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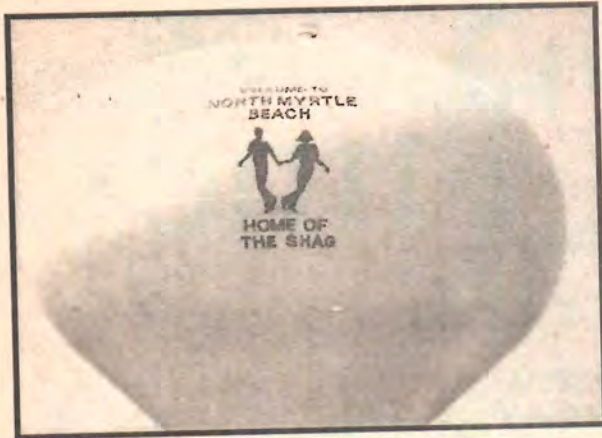
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Attention all S.O.S.ers

I received the following E-mail from our artist-in-resident, **Becky Stow-Powell**;

Hi Michael,
I need some help! I'm having a problem regarding my Shagging figures on the water tower. Many shaggers assume they are free to use them since they are on a public "thing" (the water tower). I need to let them know via *The Carefree Times* that the figures are copyrighted. They must have my written permission to use them. If they copy or photograph them to reproduce for profit, they will owe me royalties.

- *Becky Stow-Powell*

Editor's Note: Generally speaking, we do not mind our local shag clubs using stuff they find in the *Carefree Times* as long as they give the proper credits, but all of Becky's art is copyrighted and must have her permission to be used in any form.

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Winter Mailout**

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Ron and Peggy Whisenant

HAPPY HOLIDAYS SOS'ers!! It is the season for Deckin' the Halls, and being Jolly. Getting ready for Christmas, and ultimately, the end of 2000. Man, has time flown! This year is almost gone, and it will be a year that all will remember as being, the dawn of the New Millennium. It will also be another year that SOS has con-

Message from the Chairman of the S.O.S. Board

tinued to improve the benefits of membership in this great organization, and has enjoyed a successful 2000.

The "Spring Safari" was early, cold, plus right in the middle of paying taxes. It was rainy, and cold, but we were blessed with a beautiful day for our parade on that last Saturday. Our parade was the biggest and best, ever.

"Fall Migration" fell right behind the only threat of a hurricane, but a tropical depression in the Gulf of Mexico, dumped 4.5 inches of rain onto Fun Monday. Plans had to be changed, but spirits were not dampened, and the party was on. By

mid afternoon, the weather was beautiful, and you could not tell that the streets had been knee deep in water 3 hours earlier, but fun was had by all. Fun Monday 2001 is in progress, as we speak.

In review, it has been a successful 2000, no computers crashed, the world had no crisis because of y2k. It was not all the things the doom-sayers preached it would be, but it was a great year to be a part of SOS, and partake of all that it has to offer.

Happy Holidays, Happy New Year, and a very prosperous 2001, the real Millennium.

-Ron Whisenant

Get Ready for the Spring Safari Parade



OK, here we go again...into another year! Only this time we're not facing the dreaded Y2K. What a farce that was! The next SOS Spring Safari parade will be the first one of the new millennium, and with that will come some mighty fine bragging rights for the clubs that participate in this annual event. And, what an event it will be! Already the excitement is in the air as quite a few clubs are planning and scheming, making preparations for what will surely be the best parade

yet. And, I have been in touch with a number of celebrities who are eager to be a part.

So, I would like to encourage every club, regardless of your size, to make plans and to be a part of what has become the event of the spring. Whether your entry is a car, flatbed, golf cart, bike, marching troop, mule and wagon, float, or a combination of any of the above, we want you to help us make this the best parade ever. Applications will be available at the mid-winter

meeting. Our E-mail address is thedonthebeck@webtv.net. The phone number is (843) 651-1152.

We're looking forward to seeing you in the nextest, bestest, badest, shaggingest parade ever to hit the streets of North Myrtle Beach.

See you in the parking lot!

-Don David

Your SOS Parade Chairman
Look both ways before you cross the street!



Murl and Cindy Augustine

Since July I have learned more than I really wanted to. Worked with the *Fun Monday* group, nearly killed and drowned me!! Held first *ACSC* meeting what a trip. No lights, no sleep, no problems. Was sort of short don't you think !! Maybe we can do it again, say YES !!

The year 2000 has been great so far. There was a down side to the year. To many friends are leaving

Message from the A.C.S.C Chairman

us and way to many are down and having a hard time. Please remember the families of those who lost loved ones, and offer special prayers for those that aren't doing so great. No I am not great with words like these but they come from my heart.

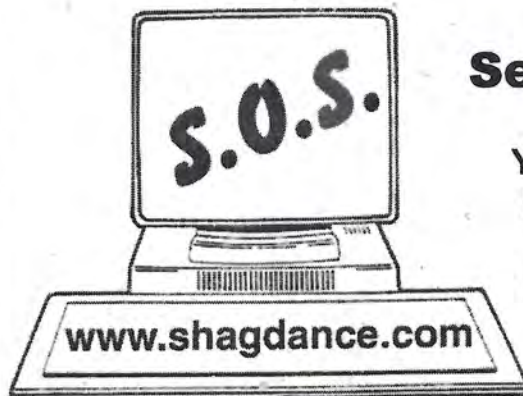
I love the saying, "dance like no one is watching." Why not live our lives like no one is watching? This is all about FUN!! Have a hand full once in a while. If you see someone not having any fun blow a little of yours on them. I'm not talking about drugs!!! A smile and a nice greeting can usually dampen any sad spirits. Try it.

Oh the business side of things, well it's still there. Our *Winter Workshop* in **Clemson** will be YOUR WORK SHOP. I mean it. After all the normal stuff we are going to set up a panel of people that are supposed to know everything about everything, (sure). This is the time for YOU to ask any questions about the *ACSC* or *SOS*. We don't need any street corner talk save it and get the truth from the horses mouth!!!! This is the main reason that I ran for Chairman of . No secrets!!!!!!

Said enough so you can go on and read something more fun.

-Murl Augustine

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Turning the Tables



News from the Association of Beach and Shag Club Deejays

We just despise the cold weather. I know some of you are avid winter sports nuts---skiers, snowboarders, lovers of cold, cold nights and breezy, chilly days. Humbug! Bring a beach lover is a year-round thing.

Since I can't get my fix at my favorite beaches here on the Southeastern coast of the U. S., I think I'll pack my trusty woody and head for Waikiki. Just kidding, of course. If I get my woody packed, you'll know it...

What to do until the beaches let me back in? Well, the SOS Mid-Winter bash is just around the holiday corner, the third weekend in January, 2001. Ocean Drive Beach--it's okay to call it North Myrtle when we can't go there---will once again open its creaky old arms and welcome us back for another year of dancing, great music, the best fellowship, so many special events and more. Old friendships to renew, new ones to make.

In the meantime, members of our Association Of Beach And Shag Club Deejays are spanning the globe (literally) to do holiday parties and big weekends for you---the no-beach-to-go-to shagger. Check out the dot.coms, read your local shag club newsletter, hit a holiday party or weekend and enjoy some it-ain't-the-beach-but-it-will-have-to-do fun.

It really doesn't matter

whether you hit the big time, with a huge party like Twisters or The Choo Choo folks or even ShagAtlanta's, or a somewhat lesser scale DO, like one in Sanford, North Carolina or Pittsboro, North Carolina or Durham, North Carolina---just some examples near me. Any old shag party will keep your fires lit.

My wife Lydia and I are keeping busy with the college students we have "adopted," the members of the University Of North Carolina Shag Club. We are busy playing music for their lessons, meetings and dances--and helping them look for sponsors to keep this dance alive and growing! It really does a shagger good to see a hundred college kids learning the basic from older shag club members in a college dormitory "ballroom."

