

JIM & JACKS SHOW - (09 - 30 - 06) : Well....its only been 3 weeks since the last fun filled "Hot Wax" show in Falmouth.....but honestly.....doesn't it seem like 3 years! I think we may have to talk to our "Hot Wax" boys about having us "waxers" suffer for 3 weeks without a show. I believe that asking us to go this long without a "Hot Wax" show may fall under the cruel and inhumane treatment category.....don't you think? While 3 weeks without a show was not a good thing for "waxers".....things have a way of working themselves out...because as most of you know by now.....Bobby has had a very tough couple of weeks....and this 3 week hiatus could not have come at a better time for him.

Ok....lets talk about last Saturday evening some. I know you have heard this before from me....in fact after about 22 shows or so....what haven't you heard from me before....and for that reason....my commentary will probably be shorter than normal.....but don't place any wagers on that....as I have said that before! What I was about to tell you.....and I know this is very strange....but I always joke around that nothing ever goes wrong on "Hot Wax" day.....and that everyone smiles a little more....problems just seem a little smaller....and basically the whole world just seems a little brighter, warmer and friendlier on "Hot Wax" day! For the third show in the last 4 shows or so....all day Saturday long was a very dark, dreary, rainy, gloomy day.....but amazingly once we got about 3 blocks from the house....again....the sky turned a beautiful ocean blue.....and the sun came out and shone about as brightly as the sun can shine! I swear....I have witnesses....you don't have to believe Ole "Ambassador Bob!" Just ask my lovely wife Gail or my good friend Gwinnie who were both with me at the time! There's just something magical about the "whole "Hot Wax" experience! Pay attention on Saturday October 14th.....and see if you don't notice something extra special that day...LoL!

Ok....Usually I head up to Jim & Jacks real early with my good buddy and sidekick, the Jimster. However, because of some health issues with Jim's mom....Jim was not able to go up early. I...then went up to Jim and Jacks by myself around 6:00 to make sure all of my seating arrangements were taken care of....because while I think all of my fellow "waxers" know that Ole "A-Bob" is doing the best he can when it comes to seating and reservations.... a few die hard "waxers" will let me know if their seats are not as good as they were hoping for... to see our beloved "Hot Wax" boys! That's not necessarily a bad thing.....because it just shows the passion of the great "Hot Wax" fans....and as Martha Stewart would probably say....."and that's a good thing!"

I'm glad I went to Jim & Jacks early because I had made 32 reservations and I found out that I had only one table that seated 10.....and none of the others seated more than 4 people. Now, there was no way that was going to work for our group....but I didn't have to worry about that for very long. Jim, the owner and manager of Jim & Jacks saw me pondering my situation.....and asked me if there was a problem. I told Jim that my gang was probably going to be upset some....but if that was the best they could do....then we would make do. Jim insisted that would not be satisfactory to him....and he personally sprung into action....and immediately began moving tables and chairs all over the place.....and before long....he had all of my problems solved.....and I was a very happy camper! I want to thank Jim again as I really appreciated his efforts to help me out!

Jim & his lovely daughter and assistant Karen....also told me that in the future that I could call up there a day or two before a show and request exactly what size tables I need and how many. That will be a huge help to me and a load off my mine.....and I can't begin to tell Jim and his great staff what a relief that is for me.....and how much I appreciate that! Jim also told me that I don't have to pay months in advance with my credit card any longer to make reservations for the next show! I will continue to make our reservations early....but I will now provide Jim with a list the night of the show.....and my group will then just pay at the door. Againthat will make life much easier for me as I no longer will have to collect from everyone the night of the show! With all of these new policies....I believe I will be able to make more reservations!

