

HOT WAX SHOW - Jim & Jacks Show ( 06-03-06 ): I have not missed a show in 3 years and I have seen more of those shows at Jim & Jacks than at any other venue. Now, after saying that....I did not expect too many surprises Saturday evening. I expected what I have become accustomed too and that is a great performance by "Hot Wax" and a wonderful evening of fun with my fellow "waxers". However, as the evening progressed and the show was about 3 songs in.....you knew this was going to be an extra special evening. I will talk more about that a little later.

The Jimster and I arrived at Jim & Jacks, our home away from home, very early, probably around 6:30 or so to check on our 36 reservations. The best part about our 36 reservations was that 13 of them were first timers....and I always love that. I love that for 2 reasons. The first reason is that first timers are so much fun to watch when they see their first "Hot Wax" show. The second reason is that I know once the newcomers see a complete "Hot Wax" show.....they will be back again and again.....and that increases the fan base, which is always a very healthy thing for our boys. One of our newcomers was former Miami Dolphins offensive lineman, Barry Pettijohn, who played on some very good Dolphin teams with Hall of fame quarterback, Dan Marino! Barry now coaches at Deer Park High School. Barry was only able to stay for one show....but he absolutely loved what he saw!

Ennie Jim, who most of us know as Jim, is the owner and host of Jim and Jacks. Ennie was gracious enough to come over and join the Jimster and myself at our table and chatted with us for about 30 minutes. It was my first chance to talk to Ennie for any length of time. Ennie was very interesting. Ennie Jim told me some of the history of Jim & Jacks and I thoroughly enjoyed our chat! Ennie was telling me that he has the greatest job in the world....and that he looks forward to coming to work everyday and meeting and greeting all of his friends and customers. I was telling Ennie Jim that my wife, Gail, is not a bar or tavern type of person normally and has never felt comfortable in that kind of environment before. However, Gail just loves the warm and cozy atmosphere that we feel when we are at Jim & Jack's to see our boys with all of our friends! As I have stated here before.....we just feel like we are at a large house party in someone's basement. Anyway, we would like to thank Ennie Jim and of course our favorite hostess and sweetie, Margie, for making us feel so welcome. I know Ennie is very appreciative and impressed with the size of the crowds we bring to Jim & Jack's....but with a few slight changes in the way the reservations are handled....I think that I could probably bring even more people!

Speaking of crowds, "Hot Wax" continues to shatter all of their past attendance records from any of their past seasons.....I'm sure! All bands struggle to bring in large crowds in the Summer months....and that goes for any band at any venue....but "Hot Wax" brought in the largest crowd that I have seen at Jim & Jacks for the month of June.....and I can't imagine any other band bringing in more people than "Hot Wax" brought to Jim and Jacks Saturday night for a Summer show this season! "Hot Wax" will be at Jim & Jacks again on August 19th....and I will go out on a limb and say that I bet the two largest crowds of the entire Summer season will be the two "Hot Wax" shows! Does anyone doubt that?

I will start my commentary about the actual show now....but to be honest, my good buddies like Jean, Pat, Otto, Rickmeister and of course my lovely wife Gail and others did such a great job on the comment page.....I'm not sure that I can add much....but I'll try anyway....LoL! Yep, I am a member of the LoL gang that someone mentioned on the comment page.....and a proud member....I might add!!!!

I told you earlier in my commentary that I pretty much knew what to expect Saturday night ....but boy was I wrong! The show was only 3 songs old and you could tell that our boys were on.....and I mean really on and the crowd was ready to Rock n' Roll....and Rock n' Roll we did! You never know if it is the enthusiasm of the band that brings out the best in the crowd or if it is the enthusiasm of the crowd that brings out the best in our boys. I'm not sure I even care how it happens, I just know that it is great fun to be at a "Hot Wax" show when it happens! Every now and then there is just a special karma in the air and that was certainly the case Saturday night! I

