

# S.O.S.<sup>®</sup> Carefree Times

1989 F/M

## The Verdict Is In:

# S.O.S. was a Five Star Smash Hit!

Two months, one hurricane, one earthquake, and dozens of letters have passed since the dust settled and the tide roared out on S.O.S. X which is likely to be remembered as the finest since the beginning. I am personally proud of the work of our fellow shaggers in member clubs of the Association who worked so hard to bring this one off. An event of this magnitude does not just happen. Hours of planning, negotiating, publicizing, and execution go into the grandest party weekend on the eastern seaboard. I would like to share with you some of the comments which have come our way.

*"If you were at S.O.S. this fall, you will never miss another one."* Danville Beach Shag Club Newsletter.

*"...everyone laughed until their sides ached, danced their buns off... and are gearing up for the Spring Safari next April."* Beach Boppers of Orlando Newsletter.

*"...speaking of fun, S.O.S. was just that. Anyone will tell you S.O.S. was better organized and run more smoothly this fall. It will be more so at S.O.S.s to follow."* Lake Hickory Shag Club Newsletter.

*"Shag till 'u' drag is what most of us did at the S.O.S. Fall Migration. Thanks to all responsible for such a well organized convention. We had a great time!"* Carolina Loafer, Johnson County Area Shag Club.

*"It was heaven here on earth. We didn't want to leave and can't wait to go back to Spring Safari. We all have the wonderful memories to keep us until Spring."* Savannah Shag Club Newsletter.

*"Many thanks for making my Big Rear Window a large part of Fall S.O.S."* Billy Scott

*"S.O.S. was probably the most successful ever in its history... Wall to wall people wherever you went. CSC sent a group into Harold's on Saturday to perform and, boy, were they a crowd pleaser."* Snoopy in Charlotte Shag Club Newsletter.

*"We really had a treat this time."* Jacksonville Beach Boppers.

*"I attended my first S.O.S. weekend this fall — Outstanding!"* Martin Anderson, Ashville, North Carolina.

And on and on it goes. Yes, we're happy, and we pledge that we will work as hard as we can to continue the unity and solidarity of purpose that we have established. With your help and good will, we will take our little party into the decade of the nineties. Just think, somewhere out there in Shagdom, there are people who haven't even heard of the dance yet who will be shagging their buns off at Spring Safari and Fall Migration XI, XII, and XIII. What a thrill that will be for all of us.

Spring Safari will be April 25 through 29, 1990. Remember, there will be fewer accommodations so make your reservations early. You don't want to be left out.







# Hazel Was No Lady! Hugo No Gentleman!

The community of shaggers, beach people and lovers of beach music all over the United States have an affection for the South Carolina coast that borders on reverence. We feel a sense of community, even family, with our low country friends from Cherry Grove to Savannah. We love the places, the people, and the ambience of just being down there. I have heard hundreds of people say that no matter how often they go, they still get a thrill when they head for the beach.

So every one of us feels a personal loss for the damage and devastation of Hurricane Hugo. He struck at the heart of our shagging world. In addition to our beloved shore, he shattered communities where our shag clubs are a major force. Sumter, Orangeburg, Florence, Santee, Columbia, Rock Hill, Lancaster, Charlotte, the Lake clubs, and others all felt his wrath. We are shocked and numbed at the extent of destruction. We simply cannot comprehend the loss. The prayers, thoughts, and assistance of shaggers everywhere are with those who suffered.

And yet we are thankful that in the face of so much danger and so much destruction, there was so little injury and loss of life. In the final analysis, this is what matters. The Collect for the Sunday closest to September 21 reads, "Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure." (*The Book of Common Prayer*)

And so as we go about the tasks of cleaning up, our thoughts turn to rebuilding. But in our hearts we know that rebuilding will not be putting things back as we knew them, as much as we would like to do that. Thomas Wolf said, "You can't go home again." No group in history has ever wanted to go back to the way things were as the planter class in the South after the Civil War. "It isn't to be borne," they shouted. But it was to be borne and borne it they did, and a new South was built. Rebuilding will be starting a new era. In the history of the world, most new eras were ushered in by monstrous disasters, natural or man made (war).

When we talk about the beaches, we talk about before Hazel and after Hazel. Before Hazel the beaches were wooden family cottages, Mom and Pop motels, wooden pavilions, and a slow paced, even quiet

happiness. After Hazel the pace picked up, condos and high rises changed the face of the beaches even more than the hurricane did, and some of the charm and character was gone forever.

All too soon you will begin to hear people talk about the beaches before Hugo and after Hugo. The beaches, Charleston, the inland cities will all rebuild, but it won't be the same. It will be "after Hugo."

