

# A FLOCK OF SEAGULLS

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## Celebration highlights

*Longtime AFOS fan, friend on the road for tour in Florida*

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Once again had the pleasure of working with Mike Score and AFOS on tour July 4 in Celebration, Fla.

This was the first time my wife and children were also along for the ride and it made things very interesting thru out the day.

We arrived in the town of Celebration, around 3 p.m., and AFOS were already doing the sound checks. I listen to the several songs and the many changes that were made at the sound board. For some reason this sound check went very long being an outside concert and a steady rain seemed to hamper the systems a bit.

I met up with Stan an old time roadie of Mike's from way back and I had not seem him in years. If you check some of the past info letters from the late 80's thru the 90's Stan was in many a info letters. Stan told me Mike had merchandise for me to sell. when I opened the tub of shirts and such I was amazed to find that Mike had just changed the format of the shirts again and they were exceptionally cool. Shirt one has Mike's old hair style on the front with his name and AFOS on the front in black. The second shirt has Seagulls on white and in several sizes. I also had the new CD for sale at concerts only since



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A Flock of Seagulls performs July 4 in Celebration, Fla.

there was a limited production on them you can only get them at a show.

I set up my T-shirt area next to the stage in a tent since it was raining non stop with my family huddle in also to keep out of the rain. Michael the drummer came over and talked to me and my kids for a while and then Joe the best guitar player Mike has ever had in the band came over and we chatted a bit.

The show started at 8 p.m., and I was off getting water and such for the band at the last minute. I made a big mistake -- I got Joe a beer and totally forgot that Joe

does not drink! So off I went back to get water for Joe. I also was able to meet Joe's lovely wife and kids -- well, they are more adults than kids.

The band started the set with "Modern Love is Automatic" which is almost always the opening song at any live AFOS event. The crowd was huge. I would say at least 3,000 people. The band played for just about an hour throwing in old and new songs in and my favorite "Telecommunication," the long extended live version. This version has never been recorded except by

me Mike slows it way down and then brings it back up to a very fast tempo, and Michael the drummer kept the beat perfectly which is hard to do with the time changes they make. Pando kept the bass beat going smoothly and in harmony with the drums something that is a must for the rhythm section to sound in synch with Mike's keyboard and Joe's guitar. Of course the final song was "I Ran" and the crowd was rocking and I was selling shirts and CDs like mad at this point.

I have seen AFOS live many times with many different lead guitar players over the nearly 20 years and to be honest all of them have been good but Joe is the best. He brings out a more on the leads and adds his own little touches that make the songs a bit better. I also have to say Mike pulled out his guitar for a few songs.

After the show ended I continued to sell shirts for a while and then we did pictures with the band and my kids were extremely excited to meet Joe and the rest of the band. We packed up the merchandise and packed it up in the Flock tour wagon and I then loaded the family up in the car and headed out. My wife Jaime was very impressed by the number of fans who were there and even helped to sell some shirts. This was her first concert.

## CONCERT LINEUP

All show times listed at 8 p.m.

**Aug. 16:** House of Blues, San Diego

**Aug. 17:** House of Blues, Anaheim, Calif.

**Aug. 18:** House of Blues, West Hollywood, Calif.

**Aug. 24:** Mandalay Bay, Las Vegas, Nevada

**Aug. 26:** Chicago, Ill.

**Sept. 22:** Kaponos at the Pier, Honolulu, Hawaii

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