So let's hope Santa filled, your proverbial stocking with all the good cheer you could stand, and a great measure of good health and fun and fellowship, too. Let's hope your got your woody packed and hit whatever trail you were hoping to follow. I will see you in the Springtime, down at Ocean Drive or Atlantic Beach or Virginia Beach or wherever your travels take you.

Happy Holidays to you and yours from all the folks who play the music for you---the members of The Association Of Beach And Shag Club Deejays.



-Mike Lewis, Past President, The Association of Beach and Shag Club Deejays, Senior Member, The Beach DJ Hall Of Fame, (919) 942-4498, E-mail: beachdj@email.unc.edu

HELL OR HIGH WATER

One night, a torrential rain soaked North Carolina. The next morning the resulting floodwaters came up about 6 feet into most of the homes there.

Mrs. Bonds was sitting on her roof with her neighbor, Mrs. Grayson, waiting for help to come.

Mrs. Grayson noticed a lone baseball cap floating near the house. Then she saw it float far out into the front yard, then float all the way back to the house; it kept floating away from the house, then back in.

Her curiosity got the best of her, so she asked Mrs. Bonds, "Do you see that baseball cap floatin away from the house, then back again?"

Mrs. Bonds said, "Oh ye that's my husband; I told him he was going to cut the grass today con Hell or high water!"

Shagging Icon Award

Policies and Procedures

The *Shagging Icon Award* (found on page 13) is intended to honor individuals who have contributed greatly to the promotion and preservation of shag music and shag dancing. The *Award* was intended to ensure that individuals who have made a significant impact within their own local communities are recognized at a higher level.

Each nominee will be judged on his/her individual merit, and must be submitted separately. The nominee must have at least a five (5) year history in the shag community that includes conspicuous deeds that are recognized and known.

A current *A.C.S.C.* Club President must make the nomination in writing. Three "seconds" are also required in writing. The president must mail a completed *Shagging Icon Award Nomination Form* to:

Shagging Icon Award
P.O. Box 4688
Columbia, SC 29204

The recipient of the nominations shall mail copies of all the information received to the *S.O.S.* Board Members for their review prior to their meeting at *Mid-Winters*. The Board will discuss the nominations at *Mid-Winters*, and vote on them at their Winter Workshop meeting.

A nomination must be endorsed by a three-fourths (¾) vote of the entire *S.O.S.* Board to be approved.

There will be no set number of applicants, or recipients each year. However, an individual cannot be considered (voted on) more than twice during any five (5) consecutive years.

The recipients of the *Award* will be announced at *Spring S.O.S.* and in the *Carefree Times*.

Shagging Icon Award Nomination Forms may be obtained through various methods (i.e. *Carefree Times*, the *A.C.S.C.* and *S.O.S.* Board Members, *S.O.S.* Headquarters, etc.).

The deadline for mailing nominations is December 15 th of each year.

-Editor

The Fun Monday "Ladies" of North Myrtle Beach, SC...

	Miss 2000 Dennis Massengill		Miss 1999 Tiny Melton
			

- Fun Monday -

It's a Three-peat!

The SOS Enhancement Committee has done it again, a "Threepeat" if you will. For the third time in their four year existence, **Fun Monday** has been awarded a **Cammy** for "The Event of the Year."

The **Enhancement Committee** works under the direction of **SOS**. **Fun Monday** is made possible from the raffle ticket sales and at no cost to **SOS**, with the profit going to charity.

Don't forget that tropical storms and hurricanes can't stop the show, it will go on somewhere!

Kudos to the **Enhancement Committee**, next year will be bigger and better.

Big Winners

\$7,500 - **Frank Transon**
Lewisville, North Carolina

\$2,000 - **Frances Hubbard**
Charleston, South Carolina

\$1,000 **Rocky Floyd**
Mullins, South Carolina

\$500 - **Jim Quick**
Wilmington, North Carolina

\$250 - **Sue Jennings**
Huntington, West Virginia

Fun Monday's Line Dance Competition Results...

First Place



Team Raleigh
Raleigh, North Carolina

Second Place



Team Fun
Charlotte, North Carolina

Fun Monday

By Jean Gipson
Eastern North Carolina Shag Club

*"Rainy Days and Mondays"
Karen Carpenter sang-
No one knows that better
Than the Eastern North Carolina gang!*



*We were determined to participate,
In the Fun Monday event,
Selling barbecue and hamburgers
Was our intent.*

*We arrived early that morning,
Despite the pouring rain,
Armed with pig cooker, Boston butts,
And cried, "Ain't it a shame!"*

*One member argued,
"No way to pull this off, let's go home.
No need staying here,
Getting soaked to the bone!"*

*Our chief cooker was
Billy Porter,
Who exclaimed,
"We can't cook in all this water!"*

*Stubbornly we planted, our feet on the ground
And declared,
"We're not leaving this town
Until we have accomplished our mission!"
Maybe the sun would come out (we were wishin'!)*

*We donned our rain gear and started grilling
In front of Pirates's Cove,
As the streets kept on filling.
When the waves washed over our feet,
we took off our shoes...
At this point we figured we had nothing to lose!*

*It poured and it poured,
But we were still a cooking;
Didn't bother us
That plenty were looking.
And thinking that we were
A sorry looking sight,
We were concerned that the water
Was reaching a dangerous height!*

*Never the less, we were having fun,
Music was blaring, then out came the sun!!*

*Our pork was by then cooked to perfection,
People were lining up (we were their only selection!)*

*We served pork and slaw piled high on the buns,
We sold all we had - every single one.*



*ENCSC were the only club selling that day,
We had a great time - what more can I say?*

*No, we don't let
"Rainy Days and Mondays" get us down,
Next year... ENCSC will be back in town!*

A Review

THE JITTERBUG MET R&B DIRTY DANCING AND THE KU KLUX KLAN

From The Smithsonian and Oxford American
Articles Serious Shaggers Must Have

The Shag and S. O. S. have gone national at the highest levels of literary recognition. Back to back articles by serious journalist in blue chip publications is a unique accolade to our dance and major events. That we would ever get such lofty exposure outside the Southeast assures that there will be continued national interest. T. Edward Nickens piece, "The Jitterbug Met R&B" (Smithsonian September 2000) and "Charlie's Place, Dirty Dancing And the KKK" by Frank Beacham (Oxford American November/December 2000) take a look from two different vantage points. You won't find either of these magazines on every newsstand, but they are well worth the effort to get them. They are "keepers."

In the Smithsonian, Nickens presents a rather detailed look at the events of The Mid-Winter Beach Classic in January 2000. Relating the Shag to Southern culture he observes: "Down here, the shag is a dance, a stylish, holding hands sort of dance, as old-time Southern as pouring salted peanuts into a sweating bottle of 'co-cola'." He continues to recount how the youth of the forties and fifties, the Post Hazel generation evaded their parents at beach joints such as the Pad and in-

land at White Lake's Crystal Club.

Nickens looks at the dark days when Rock and Roll relegated the Shag and its music to the back burner and recounts how it was kept alive awaiting the renaissance of the late seventies and early eighties. He goes on to keep a sort of diary account of the people he met and the events. The article is greatly enhanced by pictures from the Spring Safari.

Beacham's Dirty Dancing is a more in depth look at the dawn of the transition of what was in the thirties and early forties race, or "jungle" music into R&B and later, Beach Music. He presents a strong picture of young white boys patronizing black night clubs and the rather negative view the Ku Klux Klan had on such activities. He gets his material from extensive interviews with the legends of the dance and music: Leon Williams, Harry Driver, Chick Hedrick, Big George Lineberry, Chicken Hicks,

Billy Jeffers, John Hook, Betty Kirkpatrick, and others all provide in depth interviews.