One thing that will endure will be "our thing." The Mafia first used this expression but I kinda like it. *Cosa Nostra* — our thing. There will be shagging and beach music, Ocean Drive and the Geechee Blast, Harold's, Duck's, the Galleon, the Association, S.O.S., the Hall of Fame, Shaggers Limited, and all the great inland parties. They may be there under new names and new places, but **THEY WILL BE THERE**. The wind and water may break our bridges, beaches, bricks, and boards, but they will never break our bonds. We were there before and after Hazel; we were there before Hugo. We'll be there after Hugo. "...Because forever and ever, *It Will Stand.*"

## S.O.S. Bumper Stickers

Only \$2.00 each

**DO SOS IN 1990**  
APRIL 25-29  SEPT. 13-16

**SOS A Tradition**  
SPRING SAFARI ■ FALL MIGRATION

Order with application on back cover. If you are already a member of S.O.S., just indicate Bumper Stickers and send in form.

## S.O.S. Carefree Times

© 1990 by (S.O.S.) Society of Stranders, Inc.  
All rights reserved. Nothing in this publication may be reproduced or reprinted without written permission of the publisher.  
SOS - Box 4688 - Columbia, SC 29204





# Hazel Was No Lady! Hugo No Gentleman!

The community of shaggers, beach people and lovers of beach music all over the United States have an affection for the South Carolina coast that borders on reverence. We feel a sense of community, even family, with our low country friends from Cherry Grove to Savannah. We love the places, the people, and the ambience of just being down there. I have heard hundreds of people say that no matter how often they go, they still get a thrill when they head for the beach.

So every one of us feels a personal loss for the damage and devastation of Hurricane Hugo. He struck at the heart of our shagging world. In addition to our beloved shore, he shattered communities where our shag clubs are a major force. Sumter, Orangeburg, Florence, Santee, Columbia, Rock Hill, Lancaster, Charlotte, the Lake clubs, and others all felt his wrath. We are shocked and numbed at the extent of destruction. We simply cannot comprehend the loss. The prayers, thoughts, and assistance of shaggers everywhere are with those who suffered.

And yet we are thankful that in the face of so much danger and so much destruction, there was so little injury and loss of life. In the final analysis, this is what matters. The Collect for the Sunday closest to September 21 reads, "Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure." (*The Book of Common Prayer*)

And so as we go about the tasks of cleaning up, our thoughts turn to rebuilding. But in our hearts we know that rebuilding will not be putting things back as we knew them, as much as we would like to do that. Thomas Wolf said, "You can't go home again." No group in history has ever wanted to go back to the way things were as the planter class in the South after the Civil War. "It isn't to be borne," they shouted. But it was to be borne and bear it they did, and a new South was built. Rebuilding will be starting a new era. In the history of the world, most new eras were ushered in by monstrous disasters, natural or man made (war).

When we talk about the beaches, we talk about before Hazel and after Hazel. Before Hazel the beaches were wooden family cottages, Mom and Pop motels, wooden pavilions, and a slow paced, even quiet

happiness. After Hazel the pace picked up, condos and high rises changed the face of the beaches even more than the hurricane did, and some of the charm and character was gone forever.

All too soon you will begin to hear people talk about the beaches before Hugo and after Hugo. The beaches, Charleston, the inland cities will all rebuild, but it won't be the same. It will be "after Hugo."

One thing that will endure will be "our thing." The Mafia first used this expression but I kinda like it. *Cosa Nostra* — our thing. There will be shagging and beach music, Ocean Drive and the Geechee Blast, Harold's, Duck's, the Galleon, the Association, S.O.S., the Hall of Fame, Shaggers Limited, and all the great inland parties. They may be there under new names and new places, but **THEY WILL BE THERE**. The wind and water may break our bridges, beaches, bricks, and boards, but they will never break our bonds. We were there before and after Hazel; we were there before Hugo. We'll be there after Hugo. "...Because forever and ever, It Will Stand."

## S.O.S. Bumper Stickers

Only \$2.00 each

**DO SOS IN 1990**  
APRIL 25-29  SEPT. 13-16

**SOS A Tradition**  
SPRING SAFARI ■ FALL MIGRATION

Order with application on back cover. If you are already a member of S.O.S., just indicate Bumper Stickers and send in form.