Jim's co-operation and help to make our experience at his great establishment Saturday night a great one doesn't end there. About an hour before the show....we noticed that all of the lovely wives of our "Hot Wax" boys were sitting in a far corner against a back wall.....and that just didn't seem right to us "waxers"! It was brought to Jim's attention....and once again....Jim immediately took care of the situation.....and set up a large table close to the stage.....and the "Hot Wax" gals truly appreciated that nice gesture! I guess the only thing that wasn't perfect...was that we did not have our favorite gal and server Margie as our hostess like we usually do.....but that was my fault...as I forgot to make the request.....but that will never happen again. I apologize Margie! By the way Margie our hearts go out to you as we were so very sorry to hear about your beloved sister passing away recently.

In addition to Jim the ownerwe also appreciate how nicely we are treated by the rest of the Jim & Jacks staff like Karen, Margie, Jessica and Jim and others. That is why us "waxers" enjoy ourselves so much at J & J's.....as the place just fits us like an old shoe.....and I mean that in the best way! We just have such a great comfort level at Jim & Jacks! While I'm on the subject.....I am almost certain that Gail and I will be checking out the Billy Joe Royal show at Jim & Jacks show on November the 11th. I will be making reservations very soon. Please let me know if any of you "waxers" would like to join us....should be a fantastic show! It will be great to hear Billy's great hits like "Down in the Boondocks", "Cherry Hill Park" and "I knew You When"! Ok....that is all of my promotional work for J & J's....and Jim...I will be looking for the check in the mailLOL! Obviously....I'm just joking....and I absolutely meant all of the nice things I said about Jim & Jacks!

Ok.....now some comments about all of the fun we had Saturday night! After not seeing all of my friends for 3 weeks.....this had the feel of a family reunion....except I was actually going to enjoy this one! Oops.....I may hear from Mrs. Ambassador....after those comments! We were up Jim & Jacks for dinner two nights earlier.....and we had heard that the crowd for Saturday night's "Hot Wax" show might be a small one. Now ...let me put this in perspective.....a small crowd by "Hot Wax" standards is still a huge crowd by any other bands standards! Howeveras it turns out....late reservations Saturday and a great walk up crowd provided for another typical large "Hot Wax" crowd! Is anyone really surprised as "Hot Wax" has played in front of huge crowds all year....so why would Saturday night be any different!

Again....since this is about the 23rd show or so that I have covered this year....and about 4 or 5 or them were Jim & Jack shows.....I don't have a whole lot of new stuff to write about so like I have done occasionally in the past.....I think I will just do my commentary in smorgasbord form....with a little bit of this and a little bit of that!

About an hour before the show started....I noticed Bobby standing over in the corner by himself and I went over to chat with him a bit....as I always enjoy that. I could tell that Bobby was feeling a little down....but I knew that the pro he is....that being down would not affect Bobby's performance....and it certainly didn't.....as the entire "Hot Wax" band was on fire the entire evening! I think doing a show was just what the doctor ordered for Bobby! We "waxers" needed a "Hot Wax" fix real bad.....and Bobby needed to do what he loves to doand that is perform with all of his very talented buddies in the great "Hot Wax" band in front of all of us very appreciative fans! The difference in Bobby's attitude from before the show to his attitude after the show was like day and night....and all of his band family and "waxer" friends were delighted to see that!

"Waxer's" had mixed emotions Saturday night....because we couldn't wait for the show to get here....but we also knew this was going to be our very talented drummer, Sticky's, last show...and we hate to see this very classy fellow leave! Bobby shared some very nice thoughts with us about Sticky or Ken. This came as no surprise to most of us....but Bobby said that Ken was just great to work with.....and that he could never remember Ken complaining even one time about anything...ever....and that should tell you about all you need to know about Ken.....especially in a business where ego's can easily be inflated! Ken or "Sticky" was told that he would be welcome

back at anytime....if the opportunity presented itself and it was mutually workable for both "Sticky" and "Hot Wax". We would love to see that some day!

The new drummer should be ready to go by the time "Hot Wax" invades the Crystal Palace in Fairfield in about 10 days....and like all new "Hot Waxers".....the fans are anxious to see and meet him. I don't know a whole lot about him....but I do know that I believe he is in his early 50's maybe....and that he is very talented! If you know anything about drummers....you know there is more than one way to get the job done....not right or wrong ways....just different ways....and that will be the case here.