A gripping account of the early days from the Black prospective comes from Henry "Pork Chop" Hemmingway, the first black policeman in Myrtle Beach and his recollections of Charlie Fitzgerald, one of the best knows club managers of the era. Of the music Beacham writes: "They called it 'suggestive music'. Lyrics like 'Sock it to me, baby, one more time' or 'I'm gonna smoke you all night long' made the parents go crazy and left the teenagers wanting to hear more."

Beacham concludes his article with a lengthy detailed account of a KKK visit to Charlie Fitzgerald's club, Charlie's Place. "Though Charlie Fitzgerald's cultural legacy is virtually unknown to the thou-

sands of white shaggers who keep the dance alive nearly a half-century later, the influence of his club--and the cross-



Charlie's Place, 1954.

Charlie Fitzgerald is second from right in white suit over

black music--is repeatedly cited by the pioneers credited with inventing South Carolina's state dance." This part alone is worth many times more than the cost of the magazine.

In both articles, the tales of the mischief that occurred nightly in the clubs and on the pavilions are given their due. They were many and they

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The A.C.S.C. Chairman's Award For 2000

By Mike Rink

There are two major, "official" awards that are presented by the *Society of Stranders* and the *Association of Carolina Shag Clubs*. The first is the *Shagging Icon* award which is presented to individuals in local shag clubs who have made significant and outstanding contributions within, and on behalf of, their club. Award nominees have to meet certain strict criteria, and the nomination process is fairly in-depth. It's quite possible that you would not recognize the names or faces of some of the recipients of that award. But, to the members of their home shag club, they are "Shagging Icons".

The *Chairman's Award* is different in that the recipient's shag related contributions generally impact all of the *ACSC* and/or *SOS*, and may even extend beyond those boundaries.

The Chairman's selection is a difficult job since there are, and have been, so many people who have done things that you might feel have made them worthy. One thing I tried to do during my term as *ACSC* Chairman was consider contributors who had an impact over a period of time, not just for a few months or even a couple years.

Even though the person chosen to receive the year 2000 award is rarely seen on the dance floor, she is often nearby. Most people who

have been to *Ocean Drive* have seen her, met her, or been affected by her or something she has done. She's a native!

It's a money-hungry world out there. But, this person has chosen to share her love of the beach, our music and our dance with us through her special skills, rather than direct her talents in other, likely more prosperous directions. She even makes frequent contributions to worthy causes, and shag clubs that seek her donations.

If you have ever picked up a *Carefree Times* magazine at the beach, chances are you know who she is. She is usually on the cover. And, if you are like many of us, chances are she is all over the walls of your home, too. Well, it isn't really "her" but it is her heart and soul expressed on paper.

If you haven't guessed by now, the person I am talking about is an artist. Need I say more? Art + beach + shag = **Becky Stowe Powell**. There is no other answer to that equation!

Becky is a very special and wonderful person. Besides selling her art and shag related items at *Beach Memories* on *Main Street*, she and husband **Milford** also run *The Pirates Cove Lounge*.

I could easily go on and provide you with many details about all the things this lady has done over



the years that have positively impacted our shag world. Since she isn't one to brag or toot her own horn, chances are you don't know about many of them. But there are also probably plenty of things you do know.

So join me when I say "congratulations" to the person I often call "famous".

Thank you, **Becky**, for all you have done over the years to make our shag world more enjoyable!

Today

Today is mine. It is unique.

Nobody in the world has one exactly like it.

It holds the sum of all my past experiences and all my future potentials.

I can fill it with joyous moments or ruin it with fruitless worry.

If painful recollections of the past come into my mind,

or frightening thoughts of the future, I can put them away.

They cannot spoil today for me.



Are You Connected?



By Ronnie Spry

Free Web Pages for ACSC Shag Clubs at www.SunShag.com

Beach Shaggers of Birmingham
<http://www.sunshag.com/bsob.htm>

Beckley Area Shag Club
<http://www.beckleyshagclub.com/>

Boogie on the Bay Shag Club
<http://data.pilotonline.com/sites/images/BoogieontheBay/>

Bopper's Shag Club
<http://www.1netlink.com/shag/>

Cape Fear Shag Club
<http://capefearshag.tripod.com/>

Capital Area Shag Club
<http://members.aol.com/cascnews/index.html>

Carolina Shag Club
<http://www.sunshag.com/carolina.htm>

Charleston Area Shag Soc. of WV
<http://www.sunshag.com/cass.htm>

Charleston Shag Club
<http://www.sunshag.com/csc.htm>

Charlotte Shag Club
<http://bettybbungalow.tripod.com/home1.html>

Chatham Area Shag Club
<http://www.chathamshag.com/>

Choo Choo Shag Club
<http://www.choochooshagclub.com/>

Club Savoy (Jacksonville, FL)
<http://www.danceclubsavoy.com/>

CSRA Shag Club
<http://www.groupz.net/~c4shagger.html>

First Coast Shag Club
<http://www.sunshag.com/fcsc.htm>

Golden Isles Shag Club
<http://www.saint-simons.com/shag.html>

Greater Triad Shag Club
<http://www.angelfire.com/stars/gtshagclub/>

Hartsville Shag Club
<http://members.nbci.com/shagtym/>

Hilton Head Isl and Shag Club
<http://www.sunshag.com/hhicsc.htm>

Islanders Shag Club
<http://www.sunshag.com/ISC.htm>

Jacksonville Beach Bop Assoc.
<http://www.jbba.net/>

Johnston County Area Shag Club
<http://www.sunshag.com/jcasc.htm>

Lake Norman Shag Club
<http://www.angelfire.com/blues/want2shag>

Lake Wylie Shag Club
<http://www.sunshag.com/lwsc.htm>

Lancaster Shag Club
<http://www.sunshag.com/lsc.htm>

Music City Bop Club
<http://www.musiccitybopclub.com/>

Northern Virginia Shag Club
<http://www.nvshag.org/>

OD Shag Club
<http://members.tripod.com/odshagclub/>

Orangeburg Area Shag Club
<http://www.sunshag.com/oasc.htm>

Richmond Shag Club
<http://www.richmondshagclub.org>

Rock Hill Area Shag Club
<http://www.sunshag.com/rhasc.htm>

ShagAtlanta
<http://www.shagatlanta.com/>

Shag-Beach Bop-Etc. Savannah
<http://www.shagbeachbop.com/>

ShagPlus
<http://www.shagplus.homestead.com/>

Southern New England Shag Club
<http://www.sunshag.com/snesc.htm>

Sun Coast Shag Club
<http://www.sunshag.com/scsc.htm>

Tampa Bay Beach Boppers
<http://members.aol.com/tbbop/tbdance.htm>

Tri-County Beach Club
<http://members.carolina.net/sherhomax/tcbcwbpg2000.html>

Twister's Shag Club
<http://hometown.aol.com/tscwebpage/index.html>

Virginia Beach Shag Club
<http://edifax.com/~fhemmings/>

Winston-Salem Shag Club
<http://www.shaglight.com/>

Date Form Submitted: ___/___/___

Shagging Icon Award Nomination Form

The purpose of this award is to recognize individuals who have made outstanding contributions within their own local (Full Member, A.C.S.C.) shag club. **Accordingly, nominations for this award will not be considered unless significant efforts and contributions that have been made within a local shag club are clearly listed and documented.** Although some of these nominees may go on to be well known in the shag world (the A.C.S.C. or S.O.S., the C.S.A. the DJ Association, etc.) many of these individuals may not be known outside of their own club.

