

STARLITE BALLROOM SHOW - ( 10 - 28 - 06 ) : Before I really get into this week's commentary....I would like to let everyone know and especially Barb & Nancy Hilton that I am dedicating this weeks commentary to their beloved mother, Mary Helwig who passed away late last week. Mary or Mama Hot Wax, as I liked to call her was a huge "Hot Wax" fan.....and you just would never see Mary at a show where she wasn't wearing her black "Hot Wax" t-shirt! In fact, as a lot of you may know by now.....Mary or Mama Hot Wax was laid to rest Monday morning ...and of course in her "Hot Wax" shirt.

Now, Mary was not only a huge "Hot Wax" fan....but she was also a big "Ambassador Bob" fan! I know that I always tell you that Debb was my first fan and my number one fan....but Mary was a close second! There was a tradition in the Helwig family that every Wednesday, Barb , Nancy and Mary would have dinner at Larosa's. Now, until recently, when I started missing my self imposed deadline of Wednesday morning to post my commentary....Mary always expected Barb or Nancy to print out a copy of my commentary Wednesday afternoon....and then she would have either Barb or Nancy read it to her at dinner time.

Every time I saw Mary....she would tell me how much she loved my articles ...and she would tell me that they were just wonderful! Mary told me that she saved each and everyone one of them. I would then tell Mary ..that I really appreciated her kind words ...and that it was comments like hers that encouraged me to keep writing them....and I truly meant that! Anyway Mary....this ones for you!

It has been quite awhile since we have been at the Starlite Ballroom...in fact...it might have been the 3rd show of the year...if my memory serves me right. I had called Amy from the Starlite several times to make my 28 reservations. Amy promised me great seats....and Amy came through ....and I would like to thank Amy for that! While I am on the subject of reservations....I want to acknowledge the great job that Nancy Helwig did in that area! Nancy originally made reservations for about 36 people or so ....and 22 of those were first timers! We know how important first timers are! Now, a few of them were no-shows...but Nancy told me that at least 30 of them still showed and 16 of the expected 22 newcomers showed up! Great Job Nancy!

Here is the best news with Nancy's group. Nancy told me that the first timers absolutely loved our boys.....and that most of them paid "Hot Wax" the ultimate compliment in my humble opinion by telling her that they thought "Hot Wax" was much better than the "Vandels" or at least they enjoyed "Hot Wax" much better! If you live in the Midwest....then the Vandels in most people's opinion seem to set the standard...for all of the other Oldies show bands in this part of the country.

I said it had been awhile since we were at the Starlite....but when I walked in...I immediately noticed three things. The first was that the stage looked much larger.....and I believe it was a different stage than we had seen in the past. I don't believe they would have ever been able to get DC Driver's big drum kit and his large Plexiglas wall that surrounds his kit on the other stage.

The second thing I noticed was the Rickmeister's brand new awesome neon "Hot Wax" sign! I have tried to make the Rickmeister a deal. If he passes away before I do....then I want Rick to "Will" his sign to me....and if I go first ...then I will leave him my sacred "Hot Wax" coat....sounds fair to me! However, the Rickmeister told me he has already promised his "Hot Wax" sign to Lucy McGee. Now, as we all know...."I Love Lucy" and Lucy is very fond of the Ole "Ambassador" so I just know that Lucy will call the Rickmeister and tell him to "Will" the sign to me instead!

Geez....that was just shameless....and I embarrassed....but we are talking about a "Hot Wax" sign ...aren't we?

The third thing that I noticed was all of the "waxers" who were in so many great Halloween costumes! You "waxers" are just so amazing. You were asked to show up in huge numbers for the first "Pack the Palace" show at the Crystal Palace in May....and you did! Then in August 'Hot Wax' was having their first end of the "Summer Bash" show at the Palace....and we asked

"waxers" to show up in their best beach outfits....and you did just an outstanding job. If you don't believe me...then just check out the Jimster' great photos's at the bottom of the "Fan's Page".

However, I now have to say that the job that all of you fun loving "waxers" did with your Halloween costumes was just unbelievable....and probably surpassed the Summer bash costumes...although they were very good! There were so many outstanding outfits....that I think I may not have the room or the space to talk about them here....so I think I will save that for the "Fan's page". That is the page that most of you read right after reading my show commentary. I may even name a best costume award....but there was so many great outfits that I'm not sure that I could. I'll have to think about that ....but I probably will name a winner . You will just have to go to the "Fan's Page" to see! In the news business....what I just did there....would be called a tease....and I apologize for that...LOL! We are getting pretty good at these theme shows....and remember we have two theme shows left!

