more information about the Palace...if you are interested.....so you can E-mail me and there are a few photo's of the Palace on the "Hot Wax" web site with some information there also. Click on the "Shows" tab.

Again, I wasn't going to talk about the show coming up this Saturday at Blanchester High School until later....but I might as well do that now while I'm on that subject. Blanchester is a fund raiser for the school so the proceeds will go to a very good cause. I also think that Blanchester is Tito's school district...and this show is important to Tito. I think after Tito's great performance the other night....that we need to do something nice for Tito! Actuallywe would do it for Tito even before the other nightjust because Tito's a "Waxer" and a good guy! This is a win, win situation all the way around. The money goes towards a scholarship fund, we do Tito a favor and Tito and the boys provide us with another great night of fun! I suggest to you that it doesn't get any better than that....does it? I remember from last year that Blanchester was kind of a small venue...but a nice one with a nice high stage. The neatest thing to me was that the kids at the school had sold the tickets to their parents and grandparents....and you kind of had a feeling that a lot of the people in Blanchester did not know who "Hot Wax" was....and they certainly were not expecting a big time show like "Hot Wax" puts on. You had the feeling that a lot of parents were at the show because they thought they had to be or there was nothing else to do.....and they certainly were not prepared for "Hot Wax"! Then the boys hit the stage and started to perform and Gail and I got the biggest kick out of watching all of the first timers....and just watching the expressions on their faces change from bland to pure joy and utter amazement! They just could not believe they were seeing a high quality "Las Vegas" style show for only \$7.00 at their local High school! I remember us really getting a kick out of watching this big ole boy, who was also a fun loving guy, sitting at the table next to us with his group. He would slap his leg after every song and say "Damn, these guys are good"....and I swear he would do that after each and every song....LOL! He was great....and he told me after the show that he just had never seen anything like "Hot Wax" in his life and that he couldn't ever remember seeing a show that he enjoyed this much! Anyway, "waxers"...it would be a neat place for all of us "waxers" to get together and party as it is nice and cozyand we could almost take over the place and remember that the money goes to benefit the school....and as Martha Stewart might say "And that's a good thing!" Guys, I remember you all being sick at this show last year so quarantine yourself this week and drink plenty of juices...LOL!

Ok, let's finally get around to the last Saturday night....and talk about the fantastic time we had! Usually, I write my commentary for all the "waxers" who would have loved to been at the show....but for one reason or another....just couldn't make it. However, ole "Ambassador Bob" is a generous guy so I will also let all of those party poopers that Bobby talks about who chose to stay home read my commentary also.....LOL! I got to be honest though....and I mean this....but I don't think that I have ever seen as many regular "waxers" at one show before. I honestly don't know if I can think of one regular hardcore "waxer" who I know personally.... who was not there. Bear with me now people....but I saw Jim, Shirley, Carol, Gwen, Gail, Sandy, Denny, Rick, Mary, Bob, Selena, Nikki, Tiffany, Jenny, Debbie, Loma, Judy, Barb, Christina, Jean, Nancy, Barb, Mary, Mary & hubby, Tina, Katie, Tiny, Rocky, Beth, Kim, Karen, Angie, Buddy, Rita, Connie, Jim, Vicki and Lisa! I'm out of breath....LOL! I didn't give last names ...because most of these "waxers" are already well known by their first names. You know, I did not see Mary Day....but I wouldn't bet that she wasn't there....It was so crowded that I probably just didn't see you Mary. Forgive me....as I'm sure there were some long time "waxers" there that I unintentionally overlooked or "waxers" I haven't met yet....but I am looking forward to meeting all of you "waxers" in the future!

Now, for a few "FAN" OBSERVATIONS"...before I close with the show observations!

(1) Two long streaks were kept alive this week as Gail and I have now attended 53 shows in a row.... and the pressure is building! How did Cal Ripkin do that? Also, Debbie Lepperd has now cried at every show when Bobby sings "the Fan" song!

(2) Congrats to Rick & Mary Montgomery as they became grandparents again tonight at 8:45 as 8 pound 11 oz. Hayden officially became a "waxer"!

(3) Congrats to long time "waxer" and our good buddy, Denny Mcgee. Denny trained and became an E.M.T. last year. Last week on our way home we saw a big wreck and Denny stopped to help. This week our gang of 10 stopped like we usually do at Perkins in Ft. Thomas for a bite to eat after the show. While we were there, nearly a full scale riot broke out....and several people were hurt including one man who was bleeding profusely. Denny calmly took care of him until the police and local E.M.T. team arrived on the scene. Great job Denny, we were proud of you!

(4) If we had an award called "most enthusiastic fan" at a show... or at least the loudest.....LOL.....then that would have probably been awarded to Nikki Adamkiewicz or Rick Montgomery....but there were so many great enthusiastic fans at this weeks show...it would have been tough to give the award to just one person. The entire crowd was just outstanding this week....so as Bobby likes to say....there are no losers at a "Hot Wax" show....so we all win!!!!