can't begin to tell you how many "waxers" like Tiffany, Tiff's parents, Gwen, Debbie and many more thought that Saturday was the most fun that they have ever had at a "Hot Wax" show. As I sat at Jim and Jacks Saturday night....I thought back to the season opener when Donnie and our new "Hot Waxers" made their debut.....and it is just amazing how far this band has come in such a short period of time! I have to give Bobby a lot of credit for his leadership, his passion and also Bobby's perseverance to bring this edition of "Hot Wax" to where it is today! Naturally, the hard work of all of the current band members was huge factor also, but that goes without saying! This group of "Hot Waxers" just continues to win over more and more of us "waxers" each week....and this group is now ready to stand proudly next to any of the other great Hot Wax" bands of the past! The amazing thing is that this edition is still so new that there is still plenty of room to grow.....if you can possibly imagine that! This very talented group has just scratched the surface in my humble opinion! Ole "Ambassador Bob was a very happy "waxer" after the show Saturday night! I've been smiling so much the last couple of days that it looks like someone stuffed a coat hanger in my mouth! By the way....there are a few in my group who wish someone would stuff something in my mouth, actually anything....just to shut me up some.....and I know who you are....LOL! Bobby told me that he thought that Saturday night might have been the best show of the year.....and I have to agree with Bobby and if it wasn't the best show...then it was awfully close to being the best!

( MORE MISCELLANEOUS BAND & SHOW NOTES ) : ( 1 ) Mr. Frank Einstein received his first standing ovation of his "Hot Wax" career....I believe! Einstein received a standing "O" after his great job on his Frank Sinatra cover of "That's Life"....and then again as he ended his two song tribute to Mr. Sinatra. I actually think his second standing "O" was a thank you for the great job that Einstein did the entire evening! More and more "waxers" are just falling in love with Einstein each week....and his facial expressions and his antics can't help but to put a smile on our faces. We not only love the job Einstein does on the stage but we also love the fact that Einstein is genuinely a very nice guy also.....but then again who in the "Hot Wax" band is not a nice guy? I had a chance to talk to Einstein after the show.....and he said that he is really enjoying himself and getting more comfortable each week. Einstein told me that his background in music was mostly theatrical and singing in church choirs....so he is getting used to singing this type of music and learning the style it takes to sing it....and in my opinion Einstein is a quick learner! Einstein also told me that he is just now learning how to utilize his ear pieces and that they are going to be a great aid for him.

( 2 ) Boomer has to be the most entertaining bass player that I have ever seen! We love his enthusiasm and we "waxers"are constantly pointing to each other....and then pointing to Boomer as he is dancing and smiling all over the place...and Boomer's attitude just helps set the tone for a fun filled evening! I got thinking the other day about the contrast between Biff, our bass player of last year, and Boomer this year. How would you like to see these two beloved "Waxers" side by side. Could their styles be any more opposite? We loved Biff....and we loved him because he was the shy one ....or the cute one or Mr. Cool as I liked to call him.....as he was very quiet.....and virtually never moved a muscle other than what he needed to move to play his guitar and very seldom ever changed facial expressions but that was his demeanor ....and we loved that about him. We now love Boomer also.....but you have to admit that thinking of the two of them side by side is a funny thought! Boomer's demeanor is so fun loving and he seems like such a easy going guy that I wouldn't be surprised that he is one of the most popular band members amongst his band mates. Boomer unveiled a brand new flag.and a very large flag for his guitar for the patriotic part of the show....and that is a great touch!

( 3 ) I know that Tito's great cover of "When a man loves a woman" and Doc's equally great cover of "Love potion # 9" are both very hot numbers.....and you can actually feel the temperature rise about 10 degrees.....but I have never heard those songs described the way Tiffany describes them. Tiffany refers to them both as "Baby Making" songs.....and I don't think that most of us would disagree with that definition! Nikki Adamkiewicz and her friend Randy are both huge Tito fans. Nikki had to work Saturday night and she tried her best to get to the show before her favorite song "When a man loves a woman" was performed but she didn't quite make

it. Maybe Tito will make it up to you Nikki and come over to you as he walks out in the crowd playing at the next show.