I wished that I had asked one of the "Hot Wax" guys the other night what the new drummer's name was....so I could have used it in my commentary. Hmm.....maybe I can give him a name....let's see....how about Ricky "rim shot" Romano. That's just the first thing that struck me....but I haven't seen him yet so he may not look like a Ricky "rim shot" Romano! The new drummer's style will be different from Sticky's....just like Sticky's style was different than Bubba Q's. Sticky's style is pretty refined.....while the new drummer's style is much more forceful....and he might be considered a pounderby my definition. Again the one thing I do know is that he is an outstanding drummer! I do believe that our boys have quite a bit of new material in the works....but were holding up on it until the new drummer could learn the material. I can't say any more than that because I have been told...if I do they would have to shoot me....but I will say there is a lot to look forward to!

There was a touching moment the other night at the end of the show. Sticky's two biggest fans...I believe were Tiffany's 13 year old son Corey....and our good friend Denny Mcgee. Denny and Sticky just seem to bond....and Denny is very much like Sticky in many ways....and Denny just loves drummers and always has. Denny...much like Sticky is a very quiet nice guy and again a classy fellow.....but Denny loved talking to Sticky.....and Sticky seem to enjoy his chats with Denny! Anyway....Denny Mcgee was hoping that at the end of the show that Sticky would give Denny the drumsticks that Sticky used in his last show....and Sticky very graciously did that....and that was just awesome ...I thought! I know that Sticky is real particular about his drums also ...but again he very graciously let Denny sit behind them and have his photo taken....and that was very cool also! Ole "Ambassador Bob" would have loved to had the big red "Hot Wax" logo on the front of Sticky's drums....but I digress!

The word is out that the new drummer, Ricky "Rim Shot" Romano,....LoL....will have a few schedule conflicts next year....and that there are talks going on....and that Sticky may fill in for a couple of shows. I'm not sure if that will happen for sure or not....but it would be nice to see Sticky again on a "Hot Wax" stageif it does! Sticky from all of us "waxers" the best to you in the future and like I said recently...all of you new fellows like Einstein, Boomer, Cadillac, Tommy and yourself will always be remembered extra fondly....because you guys came to "Hot Wax" at a very crucial time in the long and rich history of "Hot Wax".....and without all of the hard work and dedication that all of you guys including Bobby , Bruno, Doc & Tito put in last winter.....there may not have been a "Hot Wax"....so again ...THANKS....for helping to keep the memories alive! Sticky received two standing ovations Saturday night.....and many hugs & embraces and he certainly deserved all of them! Good luck ...my friend...and it has been a real pleasure to know you!

Just how good is "Hot Wax"! I'll tell you how good! There are probably 30 or more hardcore "waxers" in the first couple of rows at nearly every show. There has been about 22 shows or so this year....and almost all of those "waxers" have been to nearly every show....and some of us have seen every show this season! Yet, when I looked around at the crowd Saturday night.....The "waxers" who had seen nearly every show this season were smiling , clapping and singing along just as much as the first timers. That's a tribute to the effort of "Hot Wax"....and that effort is what makes every show seem like the first to us seasoned veteran "waxers"!

The "waxers" really enjoy seeing Boomer out near the front of the stage during the "Rock this Town" number.... as we get such a kick watching all of Boomer's many facial expressions and all of his gyrations! There is no doubt that Boomer is the most exciting Bass player that I have ever seen.....and "waxers" just love him! Speaking of Boomer.....Boomer and the Great Sigsbee seem to be really developing some great chemistry between them.....much the same way that Doc and Tito have.....and that is really fun to watch!