Nominee's Information:

1. Name: (only one per form) _____
2. Address: _____

3. Telephone Number(s): _____
4. A.C.S.C. Full Member Club Affiliation(s): _____
5. Number Of Years Involved In: Local Club(s) _____ A.C.S.C. _____ S.O.S. _____
(The nominee must have at least a five (5) year history in the shag community)

Nominator's Information:

1. Name: _____
2. Address: _____

3. Telephone Number(s): _____
4. I Am President Of This A.C.S.C. Club: _____

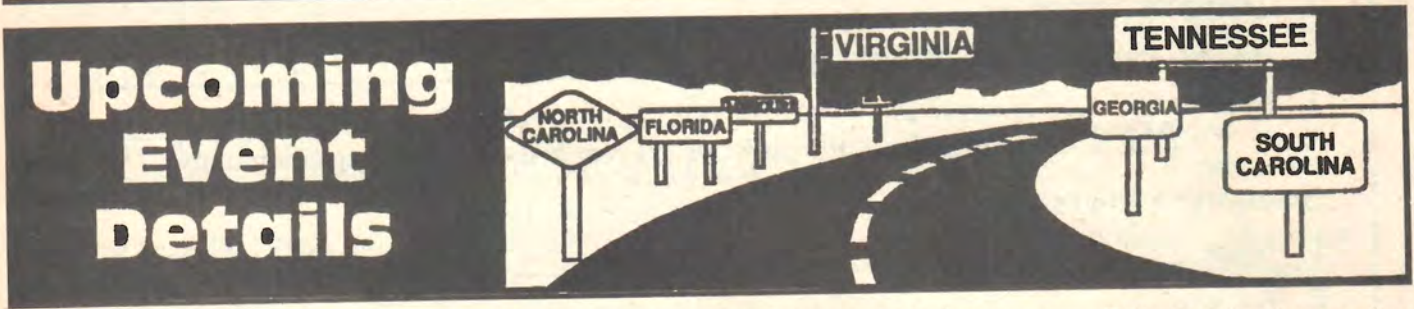
Directions

1. The Nomination must come from the current President of a Full Member, A.C.S.C Shag Club.
2. On a separate sheet (or sheets) of paper, the person making the nomination shall list all the reasons why they feel the nominee meets the criteria of this award. **Please include:**
 - types of significant contributions made within their local shag club (this could be work done, officer positions held, events started, committees served, lessons given, etc.)
 - examples of positive representation for your shag club, or for shagging. **Would they make a good "poster child" for your club and for this award? Be persuasive!**
 - if applicable, other accomplishments relating to the shag world (outside of the local club)
 - any other information that shows why this person should be a "Shagging Icon".
 - a photo of the nominee, if possible
3. The Nominator must obtain three (3) seconds. Each of the three seconds must be members of a Full Member, A.C.S.C. Shag Club. Each second shall include a separate sheet listing their own reasons for thinking the nominee is deserving of this award (using the same criteria from above). Each second shall sign and date their form and list what A.C.S.C. club they are in.
4. Submit info by December 1st to: Shagging Icon Award, P.O. Box 4688, Columbia, SC 29204.

Nominations that do not follow instructions or meet the criteria will be returned!

2001 Event Planning Calendar 2001

December 31 New Years Eve Party, Cornelius, NC	January 5 - 6 Island Winter Classic VI, Hilton Head, SC 6 Shag Workshop & Dance, Alexandria, VA 18 - 21 Mid-Winter Classic, N Myrtle Bch, SC	February 2 - 3 Foothills Winter Boogie XIV, Hickory, NC 9 - 11 Winter Shag Blast, Atl. Bch, NC 16 - 17 13th Annuak Chicken Pickin', Cornelius, NC 23 - 25 ACSC Winter Workshop, Anderson, SC
March	April April 27 - May 6 S.O.S. Spring Safari, N Myrtle Bch, SC 	May



Upcoming Event Details

December 31
New Year's Eve Party
 Cornelius, NC

Hosted by Twisters Shag Club at the American Legion Bldg. in Cornelius. Tickets \$15. DJ Joanne Johnson. All wooden floor. Free munchies and champagne toast at midnight. BYOB. Several motels available down the street at exit 28, I-77. Call 704-892-5824 or 704-892-9044 for more information or Email twistersshagclub@aol.com

2001
January 5-6
Island Winter Classic VI
 Hilton Head, SC

Hosted by the Hilton Head Island

Carolina Shag Club. Tickets \$45. DJs Gary Bass, Judy Collins, & Jay Nelms. Party to be held at the Crowne Plaza Resort Oceanfront, for special room rates call 1-800-334-1881 and as for Island Winter Classic rates. More info call Terry & Mary Handegan at 843-689-3343 or Email shaggers20001@aol.com

January 6
Shag Workshops & Dance
 Alexandria, VA

Hosted by the Northern Virginia Shag Club. Shag workshops taught by 9 time National Shag Dance Champions Charlie Womble & Jackie McGee. Beginner, Intermediate, and Advanced workshops available. Cost \$10 for each workshop for NVSC members/\$15 each for non-members. DJ Joanne

Johnson will be DJ for the evening party. More info, call Heather at 540-775-5342 or Email hjennings@sentel.com

January 18-21
Mid-Winter Classic
 North Myrtle Beach, SC
 A.C.S.C.

This event is hosted by the Association of Carolina Shag Clubs exclusively for shaggers in Full Member ACSC clubs. The required "dots" can be obtained only from your shag club.

February 2-3
Foothills Winter Boogie XIV

Hickory, NC

Hosted by Lake Hickory Shag Club. Tickets \$30./\$35. after Dec 31st. DJs Harold Beaver, Mac Mast, Norman Mills & Clyde Waller. Party to be held at Holiday Inn Select. For special rooms rates call (828) 323-1000, ask for Winter Boogie Rates-Market Segment Code 2-FWB. More info call Ann Sigmon (828) 324-6122.

Feb 9-11

Winter Shag Blast

Atlantic Beach, NC

Hosted by the Capital Area Shag Club. Tickets \$35. For more info call (919) 461-8363 or Email carolinashag@mindspring.com.

Feb 16 & 17

13th Annual Chicken Pickin'

Cornelius, NC

Hosted by Lake Norman Shag Club. Event to be held at Holiday Inn. Details TBA. For info, call Tree sherrill 704-660-0293 or Junior Little 704-892-4361 or Email Huggie50@aol.com or RBrown1703@aol.com

Feb 23-25

2001 ACSC Winter Workshop

in Anderson, SC

Hosted by Electric City Shag Club.

April 27 - May 6

S.O.S. Spring Safari

North Myrtle Beach, SC

Hosted by the Association of Carolina Shag Clubs and the Society of Stranders. Free shuttle service provided by SOS. Free food in participating lounges also provided by SOS. Over 50 different DJ's. The Spring Safari included a great parade on the second Saturday. The SOS Company Store and Headquarters should be your first stop for the latest info and neat SOS memorabilia. More SOS information is available at: www.shagdance.com. E-mail questions to: cme2build@earthlink.net

Attention Shag Clubs...

Don't see your club's event listed?

The *Carefree Times* gets it's event information from the Official Web Site for the *S.O.S.* and *A.C.S.C.*, located at:

www.shagdance.com

...And, *S.O.S.* gets that information from you. Please insure that you submit your club's information on a timely basis. It is, after all, free advertising!

Can't remember if I'm 85 or 92.

Have lost all my friends.

But, thank God...

I still have my

Florida driver's license!

S.O.S. Dates

2001

Mid-Winter Classic
January 18 - 21

Spring Safari
April 27 - May 6

Fall Migration
September 14 - 23

2002

Mid-Winter Classic
January 17 - 20

Spring Safari
April 12 - 21

Fall Migration
September 13 - 22

Ten Reasons Why Golf Is Better Than Sex:

1. A below par performance is considered good.
2. Can stop in the middle and down a couple of beers.
3. Much easier to find the sweet spot.
4. Foursomes are encouraged.
5. Can make money doing it as a senior.
6. 3 times a day is not unheard of.
7. Partner doesn't hire a lawyer if you do it with someone else.
8. If you move to Florida, you can do it every day.
9. Don't have to cuddle with your partner after you have finished.
10. If your equipment gets old and rusty, you can always replace it.