"Hot Wax" has been wanting to do a Christmas show forever....and thanks to Greg Lack, owner of the Crystal Palace....we will get our Xmas show on Saturday night December the second. Now, one week later at Jim & Jacks on December 9th....."Hot Wax" will do an encore performance.....and if the schedule does not change.....then that will be the last show of this season. I know that a lot of you have been talking about a rumor that "Hot Wax" may be playing on New Year's Eve....but as far as I know....it is still just a rumor. I have a hunch....that our boys will not be playing on New Years Eve....but that is only my own gut feeling. I have not been told that by anyone. I do know that some of you "waxers" are trying to make New years plans....so maybe we will be told something definitive soon!.

I heard several of you talking about the Xmas shows coming up....and most of you thought that Bobby & his boys would probably only do one or two Xmas songs or maybe 3 at the most....but that is not the plan. If nothing messes up "Hot Wax's" scheduled rehearsals....then you can expect to see quite a few more....like maybe 6 to 8 songs! At least...that is what "Hot Wax" is hoping for! Now ...because of the time factor involved with learning these songs....and the fact that they are only going to use these songs for two shows.....you may not see "Hot Wax's" usual outstanding Choreography....but again...you never know.

I am bringing quite a few first timers to the Xmas shows....so while I am thrilled and delighted that we will get to hear "Hot Wax" do these great Xmas songs....I was concerned that the show could be missing maybe 8 of their normal outstanding show songs to make room for the Xmas songs. I would hate for my first timers to miss those great regular show songs...but like always "Hot Wax" aims to please....and Bobby assured me that he didn't think that would happen. They might just shorten up a few things maybe or either give us a bonus....and extend the shows!

Anyway....these should be two highly anticipated shows....and the first show at the Palace would be a great show to bring your children and your grandchildren or someone else's children or grandchildren ...for that matter....but please make sure you have the parent's permission....or that is something else all together...LoL! I suggest that everyone start making your reservations very soon as I expect big crowds at both shows! The Palace show comes first and we will all be anxious to see this rare Xmas show....and again remember that children will be permitted to attend this show! The following week will be a big draw also ...because this will probably....not certainly...but probably be the last chance to see "Hot Wax" this year !

I know that I just spent a lot of time talking about a couple of future shows....but I will still talk some about the next show in Sunman Indiana on Saturday November the 18th also at the end of my comments.

I was able to spend some extra time on the upcoming special Xmas shows....because I will not need as much room as normal to discuss this past weeks show! The show Saturday night was just awesome like all of the "Hot Wax" shows are....but after 27 shows or so....I have just run out of ways to describe how awesome our boys are! If you saw them Saturday night like most of you

did....then you know how awesome "Hot Wax" was.....and if you didn't see Hot "Wax" Saturday night....then I don't have the words to describe how awesome "Hot Wax" was! You just have to see them ...to believe them....as the old expression goes!

I will pick out a few highlights from Saturday night's show. There seems to be no end to Bobby's talents. Before the show began....I had my back to the stage and I was dressed in my cowboy suit with my gun and holster and everything! Bobby came up from behind me removed my pistol from my holster.....and then Bobby proceeded to twirl my pistol 90 miles a minute back and forth around his finger just like all of those fancy gunslingers used to do it! Ole "A -Bob" was very impressed....and so was evryone else who saw Bobby do his pistol spinning gun tricks! Let's see.....we always knew there was a Billy the Kid....but maybe a Bobby the Kid also?

While "Hot Wax's" first show was just terrific like always.....we were surprised by a different ending. When our boys completed their rousing Beach Boys "Barbara Ann" number....the first show did not end like it normally does. Instead.....a few fans were grabbed out of the audience to participate in the Hoola Hoop skit....and we were puzzled for a few seconds on what was going on....but not for too long! "Hot Wax" was stalling for time until everyone could get into their costumes to do their great cover of the Bobby Boris Picket classic....yep....the Monster Mash!

"Hot Wax" just does a great job on this song....especially Bruno who does the lead! Bruno not only does a great Joisey accent....but a great Brittish accent also! I am not going to try to describe Bruno's mad scientist outfit....because I don't know that I couldn't do it justice, especially his microphone holder. I am hoping that there are some photo's of his outfit that will make the site this week....or if not....then maybe Bruno can recall a photo from last year's Halloween show. Great job "Hot Wax" on that number....and it was really fun to watch the reactions of the fans who had never seen that skit before....especially the kids at the show!