I got to watch the Cold Spring show that was recorded and shown on cable TV in Northern Kentucky for the second time the other night. One of the best things about the televised show is that the sound mix has Cadillac Charlie really cranked up.....and you really get to hear just how talented Charlie is.....and I love to hear the keys! By the way....Cadillac's harmonica playing during "Livin in the USA" is really fun to hear! Great job....Charlie!

The Beach Boys tribute or medley at the end of the first show....just gets better and better! I don't know if it was my imagination or not.....but the Beach Boys part of the show seemed to flow smoother and it seemed much more fast paced and I liked it even more than normal....if that is possible! When I got home....It occurred to me that one of the Beach Boy songs seemed to be missing? Ole "A-Bob's" memory isn't what it used to be.....so someone help me! Was there only 3 Beach Boy songs instead of four.....and was Fun Fun Fun missing? Anyway.....I thought that Saturday night was the best I have heard! By the way....our "Hot Wax" chair dancers have already picked up the choreography on "Surfin USA"....and we love the inside....outside.....USA part....and we are having fun doing it at our chairs! We had a few of the "Hot Wax" boys laughing and getting a kick out of us doing that Saturday night....LOL!

It is still awesome to see 6 members of "Hot Wax" all singing at the same time and singing all of the complicated double and counter melodies of the Beach Boy" songsagain....all at the same time! Sigsbee and Tito you guys just do a great job on Barbara Ann! I'm still impressed with Tommy Casino's comments when he said that he has been with many talented bands in his day including some great "Hot Wax" bands.....and that this is the only band talented enough to do all of that 6 part stuff in the Beach boy songs. That is high praise!

I had great fun like always at the show Saturday night....but I even enjoyed the show more than normal for several reason! My cousin Darlene has had a real tough time recently as her husband passed away very suddenly from Melanoma.....and it has been nearly impossible to get her to go out and do anything socially. However, you guys know me....and I was relentless and I got her to the show.....and it was so much fun to watch her enjoy the show all evening! My cousin also happens to be a huge Van Dels fan but I am slowly winning her over! Actuallyshe loves both bands much like I do.....but unlike me she is a little partial to the Van Dels.....but she admitted that Saturday night that our boys were awesome. Darlene really enjoyed Bruno's Tom Jones....and she conceded that she can't think of a single song that the Van Dels do that can even come close to Tommy casino's powerful.....and goose bump raising "Cara Mia" number! That doesn't really surprise anyone connected with "Hot Wax" in anywaydoes it? Here it comes.....as ole "A-Bob" likes to say..."I submit to youthat it simply does not get any better than that....does it?"

I got another surprise as another first timer named Sue keitz showed up with the Rickmeister and Ethel Montgomery! Well....it turns out that Sue was my first childhood sweetheart when I was 13 years old.....and I had not seen in her in probably over 35 years....and it was great to see her. Sue had a great time also and promised that she will be back often. It's a small world out there as it appears that Sue's daughter will be marrying the Rickmeister's son soon! She really got a kick out of Einstein.....and she loved Bobby's Elvis! Bobby....thanks for saying "Hello" to both my cousin Darlene and my friend Sue....as they both thought that was very nice of you to take the time to do that!

Angie Reynolds brought a young friend and first timer named Janet to the show! who was probably in her early 20's....and she had a ball. Janet was picked to go on stage to do the hoop

thingand she is definitely coming back to a show real soon....maybe the next one actually. Anyway....like I saidI had extra fun watching all of these first timers enjoy the show!

I want to thank the "Syndicate of Sound " boys Buddy and Rocky & Tiny for the great sound we had Saturday night....and of courseI want to thank the lovely miss Sable for once again coming out of retirement to fill in for Tiny until he could get to the show! Tiny had a big time gig earlier in the night as he was rubbing elbows with the rich and the famous.....as he was providing security for Charlie Daniels from what I understand! I also want to thank my other two Amigo's, the Rickmeister and the Jimster for their usual great job with the photos and the souvenir stand!