Shagger's Golden Rule

By Bill and Bev Clinard

Every institution has a motto to guide it. Let's search for one for the world of Shagdom.

Often, the motto is so enlightening that it becomes a golden rule. Every one knows the famous golden rule, "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you." Sorry, but this one's been taken! Besides, it is broad enough for all of life, and we need to narrow one down to just the Shag. In fact, I'm not sure the phrase, "Do unto" means the same to every hand holding a beverage of their choice as it means to a hand holding the Bible.

Seven centuries before the golden rule above, Confucius said, "Do not impose on others what you yourself do not desire." Same meaning, actually, and from the same inspirational source, we believe. But just to show that things improve slowly, we waited 700 years to get a more positive phrasing. Even the beautiful guideline, "Treat others as you treat yourself, and treat yourself well," only caught on in Buddhism.

Wait a minute. We are getting too far afield. We are dabbling in religious quotes and we don't want to step on someone's faith. After all, the Shagging world includes many faiths and many professions, from judges, corporate officers, business owners, clerks, factory workers, retirees, con-men, all the way down to attorneys. But, when we come together in the beach club, we are

one big family with a common purpose. We need a phrase that fits all.

There are several semi-mottos used but they are more like salutations. They also seem too narrow for a golden rule:

"Keep on Shagging"
"See you on the dance floor"
"Save a dance for me"
"Dance with those who ask"
"Keep on playin' that beach music"
"Jesus is coming. Look Busy"
 (Too religious)
"Just do it"
 (Oops! This one is taken also)
"Friends don't let friends dance naked"

We've got it! What insight! What focus! How wise and broad, yet narrow and to the point! It will soon be on the lips of every Shagger, especially the teachers. They will love it. Whew! What a struggle to write enough to fill up this space before I reveal to you my suggestion for the Shagger's Golden Rule:

*"Dance unto others
 as you would have them
 dance unto you!"*



*If life deals you lemons,
 make lemonade;
 if it deals you tomatoes,
 make Bloody Marys.*

How much do you make an hour? Notice

A man came home from work late again, tired and irritated, to find his 5-year-old son waiting for him at the door.

"Daddy, may I ask you a question?"

"Yeah, sure. What is it?" replied the man.

"Daddy, how much money do you make an hour?"

"That's none of your business! What makes you ask such a thing?" the man said angrily.

"I just wanted to know. Please tell me, how much do you make an hour?" pleaded the little boy.

"If you must know, I make \$20 an hour."

The little boy looked up at his father and he said,

"Daddy, may I borrow \$9 please?"

The father was furious. "If the only reason you wanted to know how much money I make is just so you can borrow some to buy a silly toy or some other nonsense, then you march yourself straight to your room and go to bed. Think about why you're being so selfish. I work long, hard hours everyday and don't have time for such childish games."

The little boy quietly went to his room and shut the door. The man sat down and started to get even madder about the little boy's questioning. How dare he ask such

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Notice of Revocation of Independence



To the citizens of the United States of America, In the light of your failure to elect a President of the USA and thus to govern yourselves, we hereby give notice of the revocation of your independence, effective today.

Her Sovereign Majesty Queen Elizabeth II will resume monarchical duties over all states, commonwealths and other territories. Except Utah, which she does not fancy. Your new prime minister (The rt. hon. Tony Blair, MP for the 97.85% of you who have until now been unaware that there is a world outside your borders) will appoint a minister for America without the need for further elections. Congress and the Senate will be disbanded. A questionnaire will be circulated next year to determine whether any of you noticed.

To aid in the transition to a British Crown Dependency, the following rules are introduced with immediate effect:

1. You should look up "revocation" in the Oxford English Dictionary. Then look up "aluminium". Check the pronunciation guide. You will be amazed at just how wrongly you have been pronouncing it. Generally, you should raise your vocabulary to acceptable levels. Look up "vocabulary". Using the same twenty seven words interspersed with filler noises such as "like" and "you know" is an unacceptable and inefficient form of communication. Look up "interspersed".

2. There is no such thing as "US English". We will let Microsoft

know on your behalf.

3. You should learn to distinguish the English and Australian accents. It really isn't that hard.

4. Hollywood will be required occasionally to cast English actors as the good guys.

5. You should relearn your original national anthem, "God Save The Queen", but only after fully carrying out task 1. We would not want you to get confused and give up half way through.

6. You should stop playing American "football". There is only one kind of football. What you refer to as American "football" is not a very good game. The 2.15% of you who are aware that there is a world outside your borders may have noticed that no one else plays "American" football. You will no longer be allowed to play it, and should instead play proper football. It is a difficult game. Those of you brave enough will, in time, be allowed to play rugby (which is similar to American "football", but does not involve stopping for a rest every twenty seconds or wearing full kevlar body armour like nancies). We are hoping to get together at least a US rugby sevens side by 2005.

7. July 4th is no longer a public holiday. November 8th will be a new national holiday, but only in the United Kingdom. It will be called "Indecisive Day".

8. All American cars are hereby banned. They are crap and it is for your own good. When we show you German cars, you will

understand what we mean.

9. Please tell us who killed JFK. It's been driving us crazy.

Thank you for your co-operation.

How Much Do You Make

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questions only to get some money?

After an hour or so, the man calmed down. He started to think he might have been a little hard on his son. Maybe there was something he really needed to buy with that \$9 and he didn't ask for money very often.

The man went to the little boy's room and opened the door.

"Are you asleep son?" he asked.

"No daddy, I'm awake," replied the boy.

"I've been thinking, maybe I was too hard on you earlier," said the man. "It's been a long day and I took my aggravations out on you. Here's that \$9 you asked for."

The little boy sat straight up, beaming. "Oh, thank you daddy!" he yelled.

Then, reaching under his pillow, he pulled out some more crumpled up bills.

The man, seeing that the boy already had money, started to get angry again.

The little boy slowly counted out then looked up at the man.

"Why did you want more money if you already had some?" the father grumbled.

"Because I didn't have enough, but now I do," the little boy replied.

"Daddy, I have \$20 now. Can I buy an hour of your time?"

YOU MEAN..?

An ambitious yuppie finally decided to take a vacation. He booked himself on a Caribbean cruise and proceeded to have the time of his life. Until the boat sank. The man found himself swept up on the shore of an island with no other people, no supplies...Nothing. Only bananas and coconuts.

After about four months, he is lying on the beach one day when the most gorgeous woman he has ever seen rows up to him. In disbelief, he asks her, "Where did you come from? How did you get here?"

the woman. "On the south side of the island, there is a very unusual strata of alluvial rock exposed. I found if I fired it to a certain temperature in my kiln, it melted into forgeable ductile iron. I used that for tools and used the tools to make the hardware." The guy is stunned.

"Let's row over to my place," she says. After a few minutes of rowing, she docks the boat at a small wharf. As the man looks onto shore, he nearly falls out of the boat. Before him is a stone walk leading to an exquisite bungalow painted in

After they have exchanged their stories, the woman announces, "I'm going to slip into something more comfortable."

"I rowed from the other side of the island," she says. "I landed here when my cruise ship sank." "Amazing," he says. "You were really lucky to have a rowboat wash up with you."

"Oh, this?" replies the woman. "I made the rowboat out of raw material I found on the island; the oars were whittled from gum tree branches; I wove the bottom from palm branches; and the sides and stern came from a Eucalyptus tree."

"But-but, that's impossible," stutters the man. "You had no tools or hardware. How did you manage?"

"Oh, that was no problem," replies

blue and white. While the woman ties up the rowboat with an expertly woven hemp rope, the man can only stare ahead, dumbstruck.

