"My Cabo Wabo Meltdown"... or "How Slot Card Collecting Really Paid Off!"

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Last summer, I stopped off at one of the many PT's Pubs/Taverns in Las Vegas to get a slot card. They actually have a little disc that you hold up to the machine rather than a card. I got my disc, played a roll of quarters, had a beer and went home.



The next month I received a flier in the mail with four coupons attached: 1-One Free Beer; 2-\$15.95 Girls of PT's calendar; 3-2,000 Bonus Points on my account; & 4-One free entry into the Cabo Wabo promotion to win a free trip to Cabo San Lucas for Sammy Hagar's annual Cabo Wabo Meltdown birthday bash. I drank the beer, passed on the calendar, got the free points, and WON THE TRIP!!!

On Friday we were flown to Los Cabos and put up in a fancy resort for two nights. Friday night we went to an invitation only concert at Cabo Wabo (Sammy's bar that shares the same name as the tequila brand he owns) where he jammed for nearly two hours, not counting the opening set played by Silvertide. Even though we were originally given four free drinks, our party of four ran up a bar tab of over \$100. Yea, that was us in



Tyrus, Sammy and Baird

the corner shouting out ... "Mas Tequila!"

We woke up Saturday, hit the pool at the hotel for a couple of hours and then were whisked away by shuttle to an invitation only luncheon at Villa Serena, a small restaurant where we enjoyed a complimentary meal of fish and steak with an open bar where we had countless Bloody Mary's, Pina Colada's, and Margaritas! Yea, that was us in the corner shouting out ... "Mas Tequila!"

Sammy was supposed to join us at the luncheon but he was held up by a VH1 camera crew doing a story on him. Just before we were ready to leave, an SUV pulled up in the parking lot and in walked the Red Rocker! He apologized for being late and then made his way around to talk with all 40 people at the lunch. He's a helluva nice guy, posing for pictures and signing anything and everything. Nope, I didn't even think about asking him about chips!!! What was I thinking? Oh yea, now I remember..."Mas Tequila!"

We took off and hit the beach for a few hours before having a quick siesta and then heading back into town for a great dinner where I devoured a school of shrimp. (Do shrimp come in schools?) We made it back to Cabo Wabo for another invitation only concert right as Sammy was coming on stage. He did a few numbers and then invited Kenny Chesney on stage where they sang a fun-filled version of the Stones' Honky Tonk Woman and a few other songs. Then out came Michael Anthony of Van Halen fame to perform a kind of Dueling Banjos with Sammy on the six string and Michael on the bass. Later it was Chad from Nickleback who performed a few songs. A great time was had by all. The entire crowd really got into it when Sammy performed Toby Keith's I Love This Bar, with some custom words to fit Cabo Wabo. I think one of the phrases had something to do with ... "Mas Tequila!"

We made it back to the hotel alive and slept off the tequila. Sunday morning we were up again and being driven to the airport after our obligatory morning margarita. We were able to bring back two bottles of complimentary Cabo Wabo Tequila and several shirts from the event and the bar! What I thought was going to be a relaxing few days on the beach was instead an all out two days of partying. I loved it!! Thank you PT's Place!!

Here are three of my favorite pictures. The first one was taken at the luncheon by a PT's exec. He asked Sammy if he would sign the pictures and return them if we sent them in through a mutual friend. Sammy said he would – I can't wait to get that one! I took the second one on the beach at our hotel – the Finistera. The third was the view from our balcony at the hotel.

Thanks for reading, I just wanted to share. Had it not been for my going in to collect a slot card, it never would have happened! I LOVE collecting!

Mas Tequila!

Tyrus



The Beach



View from the balcony