Nikki Adamskiewicz was celebrating her 18th Birthday.....and our great sax player, Tito.....dedicated his very soulful "When a Man Love a Woman" to Nikki...and that was a very nice touch. Speaking of Tito....Tito was a real trooper all night as he was suffering with some agravating back pains....and you could see it....but Tito toughed it out and made it through the entire show!

There were a couple of real nice things that happened at the intermission. Tiffany's young son, Corey, who I believe will turn 13 on December the 10th has been inspired by our "Hot Wax" boys.....and wants to be a future Bass player. It appears as "Hot Wax" has kind of adopted this young protege. Bruno offered some advice to Corey and helped Corey to get a deal on a nice Bass guitar and amp to help get Corey started in the right direction. Then Saturday night....our very popular bass player, Boomer Bailey, took some time out at the break to give Cory some valuable pointers on playing the Bass guitar.....and Corey was thrilled! Getting lessons from Boomer is kind of like a little leaguer getting hitting lessons from Babe Ruth!

This was my second chance to see our new drummer, DC Driver, and I am more impressed each time I see him! Speaking of DC Driver.....DC's lovely wife Sandie took the time to find me at the show Saturday night and introduce herself.....and it was my pleasure to meet her. Sandie seems like a really nice lady...and I think Sandie will fit in very nicely with our "Hot Wax" family. Welcome Sandie!

I know that "Hot Wax" is probably best known for their great vocals, harmonies and the melodic songs of the 60's.... but how impressive is "Hot Wax" when they are tearing it up on "I'm so glad I'm Livin in the USA! I think "waxers" and first timers both are just amazed at how "Hot Wax" can tear it up when they want to. What an amazing display of musical talent....when "Hot Wax" features each of their great musicians during this rocking Chuck Berry number! Even though I am just a small part of "Hot Wax" and I am not a member of the band....I still always feel a great sense of pride.....when "Hot Wax" is ripping it up on that song. It is just a real honor to be involved in any way with a group of musicians and a band with this much talent!

I mentioned earlier about long time great "waxer" fan, Mary Helwig, passing away last week. Mary's favorite song was Bruno's great touching rendition of the patriotic number "I'm Proud to be an American"....and it was really nice of Bruno to dedicate this song to Mary!

In a night where there were several nice touches during the show....there was still one more! As most of you "waxers" know Bobby has a birthday coming up real soon....I believe it is on the 4th...if I am not mistaken. Anyway, Tommy Casino approached Bobby with a small bag . Tommy asked Bobby to reach in the bag....and Bobby did and pulled out a cool little stuffed bear.....who was playing a guitar and singing the song "Viva Las Vegas"! There was also a recorded message from Bobby's lovely wife, Tina, telling Bobby that she wanted to take him to Las Vegas for his birthday....very cool! Of course Tina has now raised the bar for all of our wives. I have a birthday coming soon.....and Gail....I will now not settle for anything less than a trip to Vegas! Happy Birthday....BOBBY!

Well....time for a few thank you's. I want to thank the lovely Miss Sable for coming out of retirement to fill in for Rocky's absence! I want to thank our very skilled sound crew, the "Syndicate of Sound" boys for doing their great job....like always! I also want to personally thank my good buddy, Mr. Buddy Love for always politely listening to my questions about the sound. I also want to thank the Jimster for the effort he puts into each show to get us some great pics! Last but certainly not least....I also want to thank the Rickmeister for doing such a professional job with the "Hot Wax" souvenir stand at every show!

Ok...gang....don't forget to make your reservations for the New Horizons charity fund raiser in Sunman Indiana on November the 18th. The money goes to a great cause....and this is always one of my favorite shows as it is always a large crowd or a sold out crowd....and it is always one of the most enthusiastic crowds on the "Hot Wax" indoor tour! I have been told that there is a real good chance that we are going to hear some new songs at this show....and they are some very good ones...trust me on this! You don't want to miss this show.....and Sunman really is not that far. I want to thank both Lisa Conley and Mary Weber for being so helpful to me with my ticket reservations!

I also want to thank the two "waxers" who called me today and were concerned that Ole "Ambassador Bob" had retired...because my old comments were still up from the last show at the Palace....and my Bob's Commentary tab was missing from the front Home Page which had them concerned that Ole "A-Bob" was history! However, there is a pretty simple explanation. My old comments were still up on the site because ...once again I am a little late this week with my new comments. I have lost my own tab on the front page....but I am still there...you just have to look harder. You now have to run the curser down to the tab that says "FANS" on the front Home Page....and you will see Bob's Commentary grouped with 3 other categories....then obviously click on Bob's commentary. Obviously ...if you are reading this...you have found me....and I appreciate you taking the time to find me! Maybe you will want to put "Ambassador Bob's commentary" on your "Favorites" site. "Waxers....also take a few minutes and try out the new Message board that you will find at the bottom of my commentaries!