(5) Tiffany, I hope your Mom, Doris, enjoyed her retirement party.....and I hope you were pleased with your seats. We usually get better than that.....but I guarantee you that you will love your seats at the Palace! I tried my best to get your Mom's retirement note to Bobby and I got it to the stage....but I might not have got the note up there soon enough....I apologize! I also didn't get a chance to meet your family ...but I will get the chance for sure to meet them at the Crystal Palace! Actually, I think that I heard that you will be at the Blanchester show this week so I may meet them sooner. Tiffany, I think you are now officially hooked....LOL!

(6) It looks like all of the new "Hot Wax" members are having a great time.....but no one is having more fun than Boomer and his lovely wife Angie. They really seem to be truly enjoying the "Hot Wax" experience....and it shows. They are so fun to be around. See ya Saturday Boomer....Tic...tic...tic...LOL!

(7) Loma and Judy...it was great having you join us this week....and Loma, I hope your throat is doing much better! I know you didn't feel very well the other night!

(8) As most "waxers" know by now, Debbie Lepperd has had some serious health issues for quite awhile now.... and Debb doesn't get a chance to get out as often as she would like....so it's always great to see Debbie at the shows at Jim & Jacks! Debbie told me that was as much fun as she has had in over a year.....and we were thrilled to hear that! I think we all had a great time Saturday night! Debb, you also looked great the other night and I hope you are feeling as well as you look!

(8b) Debbie....., Bobby, Bruno, Einstein, Tommy and myself would also like to thank you for taking the time to make our personalized scarf's. That was a great idea Debb! I love my scarf and I have it displayed in a prominent place at my home! By the way, Debbie didn't forget the rest of you guys in the band, in fact she worried about that, she just ran out of time! I would like to thank Bobby for being nice enough to call me up to the stage to receive my scarf....and for the kind words. Thanks Bobby! Thanks also to all of my good "waxer" buddies out there in the audience who applauded and saved me the embarrassment of walking to the stage in total silence....LOL! I did sincerely appreciate the support....your all great!

(9) Is it just me or have the shows become more than just a show lately? A "Hot Wax" show is always great fun and terrific entertainment....but the shows have become even more fun too me. There just seems to be a party atmosphere at the shows now and we are having more fun than ever....and I think some of it may be that all of us "waxers" are getting to know each other...and sharing our love of "Hot Wax" with each other makes the show even more special! A "Hot Wax" show has now become a can't miss event!!!

Now, for a few SHOW OBSERVATIONS!

(1) As most "waxers" know by nowour British guitar player, Kingsley Pompas Backsplatter III, has left the group and even though Kingsley was only here a short time, he was already developing a fan base...and I think Kingsley would have quickly become a fan favorite if he would have stayed!! Anyway, cheerio chap.....and we wish you nothing but the best in the future!

(2) I think us "waxers" would unanimously call last Saturday nights show at Jim & Jacks the best show of the year. I know that we fans judge a show differently than the band does..but based on pure fun and entertainment value....this was the best Out of all the shows that I have ever seen, last weeks show at J&J's would be one of my top 5 favorites.....just based on a "fun" factor! The band was great, the crowd was great and their was just a special carma Saturday night!

(3) I said last week that a perfect show would consist of a play list where we loved every song and I thought "Hot Wax" took another step in that direction Saturday night. Kingsley always did a great job on his Buddy Holly tribute....and Kingsley's "Sleep Walk" number was very well liked by nearly everyone...but when Kingsley left... then those songs had to be replaced....and be replaced in a hurry! Bobby had Bruno bring back two of our all time favorites. The first was the Bobby Rydell cover, "Wildwood Days" which has the that upbeat fun feel to it. The second song was Clarence Frogman Henry's great hit, "I don't know why I love you but I do!". Try to find a woman in the crowd who doesn't absolutely love that song! Bruno does an outstanding job on both of those numbers!

For the third replacement song, Bobby also brought back our rousing favorite from last year "Glad I'm Livin in the USA"....and they even added a little more pop to it this year....if possible! This song really showcases the talent of the back line....and shows everyone that when "Hot Wax" wants to get down and rip it up....they are very capable of doing that! It was also great that everyone gets their little solo during the song !

The fourth replacement song was a song that several of us fans have been clamoring for quite awhile now.....and again Bobby thanks for listening. Tito did just an unbelievable job on the song "When a man loves a woman"! I can't find the right words to describe how well Tito did that song....just unbelievable. Thanks for making us fans look good Titosince us fans kept asking for that song! Tito not only got a standing ovation....but a loud raucous standing ovation, basically... the crowd was just roaring! It was the second loudest ovation of the entire evening! Remember, there is that little number that Tommy Casino does called Cara Mia....I believe....LOL!

(4) I took an unofficial survey of quite a few fans and I asked them if they preferred Kingsley's 4 songs or the 4 songs that were added to take their place which I just mentioned above. Everyone's answer was almost exactly the same. They wished all 8 of the songs were still in the show as they loved all of them especially "Sleep Walk"....but if they had to chose...then it was unanimouseveryone would much prefer the 4 replacement songs that were added last Saturday night....and I whole heartily agree!