Ok....I need to wrap up my show and band commentary.....but at the bottom of this page....click on "Bob's New Fan Page" for some more notes that pertain mostly to just you great fans! I am trying to plan some extra fun for the next show at one of our other favorite venues....the Crystal Palace next Saturday the 14th of October.....so check that out also!

Ok..I must be OFF (insert your wisecracks here!) Thanks everybody..."Ambassador Bob"

JIM & JACKS SHOW - "A-Bob's fan Page" - (09 - 30 - 06) : There's not a whole lot of news on the fan front this week...so you may not need to take a day off from work to read my fan comments this week.

Lets get the bad news out of the way first. We had quite a few "waxers" under the weather last week.....and unfortunately all of these good people missed an opportunity to say good bye to our very popular drummer, Sticky! From the Helwig clan.....Paulette's older sister, Jackie , was not feeling well and was unable to make the show. Jennifer Reynolds could not make it to the show as her dad is in very poor health....and Jenny wants to spend as much time as she can with her him. The Jimster's Mom was not feeling well Saturday and had to be taken to the hospital....but is doing better today. My brother-in-law Randal Smith suffered a small seizure Saturday and was also taken to the hospital....but he is feeling much better today! Bob & Selena had a family emergency and were unable to make the show last Saturday!....but I got an e-mail from Selena late tonight and they are doing fine now. I am really glad that my good buddy Lucy Mcgee is feeling much better this week!

Let's hope for some better news for our "waxers" this week.....and we wish all of you nothing but the best! Jenny....our hearts and prayers go out to both you and your Dad! We missed each and everyone of you "waxers" this week and we hope to see all of you at the Crystal Palace next Saturday the 14th!

Jean....I know you would have liked to been with us and had a chance to say goodbye to Sticky.....but I know that you had another engagement. We will look forward to seeing you next Saturday.....and we did cheer louder for Bobby to make up for your absence!

To my good buddies Pat and the Ottoman Roth.....Happy 27th wedding anniversary.....and I hope you have 27 more wonderful years!

Darlene....you now have a nickname and I know it is not all that fancy or clever or anything....but it just feels right.....so Dee it is....LOL! I enjoyed our little chat at the break at Jim & Jacks....and got a kick out of your Halloween Mae West story!

It's always nice to see Barb Gabbard....but I missed seeing your young one, Christina! Well.....she's young to mebut then againwho isn't? I have a hunch I know where she was.....but I won't speculate on this web site...LOL!

It is always great to see my good buddy Debbie at a show.....and this week it was no different. I think because Debbie is limited to how many shows she can get to.....that just really makes her enjoy the shows even more. I love people watching at the shows and watching to see how much everyone is enjoying themselves.....but I don't believe there is anyone who enjoys the shows quite as much as Debb ! Unfortunately, Debb does not think that she will be able to make another show until the Jim & Jacks Xmax show on December the 9th. Wow.....that is a long time.....and we will miss you and your enthusiasm at the shows! By the way...you are looking healthier and healthier at every show....so keep doing whatever you are doing!

I got to enjoy two fun nights this week with Mama "Hot wax" or Mary Helwig.....and her lovely youngest daughter Nicki Hilton or Nancy Helwig as we went to Jim and Jacks Thursday night also....to see ex-Hot Waxed.....Danny Fontaine or Sam Huff. Don't blame me for all of these second nicknames...."Hot Wax" started all of this! Speaking of "ex-Hot Waxers".....it was great to see Dave or the "Big Bear" our talented keyboard man from last year roaming around Jim & Jacks Saturday night! Bear...I tried to get to you about 5 times at the break....but I kept getting side tracked and I'm sorry that I missed you!

Tiffany Reynolds wanted to surprise her dad, Bill, for his birthday coming up next week....so we came up with a great idea. If you know Bill....you know that he loves his trademark overalls that you always see him wearing. About the only thing that Bill likes as much as his overalls is "Hot Wax".....welland maybe his wife Doris also! Anyway, Tiff brought us a pair of his overalls.....and Gail and I took them to our embroidering shop....and we had the "Hot Wax" logo put on them along with his nickname "Rat"....LoL! They turned out great! Bill does not know that he has them yet.....and I am safe saying something here as Bill does not use the computer and only gets what Tiffany gives him. Bill should be wearing them at the next show.....so when you see Bill...let him know how sharp he looks!