## S.O.S. Carefree Times

© 1990 by (S.O.S.) Society of Stranders, Inc.  
All rights reserved. Nothing in this publication may be reproduced or reprinted without written permission of the publisher.  
SOS - Box 4688 - Columbia, SC 29204



# Fall Migration, 1989



*Move your hand, Wanda, everybody's looking!*



*1 & 2, 3 & 4*



*"Cough!"*



*Need we say more...*



# Fall Migration 1989



*I be so good, I amaze myself!*



*I don't care what you say, my teeth are whiter.*



*Two days*



*Damn, you're good for a one legged man!*



*Blow*



*The tradition continues.*





*go, I just be old; now I be an old legend.*



*Carolina Girls*



*my ear and I'll follow you anywhere!*



*The End... or The Beginning?*



*Saturday afternoon, 4:00, nobody got no pain!*



# Fall Migration, 1989



*"Big Boss Man"*



*Look out, Mama, we can still git it!*



*If he sweats on this starched blouse, I'll just die!*



*"The Legends"*



# Spring Safari Condo Winners

Hooray for Beverly Bray and Stan Rodgers from North Carolina for finding the S.O.S. Genie and releasing him from his years of captivity. For their reward, the Genie will put them down in a deluxe Tilghman Beach and Racquet Club condominium for the entire week of

Spring 1990 Safari. Beverly and Stan will enjoy the S.O.S. activities in easy walking distance from all of the participating clubs. Our lovable Genie is proud to present these prizes and others as a membership service to S.O.S.ers.

Our lovable elf is anxious to continue to spread the joy. Find a bottle during Spring Safari and win valuable prizes. The grand prize for the Genie himself is a booking for two on the Association Cruise. You may be the lucky one so keep your eyes open.



## Genie To Award California Cruise For Two

"Get me out of this damn bottle and I'll give you bookings for two (double occupancy) on the fabulous Association California Cruise in 1990."

You see, after the Fall S.O.S. when the Genie awarded a Tilghman condo unit for the Spring Safari, we returned the little elf to his bottle home where he has been cooped up the entire winter. He missed Hugo, Christmas and New Year's Eve, and the Midwinter Beach Ball. And now he wants out. He wants out so badly that he's going to see to it that the lucky S.O.S.ers who find him are rewarded with the trip of a lifetime — the California cruise.

Whoever sets him free at the Spring S.O.S. in April will win a booking for two on the luxurious Azure Seas for the Association of Carolina Shag Clubs 1990 cruise off the California coast to Catalina Island, San Diego, Ensenada, and Hol-

lywood. The prize will include round trip air, airport transfers, ship to hotel transfers, port taxes, tips to dining room and cabin staff, accommodations at the Registry Hotel, tour of Universal Studios, the Big Bash, taxes, and services of Mann Travel personnel. All other costs connected with the trip will be the responsibility of the winners.

Naturally our guardian of the Genie is anxious to keep him in his place, so his bottle home at Spring S.O.S. will be somewhere in Ocean Drive known only to the guardian. Remember, it will not be necessary to move anything or disrupt any property to find him. Report your find to the S.O.S. Headquarters immediately. Members of the S.O.S. Board and officers of the Corporation and their families are not eligible. Winner must be a member of S.O.S.



### NOTICE Post Office Goofed Returned Mail

Last month the post office returned some mail that should have been placed in our P.O. Box. If your application was returned, please resubmit. Our P.O. Box 4688, Columbia, SC 29204 is correct and current.



Golden Oldies  
May 18-20

Spring Safari  
April 25-29, 1990  
Fall Migration  
September 13-16, 1990

FOGLMAN, DIANNE B. 1337 PS  
706 K-6 HUFFMAN MILL RD  
BURLINGTON NC 27215

BULK RATE  
U.S. Postage  
PAID  
Columbia, SC  
Permit No. 706

Box 4688, Columbia, SC 29204

S.O.S. Carefree Times

### 1990 S.O.S. Membership Application

Names \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Ages \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (Day) \_\_\_\_\_ (Night) \_\_\_\_\_

Memberships @ \$20.00 per person \_\_\_\_\_

**Bumper Stickers — \$2.00 each:**

"S.O.S. A Tradition", Qty \_\_\_\_\_

"Do S.O.S.", Qty \_\_\_\_\_

Amt. Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Were you a member in 1989?  Yes  No

S.O.S. / Box 4688 / Columbia, SC 29204

### 1990 S.O.S. Membership Application

Names \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Ages \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (Day) \_\_\_\_\_ (Night) \_\_\_\_\_

Memberships @ \$20.00 per person \_\_\_\_\_

**Bumper Stickers — \$2.00 each:**

"S.O.S. A Tradition", Qty \_\_\_\_\_

"Do S.O.S.", Qty \_\_\_\_\_

Amt. Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Were you a member in 1989?  Yes  No

S.O.S. / Box 4688 / Columbia, SC 29204