(5) If you remember from my last commentary...and I'm sure most of you do....I was worried that I had enjoyed Bobby's great "Hurt" song just a little too much 2 weeks ago. Well, I don't feel so bad now as Mr. Buddy Love said he kind of had that same feeling and was feeling his feminine side just a little bit also when Tito was knocking us over with his "When a man Loves a Woman" song! Buddy, be careful what you say when the Ambassador is around!.....LOL!

(6) Once again Doc did his very burlesque like rendition of "Love Potion # 9"....and again, most of the women felt like removing articles of clothing! Doc, any chance you could do that song in both shows....just wondering? The guys made me ask!

(7) I ask you....how much talent does "Hot Wax" have when you can lose your lead guitar player....and without hiring anyone, replace him with 2 other guitar players, Bruno & Tommy, and not miss a beat. The amazing thing is that both of these excellent Guitar players are also great vocalist!

(8) Each week, "waxers" try to guess and wager on the color of the Elvis suit that Bobby will be wearing..... so as a service "Ambassador Bob" will check with Vegas and Tahoe....and provide the odds each week. For Blanchester show odds are: Red 400-1, White 5-2, Black 2-1. Remember, these odds were provided for entertainment only, no wagering allowed!

(9) I just wanted to say what a great job Sticky does on the drums and how fortunate we are to have him! The drummer sometimes gets neglected a little because he is hidden in the back line...but believe me he is very important and is the heartbeat of the band. Sticky is also the hardest working member of the band when you think about it. Sticky virtually never gets a song off. He never gets to leave the stage for a break. He not only has to play on every song...but he has to learn each and every song! He has the lights in his face all night. He probably works harder physically than anyone else.....and on those real hot summer days....probably gets less air than anyone else. You might want to remember that the next time you see Sticky at a show....and let him know how much we appreciate him! I've only met Sticky a few times ...but he is very easy to approach and he is a great guy. Thanks Sticky!

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS!

Several "waxers" approached me with a couple of questions the other night....and I got a few answers.

(1) Q- Does Boomer sing?

A- Actually to my surprise, Boomer told me that he has sung in several of the bands he has performed with. While Boomer concedes that he does not sing at the level of our very talented front men....Boomer says he could be persuaded some day to do just one number....and Boomer thinks it would be great fun!

(2) Q- Do Bruno and Tommy enjoy playing Guitar....and would they rather play guitar than sing...or do they like doing both?

A- I did not know what kind of answer to expect on this one...but I got an interesting one! While both Bruno and Tommy were willing to take one for the team and fill in at guitar this week....both Bruno and Tommy indicated to me that at this point in their careers that they would both much rather be a front man than play guitar. Neither Bruno or Tommy hesitated with that answer....and Tommy was probably a little more adamant about it. Tommy said that guitar playing requires a lot more work....and at this stage of his lifeTommy joked that he is too lazy for that....LOL. I know that us "waxers" given a choice would much rather see Bruno & Tommy remain as Front men....if they were only going to do one or the other. As fans we can't for the most part differentiate between guitar playersbut we know vocals and we absolutely love both Tommy & Bruno's singing styles!!!

(3) Q- Has Bobby ever done Ricky Nelson or has Bobby ever considered doing Ricky Nelson?

A- I didn't get a chance to ask Bobby this question the other night....but I have asked him the question before. I believe that Bobby told me that he has not done Ricky before....but that he is asked that question quite often. I think Bobby told me that it is something that he would seriously consider.....and I'm thinking that Bobby could do Ricky's songs very well if he chose to do them! My guess is...and I hope Bobby doesn't mind me putting my two cents in here....but I think that until the new show settles in some and they get their new hires out of the way....that it would be tough at this time to put in any brand new material.....but I could be wrong.

(4) Q- Tommy was asked since he does falsetto singing so well....and in the past has done tributes to Franki Valli and Lou Christie....has he ever done the Bee Gees? Hmm....I wonder who asked him that question....LOL?

A- Tommy, while performing with another band has done some early Bee Gees from the 60's which is what I prefer.....and Tommy actually told me that while performing with one band that he did nearly every falsetto song from the Bee Gees great "Saturday Night Fever" album from the late 70's. Hmm....I wonder if Tommy happens to know "To Love Somebody"? Forgive me Bobby....you can't blame me for trying...LOL!

Ok gang....that's it and I am drained....and don't expect a long commentary next week as it is a short week with another show coming up this Saturday....and there is just nothing left for me to say!

Why is everyone laughing....I'm serious ...LOL! Alright, start reading this now and it should take you right up to the Blanchester show on Saturday! Ok "waxers", remember our goal and our motto is, "Pack the Palace", and while we are at it.....let's Blitz Blanchester!

Ok....I must be OFF (insert wisecracks here)....."Ambassador Bob"