Ok ..."waxers" don't forget after you have read my "Ambassador Bob's " show commentary....then click on "A-Bob's" Fan Page.....and read some more comments pertaining mostly to the fans. Thank you again "waxers" for always being so nice to me and I'll see you all in Sunman!

Ok....."waxers....I must be OFF ( Insert your wisecracks here ) "Ambassador Bob"

STARLITE BALLROOM SHOW - "A-Bob's Fan Page" - ( 10 - 28 - 06 ) : "Waxers"....all I can say...is that you guys really know how to throw a party! You really went all out with your

Halloween costumes! I wondered if anyone would actually take the time to dress up....and I was thinking even if "waxers" took the time to dress up....would they basically just do the minimum....and maybe buy a cheap mask to wear for a few minutes or so ....and then discard even that after a short while!!

Man....was I wrong! There were great costumes as far as the eye could see...ok...I might be exaggerating a little bit....but there was a lot of them! I was planning on naming a winner....but I don't know if I could....there were just so many great ones! I will describe a few. We had a couple of Nuns! Both Ethel and Paulette made great Nuns! Bob Adamskiewicz was a great Fonzie. Tiffany was a great Devil in her sparkling red dress! Tiff did a great of job doing the make up on Corey's face....and Corey was a dead ringer for Alice Cooper! The Ottoman was a great Hell's angel dude! Pat was a 20's Flapper! Paris was a damsel in distress or a princess. Gail was a pumpkin!. Nancy had a very neat outfit that made her look like one of the green M&M' character's with the big white hands to go with it! Dee had a great outfit also....but I'm not sure what to call it....so I won't...you'll just have to take my word on that one...LoL! Denny Mcgee was a Blues brother....not sure where the other Blues brother was! I know I left out a lot of you and I apologize but...I could go on forever....in fact I have ...I think!

Ok....I have saved the two best for last....and I will name a winner and a runner up....but really there were no losers as everyone did just a fantastic job! 2nd place has to go to Shirley Breeze for her very cute Minnie Mouse outfit. Shirley was just perfect as Minnie!

Ok....time to name the champion or best costume of the night! The winner is Lucy McGee who was dressed as raggedy Anne.....and the Rickmeister who was dressed as Raggedy Andy! What a pair they made and I don't think anyone who was at the show Saturday would have a problem the winner that I just named! If we took a vote....old raggedy Anne and raggedy Andy would win in a landslide! Great job....Rickmeister and Lucy....and thanks for being such great sports!

I don't have too much more to say this week....but there are a few miscellaneous topics here and there. I want to thank Pat Roth for our table decorations. Shirley Breeze provided a few more later in the evening and I want to thank Shirley also! I want to thank Lucy for making the Pumpkin ornaments and then distributing them to most of the gals. I also want to thank the gals who were kind enough to ask me to sign their pumpkins ornaments! I'm always flattered when that happens!

There was some doubt on whether the Hilton sisters would both be able to make it to the show Saturday night after the tragic week they both had with the loss of their mother.....but both Nancy and Barb were able to make it....and I think going to the show made them both feel better. Actually ....doesn't a "Hot Wax" show always make you feel better!

We are still missing Paulettes sister Jackie...who is not feeling well yet ....but is slowly getting better! Get well soon, Jackie! We also missed our Angel....Angie Reynolds who originally could not make the show because she had a wedding to attend. However, Angie came down with a severe migraine headache.....and missed both the wedding and the "Hot Wax" show and she was in bed by 8:00 Saturday night! I'm glad to report that Angie is feeling much better today! It was nice to see Mike and Jenny at the show!

We also missed Jim, Rita and Connie and Vicki...but we hope to see them at the Crystal Palace show on December the second! It was great seeing Tiny and Kim's beautiful little girl Mckenzie....what a sweetie she is! It was also great seeing Buckeroo Billy back in town and I enjoyed my chat with the 'Roo"! Rickmeister & Ethel brought my childhood friend SuzyQ. with them to a "Hot Wax" Show a couple of months ago....and I think that we can now safely say that Sue is now hooked as she has now been to 3 shows in a row.....and I think we are going to see her at most of the shows in the future...if not all of them!

Ok....that's about all I have for this week but "waxers" once again give yourselves a pat on the back for making our first Halloween party such a huge success! Take care everyone ....and I will see you in Sunman!

I must be OFF...( Insert your wisecracks here! ) "Ambassador Bob"