( 4 ) I've seen this happen week after week and I am still amazed by it! In case you don't know what I'm talking about....then I'll tell you. It is the response of the crowd when Tommy Casino gets ready to sing his trademark and showstopper song "Cara Mia". Again, I'm not talking about after Tommy sings "Cara Mia".....but before Tommy sings "Cara Mia". As soon as Tommy steps to the mic there is a buzz in the audience that slowly builds and it keeps building until the crowd breaks into a loud ovation which usually ends with the Rickmeister shouting Tommy's name! This is slowly becoming another "Hot Wax' tradition! Now, if Tommy gets that kind of ovation before Tommy sings, then you can imagine the ovation Tommy gets after he sings it! Rumor has it that indoor venues like Jim & Jacks, the Crystal Palace and the new Starlite Ballroom will prohibit Tommy from singing "Cara Mia" because they are tired of Tommy tearing the roof off their places! Tommy, we hope that you never lose the enthusiasm that you have when you sing "Cara Mia".....no matter how many times you sing it!

( 5 ) Every time that Jean and I think that Bobby can't sing "Hurt", "Only make believe" or the "Trilogy" any better, Bobby does sing them better! On a night where there was 12 standing ovations, Bobby led the way with 4 of them. Bobby got one for "Make believe", then "Hurt"....then "Trilogy" and finally for the climax of the Elvis set. Great job, Bobby! By the way , Bobby grabbed a hoola Hoop and very routinely made it work much like Bruno did the week before. These guys are not fooling me. Someone is giving them lessons and they are practicing before they hit the stage and they make it look so easy! It's not that easy .....just ask Otto or the Rickmeister or myself as we have tried this at home....LOL! Bobby & Bruno....I know what you are thinking and that is either .....do we know how old we are or have we looked in the mirror lately.....LoL! I am being serious now....but Gail and I bought a hoop home to practice on and it was supposed to be a secret.....but while we were waiting in line to pay for it at K-mart....Barb Gabbard came up behind us and caught us paying for it....so the cat was out of the bag. Anyway, this hoop had a bunch of tiny little pebbles or something in it to make noise. I thought the sound of my hoop hitting the floor every two seconds was enough noise for me....but I digress. About 3:am in the morning I decided to get my hoop out and give the hoop a try. After only a few minutes I gave the hoop a twirl.....and all of a sudden the hoop broke apart and sent about a million of those pebbles shooting against the wall , TV screen and anything else within about 50 feet of me! Thank God, I don't have any pets or I might have killed them! I'm still picking up those things! I'm guessing the centrifugal pressure of trying to circle my waist was more than the hoop could withstand!

( 6 ) I agree with Bobby that the "I don't know why I love you" song is a great song and Bruno does a great job on it. This song has the rare combination of love ballad lyrics.....but has a fast tempo and is done like a fast song. This song just makes you smile and clap your hands. The "Hot Wax" horns sound great on this number! Speaking of Bruno.....I have said this before ...but it needs repeated and that is that Bruno just consistently gives a great performance each week....and he just never seems to have an off night. It would be very easy to take Bruno's talent for granted because he makes everything seem so easy.....but I guarantee you that I don't take Bruno for granted! Great Job, Bruno!

( 7 ) I noticed this week that the acappella song "I believe" that Einstein , Bobby and Bruno usually do in 3 part harmony was done in 4 part harmony with Tommy joining in which will eventually make this already great song even better!

( 8 ) You know there was magic in the air when our very talented but very quiet keyboard man, Cadillac Charlie is adlibbing on the stage with Bobby and our very talented but equally quiet drummer "the Stickman" is singing along to some of the songs Saturday night. They were both fun to watch!

( MISCELLANEOUS FAN NOTES ): ( 1 ) Jean & Tiffany.... thanks for your very kind words on the comment page. Jean, I am sorry to hear that you will not be able to make the Lawrenceburg show.....the show won't seem the same without you! I am looking forward to meeting your childhood buddy at Mason. I will have to do an extra good commentary on the Lawrenceburg show so you won't feel like you missed anything.

( 2 ) Pat Roth brought her very nice friend Diane to her first "Hot Wax" show a few weeks ago.....and I see that Diane was back this week and Diane said she loved our boys.....so I'm thinking we have another "waxer". Diane, welcome to the "waxer" nation. Otto, thanks for making Pat & Gail a CD with Cara Mia on it 28 times. However, I don't trust myself with that Cd as I would wear it out ....and that might lessen my enjoyment of hearing Tommy do it live.....and I can't take that risk!