Ok....time for Ole "Ambassador Bob" to get a little preachy now....but not too preachy! I think that most of us ...but not all of us hardcore long time "Hot Wax" fans are starting to get a little selfish....and this might even include some band members and their spouses. If you remember back to when someone was kind enough to tell you about "Hot Wax" or bring you to your first show....think of how much you enjoyed yourself....and how amazed you were at the show itself! You simply could not wait to tell everyone you knew about what you had just seenand how great the show was.....and you just had to bring someone new with you to share your fun at nearly every show!

This is very healthy for the long term well being of "Hot Wax"! Now grantedsometimes this takes a little work to talk the new fans into coming to a show.....and to get them reservations and maybe sometimes a ride to the show. Sometimes ...it's easier to just bring yourself....and as you become more of a seasoned veteran "waxed"....that is what we are tending to do....in my humble opinion! However, when we do that ...we are cheating other fans of the opportunity to see our boys and love them like we do! I suspect that the band members are very much the same way.....and maybe even worse. I bet when each fellow joined the band....that he brought friends, neighbors and relatives to quite a few shows....but as the band members become veterans....they tend not to bring anyone to the shows but themselves....much like the veteran fans!

You know when you have a band the size of this band and you have 10 band members and 3 sound guys and a photo guy, a souvenir guy and a promo guy....then that is 16 people. Now assume most of those people have a spouse or better half....then you have 32 people. Now...if each of those 32 people were to bring a few new fans to each show.....then the next thing you know....there are anywhere from 60 to a hundred new fans.....and then the pyramid spreads to others.....and that is how we keep the fan base from getting stale and keep the "Hot Wax" fan base healthy! I know there are quite a few people in my group who have quit recruiting....and I know that we all know people who would love a show if we brought them....just think about it for a moment! Shouldn't we all try a little bit to bring new potential fans to the shows. Now, if that seems like too much trouble for each show.....then maybe a better idea is to pick two shows a

year to make open recruiting shows. Maybe one outdoor show that we can agree onand one indoor show.....and the entire "Hot wax' nation makes a huge effort to at least bring as many newcomers as they can ...at least for those two shows! You just would not believe how quickly that would pyramid into several hundred new fans! Don't we think to maintain all of the fun we have.....that it would be worth the extra effort at least twice a year.....to make sure that "we keep the Memories alive!" We don't want to get too complacent and look back someday.....and wished we would have acted sooner.....do we? Ok....I'm off my soap box now.....and I hope no one is upset with anything I said....and I'm not sure why anyone would be....because I am just trying to make sure that we have a healthy prosperous futureand we can keep all of this great fun going forever! Let me know what you think!

Ok....before I start to wrap this up.....remember that there are still a few of you out there who need to get back to me about additional reservations for the next couple of shows! If there are "waxers' out there who generally get bad seats to nearly every showand you would like much better ones.....then contact me.....and I can almost guarantee you will be happy with your new seating arrangements! I have a few fun promotional ideas that seem to be catching on for the show coming up at the Crystal Palace.....but I think I will mention them on the comment page on a fairly regular bases....because people tend to check the comment page more regularly.....and I can talk about the upcoming Palace show almost daily.....and give the upcoming show at the Palace more visibility!

Ok gangwe had a great time last week at Jim and Jacks and I hope to see all of you next week at the Palace.....because I think this may be one of the most fun shows that we may attend all year....but again I will talk more about this later in the week! Remember (PtP)....Pack the Palace!

At the bottom of this page....click on Bob's Page to read about last weeks show at Jim and Jacks or click on Fans Pics to see pictures of the fans from past shows!

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