As they walk into the house, she says casually, "It's not much, but I call it home. Sit down please; would you like to have a drink?" "No, no thank you," he says, still dazed. "Can't take any more coconut juice." "It's not coconut juice," the woman replies. "I have a still. How about a Pina Colada?"

Trying to hide his continued amazement, the man accepts, and they sit down on her couch to talk. After they have exchanged their stories, the woman announces, "I'm going



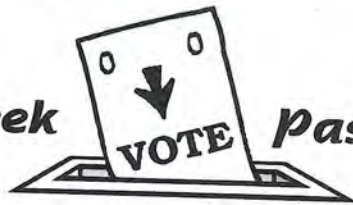
to slip into something more comfortable. Would you like to take a shower and shave? There is a razor upstairs in the bathroom cabinet."

No longer questioning anything, the man goes into the bathroom. There, in the cabinet, is a razor made from a bone handle. Two shells honed to a hollow ground edge are fastened on to its end inside of a swivel mechanism.

"This woman is amazing," he muses. "What next?"

When he returns, she greets him wearing nothing but vines-strategically positioned-and smelling faintly of gardenias. She beckons for him to sit down next to her. "Tell me," she begins, suggestively, slithering closer to him, "we've been out here for a really long time. You've been lonely. There's something I'm sure you really feel like doing right now, something you've been longing for all these months? You know..." She stares into his eyes. He can't believe what he's hearing: "You mean--?", he swallows excitedly, "I can check my e-mail from here...?"

'Twas A Week Past Election



(author unknown)

*Twas a week past election
and all through the land,
Not a president was chosen
and no decision at hand.
The ballots were counted
again and again
In hopes that in Florida
the Vice President would win.*

*The governor had won it,
or so he had said
And thoughts of his cabinet
danced in his head.
While Gore and his lawyers
and Bush and his, too
Argued and argued
about what to do.*

*When down in Palm Beach
arose such confusion,
As thousands of Democrats
voted Buchanan!
The box for Buchanan
was too close to Gore's,
So Bush got the most votes.
Should Gore have had more?*

*Then what in the nation's
eyes did appear?
But thousands of lawyers
and lawsuits to hear.
Faster and faster
the lawyers they came,
With a truckload of briefs,
and people to blame.*

*And then the Vice President
said, and I quote:
"We must hand count
each Floridian's vote."*

*The country then watched
as Florida reported
Numbers and figures
the media distorted.*

*The Vice President was weak,
the chances were thin,
That in the end
the Presidency he'd win.
The governor's aides
confidently touted
"We've won the election.
Votes don't need to be counted."*

*No one cared anymore
who was elected,
As long as it ended
and one was selected.
As they polled Palm Beach County
and counted again,
America knew it
never would end.*

*Thousands protested
the votes that were tossed,
No one would ever
concede he had lost.
And the media debated
long into the night,
Whether the holes should have
been on the right.*

*And so no one knew
from the west to the east,
Who got the most votes
or who got the least.
But the voice of reason
calmed everyone's fears:
We'll do this again
in another four years!*

**Just what is
plum pudding,
and why aren't
there any
plums in it?**

Here's a dish with a peekaboo ingredient: who knows where it's hiding. In fact if you were to dive into a plum pudding with sensitive electronic detection devices, you would find nary a plum in the place.

A treat for desert since the earliest Thanksgiving and Christmas celebrations, plum pudding's ingredients include flour, sugar, spices and suet (fat). This mush is steamed, not baked, and is unleavened, making it pudding rather than cake.

As for plums, the stealth ingredient that lends its name to this post-turkey goo, credit linguistic practices currant, uh, current in colonial America. "Plums" and "plumbs" were what they called raisins, the final ingredient in plum pudding.

Review

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did become a big part of the lore of the beach. But the bond of the beach people stands out. It was, (and is today) a fraternity, complete with rituals. To those who are in it, it is worth every thing in the world. Since a small gold shagging shoe on a gold chain has become the ensign of dedicated shatters, men and women, we may paraphrase the motto of a well known South Carolina military college: "I wear the shoe." -Phil Sawyer

Places Where We Go...

Sorted by City

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Aiken, SC
(CSRA)
(Tues, Thurs, Fri)
Holley House
(803) 648-4265

Albermarl, NC
(Salisbury/Lake Tillery)
(Sunday)
Harmanco's
(704) 463-7605

Alexandria, Va
(N Va Shag Club)
(Wednesday)
Nick's
(703) 751-8900

Anderson, SC
(Electric City)
(Wednesday)
Uptown Lounge
(864) 225-9522

Asheville, NC
(Mountain Shag Club)
(Wed, Sat)
Best Western Motel
(828) 258-0091

Atlanta, GA
(ShagAtlanta)
(Saturday)
Marriott Lounge
(770) 394-6500

Atlantic Bch, NC
(Alt Bch Shag Club)
(Wed, Fri, Sat)
Courtney's
(252) 247-7766

Beckley, WV
(Beckley Shag Club)
(Saturday)
Desoto's
(304) 253-7464

Birmingham, AL
(Beach Shaggers)
(Tuesday)
Charkie Mac's
(205) 956-7245

Boone, NC
(Boone Shag Club)
(Tuesday)
Meadowbrook Inn
(828) 295-4300

Burlington, NC
(Burlington Shag Club)
(Friday)
Best Western Motel
(336) 584-4278

Charleston, SC
(Charlston Shag Club)
(Tues thru Sat)
J.B. Pivots
(843) 571-3668

Charlotte, NC
(Boppers)
(Tues, Sun)
Boppers Bar/Boogie
(704) 537-3323

Charlotte, NC
(Charlotte Shag Club)
(Thursday)
Lynn's Speakeasy
(704) 527-3064

Chattanooga, TN
(Choo Choo Shag Club)
(Thursday)
Chatt. Billiards Club
(423) 499-3883

Columbis, SC
(Palmetto/Columbia)
(Tues, Fri, some Sat)
Wejun's
(803) 781-5730

Columbus, Ga
(ShagPlus)
(Wed, Sat)
Al Who's Place
(706) 327-1500

Cornelius/Lake Norman
(Twister's/Lake Norman)
(Friday)
Holiday Inn
(704) 892-9120

Danville, Va
(Danville Shag Club)
(Friday)
Stratford Inn

Dublin, GA
(Shamrock Shag Club)
(1st/3rd Thurs)
Elk's Club

Durham, NC
(Eno Beach Shag Club)
(Friday)
The Basement
(919) 416-1118

Fayetteville, NC
(FASC)
(Wed, Thurs)
Wheeler's
(910) 424 2628

Florence, SC
(Tri-City)
(Saturday)
Teddy's
(843) 665-4555

Folly Beach, SC
(Islander Shag Club)
(Thurs thru Sun)
ISC Clubhouse
(843) 588-9095