( 3 ) Mary Day, I missed you at the show but I heard that you were there....and I want to wish you the best with your adoption plans! I hope to catch you at the next show. Jean, I saw on the comment page where you said you did not get a chance to talk with the cute little Tina....well I did get a chance to talk to the cute little Tina and I always enjoy talking to the "First Lady" of "Hot Wax". I also had a very nice chat with Patti and Katie. Katie was so nice and polite to me even though she was feeling under the weather. I hope you are feeling better.

( 4 ) Loma, Connie, Rita, Jim & Vicki.....we missed you all and I hope you all had a great time at your weddings and I will not ask you for an absentee slip. However, in the future could you ask your friends to check the "Hot Wax" schedule at ([hotwaxshow.com](http://hotwaxshow.com)).....and then .....don't get married on those dates. Thank you....LoL! Barb & Nancy Helwig (Hilton sisters)....your absentee slip that you brought to me was very funny.....and I laughed much harder when I had more time to look at it longer.....very clever girls!

( 5 ) I don't know how many eligible bachelors were at the show Saturday night ....but they should have stopped by our table. We had 3 great looking single women, Gwen Floyd, Debbie Lepperd and Tiffany Reynolds sitting with us and all of them are as nice as they are nice looking. I'm not going to rate them or pick a winner because like Bobby says.....there are no losers at a "Hot Wax" show! Well, maybe the single guys who didn't stop by Saturday night might have lost.

( 6 ) If you "waxers" have not been listening to WDJO 1160 AM....then you are missing out. It is like stepping back in time....and a better time in my opinion. The radio station sounds just like it did when you were teenagers. Even their jingles have the same sound as you heard when you were younger. They even play old commercials now and then.....as I heard a Burger beer commercial a few minutes ago. The Dj's like Dusty Rhodes are all Dj's from when we were growing up also. The music is nothing but 50's & 60's. I listen to it for hours and it is all I listen to in the car these days. The entire station format is geared to baby boomers. There are many commercials for Jim and Jacks and the Crystal Palace. Bobby, you were a genius even back when you formed the band in the early 80's and named the band "Hot Wax" because this radio channel must say the name "Hot Wax" at least 50 times a day.....LOL! Love that free promotion!

( 7 ) Thanks Buddy, Rocky and Tiny for another great job.....and making it possible for us to have as much fun as we had Saturday night! Thanks Jimster for taking all of the great photos at each of the shows so that we can enjoy them on the web site!

( 8 ) I just want to take some time to say Hello" to Shirley Breeze who is one of my favorite people in the entire world. Shirley is a member of our gang of 10....but Shirley is just so quiet and unassuming that she never gets her name mentioned on my site.....and I thought it was about time that she gets mentioned. Shirley is a real sweetie and everyone who knows her will tell you that! Shirley is also a very caring and unselfish person.....and I don't want to embarrass her by telling you about all of the sacrifices Shirley makes to take care of her very sick brother.....but again Shirley just stays quiet and never complains. Along with myself and Jean.....Shirley is probably the biggest "Hot Wax" fan out there.....and that says a lot because we

know how many very passionate fans there are! Jimster, you are a lucky man to be married to that young lady.....and like I said a few weeks ago.....we both married way over our heads!

Before I close I have a question for you "waxers". There is something that kind of bothers me and I am curious on your thoughts. I have always enjoyed writing on the comment page and reading the comment page also. However, lately there seems to be a trend for everyone to be writing and signing with a fictitious name.....and even though I can figure out some of them by the writing style.....it just isn't the same to read comments and not know who wrote them. It's just not nearly as much fun or as interesting to me. I know that occasionally that it may be necessary to not use your real name....and for a good reason.....but I don't understand doing that all the time. Am I the only one that is bothered by this? Please let me know either through an e-mail or on the comment page.....and please use your real name....LOL!

Ok time to run but I hope to see everyone at Mason on Sunday. There is a strong rumor that a special guest may show up at Mason on Sunday.....so if that is true....then you won't want to miss that! I must be OFF (insert your wisecracks here)! "Ambassador Bob"