Fort Mills, SC
(Rock Hill Shag Club)
(Friday)
Ramada Plaza
(803) 548-2800

Goldsboro, NC
(Sugarfoot)
(Tuesday)
Best Western Motel
(919) 658-9515

Greensboro, SC
(Greater Triad)
(Sunday)
The Clubhouse
(336) 856-9555

Greenville, NC
(Eastern NC Shag Club)
(Wednesday)
Equestrian Club
(252) 830-8900

...To Dance

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Greenville, SC (Carolina Shag Club) (Wed, Fri, Sat) <i>Docker's</i> (864) 234-9099	Long Beach, NC (Fri, Sat) <i>Shucker's</i> (910) 278-4944	Pawley's Isl, SC (South Strand) (Wed, Fri) <i>Mingo Moe's</i> (843) 235-0422	Shelby, NC (Shelby/Rutherford) (Friday) <i>Days Inn</i> (704) 482-6721
High Point, NC (Greater Triad) (Saturday) <i>Big E's</i> (336) 890-7745	Martinez, GA (CSRA) (Saturday) <i>Shag Shack</i> (706) 863-7462	Raliegh, NC (CASC) (Tues, Fri, Sat/7 Days) <i>Loafers/Reds</i> (919) 821-1489/876-7337	Statesville, NC (Statesville Shag Club) (2nd Friday) <i>VFW</i>
Hilton Head Isl, SC (Hilton Head Shag) (Friday) <i>Hilton Hotel</i> (843) 681-2832	Mt. Olive, NC (Sugarfoot) (Wed, Fri) <i>The Brokerage</i> (919) 658-9515	Releigh, NC (Raleigh Shag Club) (Sunday) <i>Shuckers</i> (919) 481-1877	Sumpter, SC (Sumpter Shag Club) (Every Other Fri) <i>Legacies</i> (803) 469-7800
Jacksonville, FL (First Coast Shag) (Wednesday) <i>Marriott Hotel</i> (904) 296-2222	Nashville, TN (Music City) (Saturday) <i>Maxwell House</i> (615) 259-4343	Richmond, VA (Richmond Shag Club) (Tuesday) <i>Razzels</i> (804) 330-0007	Tampa, FL (Sun Coast Shag) (Sunday) <i>Borderline</i> (813) 935-5339
Johnson City, TN (Mountain Empire) (Monday) <i>Holiday Inn</i> (423) 282-4611	New Bern, NC (Twin Rivers) (Sunday) <i>Oar House</i> (252) 633-2006	Roanoke, VA (Roanoke Valley) (Wednesday) <i>Windham Hotel</i> (540) 563-9300	Wilmington, NC (Cape Fear Shag) (Thurs, Fri, Sat) <i>Corvette's</i> (910) 392-5293
Knoxville, TN (Smokey Mountain) (Sunday) <i>Holiday Inn</i> (423) 693-1011	Outer Banks, NC (Outer Banks Shag) (Monday) <i>Holiday Inn</i> (252) 441-6333	Salisbury, NC (Salisbury Shag Club) (Tuesday) <i>Holiday Inn</i> (704) 637-3100	Winston-Salem, NC (Winston-Salem) (Wed, Fri) <i>The Inn</i> (336) 765-6670
Lake Wylie, SC (York Shag Club) (1st/3rd Saturday) <i>Local Motion</i> (803) 831-0037	Portsmouth, VA (Boogie On The Bay) (Sunday) <i>Holiday Inn</i> (757) 393-2573	Santee, SC (Orangeburg Area) (Wednesday) <i>LT's</i> (803) 478-7424	Virginia Bch, VA (Virginia Bch Shag) (Wed, Fri) <i>Steppin' Out</i> (757) 425-8815

"You Don't Stay Out Late Enough and You Don't Drink Enough!"

By Michael Payne

This is why we started *Club Savoy* in Jacksonville, Florida.

But, let me go back in time. When we first discovered S.O.S. in North Myrtle Beach in 1985, we had several places to dance, there was just one organized dance club in town, and we were sixteen years younger.

But, as we grew older, we didn't stay out as late as we used to and we didn't drink as much as we had when we were younger! There are other reasons other than just



growing older, of course: health concerns, drinking laws, etc. And all of a sudden, we had become bad business for those places that had previously supported us by playing our music, and by giving us reduced drink prices.

Gone now were '57 *Heaven*, *T-Bird*, *Thunderberds*, *Annie Tiques*, *Crawdaddy's*, *Crazy Horse* and all of the rest of the places that we once considered as our home.



The last place to give us the "Boot" was *Thunderbirds*, and we had been there for years, through many, many manager and ownership changes. We were the only bright spot on their weekly calendar, the only crowd on which they could count. Then a new owner came down from the north and we were put out in favor of a *hip-hop* crowd.

It was at that low point that we decided to build a place of our own.

We came up with some ideas, drew up some plans, and got about 30 of our hard core dancers to agree to give a non-interest loan of \$1,000 each, as our seed money. The plan was simple, make a place "For dancers, by dancers, and to be dancer friendly." This meant that it would not cost an arm and a leg to go dancing! With all of the plans in place we started looking for a place to rent, not own. Finding such a place, coupled with having to go through all of the local and state zoning and alcoholic beverages laws turned out to be the toughest parts of the whole plan. As it turned out, there were no laws or zoning for what we wanted to do. No one had ever done this before in Florida! It seemed like we were blocked on all sides! But after a lot of persistence and leg work from a whole lot of people, we finally figured out how to do it.

The next challenge was to find a place that was suitable for our needs. Never in our wildest dreams did we ever think that other businesses would not want us on their property. I mean, here we are, just a bunch of older people wanting to make a place for us to dance! For example, we found a great place next to a Winn Dixie grocery store, but Winn Dixie blocked us because they thought we would use all of their parking places! We found an old skating rink with a great wooden floor, and had gone as far as getting our occupational license there when we were told the deal was off! No explanation given!

Just as we were running out of options, one of our own members came forward with an offer we could not refuse! At last we had our own place! Now all we had to do was fix it they way we wanted it.

We put together a decorations committee, got lots of volunteers and went to work! We didn't want the kind of hall that you find at a VFW Post. We wanted to have a lounge-like atmosphere with subdued lighting, individual tables, nice carpeting, and comfortable chairs. The individual tables idea didn't last long. Everyone wanted to sit with their friends and started putting tables together, so we changed to those long 8-10 seat



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so we could control the lighting from one point. We put in a lot of ceiling fans, and the switches for the fans are also in the DJ booth. We started out by borrowing a sound system from one of our DJ's, but we started buying our own state of the art stuff almost immediately. We own it all now...mixer, CD players, four powerful speakers that border the dance floor..everything!

Speaking of the dance floor...we had been building floors for years so we knew exactly what we wanted for our floor in *Club Savoy*. It's dimensions are 40' x 32' or about 1,300 square feet, and we use every bit of it! It was built with ¾" tongue-in-groove, high grade plywood with good framing that sits on top of carpet. What all this means is that this floor is kind to old legs! We have not had to replace one board in over a year of heavy usage!

The main hall is about 4,500 square feet, and will easily hold 235 dancers, but we have a second room that adjoins the main hall that is just as large. We use this room for meetings, food service, pool tables, TV's, etc. And we have still a third room that is just as large as the other two, but it is not finished yet. We have put another dance floor in it so we can use it for lessons, or other parties that are going on at the same time. For example, we teach beach bop in the main hall and shag in the other room on Tuesdays, and have a line dance group in there on Fridays, the biggest night of the week for the main hall. One does not bother the other!

Club Savoy is a work in progress and probably will always

be just that. There are so many things we want to do with the Club and so little time and labor to do it.



We had our first year anniversary on July 31, 2000! We are financially healthy and have about 450 enthusiastic members who just love the *Club*!

THE FIGHT

Walking into the bar, Harvey said to the bartender, "Pour me a stiff one, Eddie. I just had another fight with the little woman".

"Oh yeah", said Eddie. "And how did this one end"?

"When it was over", Harvey replied. "She came crawling to me on her hands and knees".

"Really? Now that's a switch! What did she say"?

"She said, 'Come out from under that bed, you gutless weasel!'"

The Whisper of the Sea

By: Robert Lewis Stephenson
North Myrtle Beach, NC

*The whisper of the sea
Can only be understood
By a few,
You see*

*There must be a balance,
Between God and man
And only then
Can you understand*

*Each wave adds a ripple
To the sand,
Just as life,
But we do not comprehend*

*As to why our Maker
Has molded each dune,
Forever
To stand*

*Until a storm
Shall move it to a different site,
Just as life
Will change by night*

*And then we experience
Life a different way,
Because our Maker
Has had his say*

*We can only smile and agree,
As things will change
The manuscript for all mankind,
Both you and me.*

*The Web isn't better than sex,
but sliced bread
is in serious trouble!*



*Ideas are great provided they
don't degenerate into work.*

Christmas is Coming Soon!
Be prepared!
A new contract for Santa Claus
has finally been negotiated.
Please read the following
carefully....

To Whom it May Concern:

I regret to inform you that, effective immediately, I will no longer be able to serve the Southern United States on Christmas Eve. Due to the overwhelming current population of the earth, my contract was renegotiated by North American Fairies and Elves Local 209. I now serve only certain areas of Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin, and Michigan. As part of the new and better contract, I also get longer breaks for milk and cookies, so keep that in mind.

However, I'm certain that your children will be in good hands with your local replacement, who happens to be my third cousin, Bubba Claus. His "side of the family is from the South Pole.

He shares my goal of delivering toys to all the good boys and girls; however, there are a few differences between us. Differences such as:

1. There is no danger of a Grinch stealing your presents from Bubba Claus. He has a gun rack on his sleigh and a bumper sticker that reads: "These toys insured by Smith and Wesson."

2. Instead of milk and cookies, Bubba Claus prefers that children leave an RC cola and pork rinds (or a moon pie) on the fireplace. And Bubba doesn't smoke a pipe, he dips a little snuff though, so please have an empty spit can handy.

3. Bubba Claus' sleigh is pulled by floppy-eared, flying coon dogs instead of reindeer. I made the mistake of loaning him a couple of my reindeer one time, and Blitzen's head now overlooks Bubba's fireplace.

4. You won't hear "On Comet, on Cupid, on Donner and Blitzen" when Bubba Claus arrives. Instead you'll hear, "On Earnhardt, on Wallace, on Martin and Labonte. On Rudd, on Jarrett, on Elliott and Petty".

5. "Ho, Ho, Ho!" has been replaced by "Yee Haw!" And you also are likely to hear Bubba's elves respond, "I hear dat!"

6. As required by Southern highway laws, Bubba Claus' sleigh does have a Yosemite Sam safety triangle on the back with the words "Back Off." The last I heard, it also had other

decorations on the sleighback as well. One is a Ford or Chevy logo with lights that race through the letters and the other is a caricature of me (Santa Claus) going wee wee on the Tooth Fairy.

7. The usual Christmas movie classics such as "Miracle on 34th Street" and "It's a Wonderful Life" will not be shown in your negotiated viewing area. Instead, you'll see "Boss Hogg "Saves Christmas" and "Smokey and the Bandit IV" featuring Burt Reynolds as Bubba Claus and dozens of state patrol cars crashing into each other.

8. Bubba Claus doesn't wear a belt. If I were you, I'd make sure you, the wife, and the kids turn the other way when he bends over to put presents under the tree. "

9. And finally, you will not hear the lovely Christmas songs that have been sung about me like "Rudolph The Red-nosed Reindeer" and Bing Crosby's "Santa Claus Is Coming to Town." This year songs about Bubba Claus will be played on all the AM radio stations in the south. Those song titles will be Mark Chesnutt's "Bubba Claus Shot the Jukebox," Cledus T. Judd's "All I Want for Christmas Is My Woman and a Six Pack," and Hank Williams, Jr.'s "If You Don't Like Bubba Claus, You Can Shove It.

Sincerely Yours,

Santa

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DOWN MEMORY LANE

By Johnny Hammond



I remember a night from the days of old when we were having a meeting of the "Four F'ers" (fascinating, friendly flock of financial frolickers), and we were sitting around the bar discussing various jobs that we had held in our youth. You know, the most dangerous, the hardest, the best paying, the most fun, etc. The one I chose as the most fun, and probably one of the better paying jobs, would have to be when I worked with "The World of Mirth" carnival in the fab 50's. I ran a roulette wheel for "Little Joe Miller, the most honest game on the Midway." Seems like yesterday and I can still hear myself yelling, "Hey, Hey, Hey, Ladies and Gentlemen, step right up and, for one thin dime...one tenth of a dollar, you will not only be entertained, you'll have the opportunity to pick up five for every one you lay down. Yes, folks, that's what I said. Five for one. What's your?" I'm telling ya, they flocked around like sheep on their way to the slaughter house!

Yes indeed, if you stayed with these guys for a while, your sense of judgement would improve immensely. The carnies who fascinated me the most were the Barkers. They were the ones standing outside the show telling you how great they were; they were the bingo callers and the Ringmasters under the Big Top. Man, what a diverse group!

When I think of carnival barkers, I always have two who re-

ally stand out. Of course there's Ed McMahon, the one the whole world knows. Then there's the other. Well, there were three functioning as one. By that I mean the DJ's of old WLAC's best: John R. Hoss, and the grand old man himself, Mr. Gene Nobels. These barkers actually sold more records over the air than all the others put together.

Let me tell you a story about records and radio advertising. At the end of WWII, a young man returned home to a little town just outside of Nashville, Tennessee. He had some G.I. training in electrical engineering and a love for quality sound equipment. His name was Randy Wood, and he opened a little radio and record player repair shop. When customers came in to pick up their equipment, they would ask if he had any records. Seeing the potential, he bought 100 from a jukebox operator and advertised them by playing them over a speaker placed outside his shop. He sold the entire lot the first day. This told him that he could sell records. He just didn't know what kind. He contacted the major record companies and asked them to send him what they had. They did! Man, was he overstocked!

One day, a record company representative was in his shop and asked Wood to ride into Nashville with him. They stopped by WLAC and the Rep introduced Wood to Gene Nobels. Wood immediately took a liking to the little cynic and

asked if he thought he could sell records over the air by offering them through the mail. Gene said he would give it his best shot. There was only one small problem - money. Wood was flat broke. I mean he gave new meaning to the phrase, "dirt poor." He was just out of the army and had a wife and two babies. Before he could say no, the witty Nobels set him up with a thirty second spot at five dollars a night. After five nights and good-bye to 25, long-gone dollars, Wood had received only one order. He called Gene and told him to pull the spot. He could just not afford it. Then, the following Monday, the mailman brought a truck load of mail orders. That night the ad went back on the air and Randy's Record Shop in Gallatin Tennessee was born. Gene Nobels and Randy Wood became virtual partners in the business with Randy's sponsoring 45 minutes to two hours in Gene's time slot. The record store owner and the DJ also shared responsibility for selecting the records to be played on the show. It took a while before Gene trusted Randy to select records for the whole program, but Randy learned fast. In the early days, most of the selections were R&B. In fact, Gene Nobels was the first DJ to play

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music for both Black and White listeners. He was far ahead of everyone else, not just in the South, but everywhere in the country, as far as playing R&B on a major station. A lot of guys rode on his coat tail and tried to take credit, but Gene Nobels was the first - the very first.

Ernie Young of Ernie's Record Mart in Memphis was another of Gene's sponsors. Ernie was unaware of closeness Gene had developed with Wood, so he asked John R if he could do for his business what Gene had done for Randy's. Yes sir, John R did the deed. I'm telling you that these guys could sell and they rode at the top of the heap.

Gene Nobels stayed with WLAC until he retired.

Randy Wood's record business boomed. He moved to L.A. and, one by one, purchased several recording studios. Later, he opened a real estate investment company. Finally, he acquired Dot Records. This completed his quest. Not to mention the fact that he made a superstar out of a young, clean-cut, boy next door singer named Pat Boone. Randy started using

Boone's talent and good looks to cover black R&B songs most whites had never heard into white Pop songs. Yes, Dear Hearts, the young man who started without a dime was now a multi-millionaire.

I guess Brother Dave Gardner was right when he said, "A diamond ain't nothing but a piece of coal that stuck with it."



A proposed revision to the rules of golf is being sought in *South Florida* which will replace the traditional call of "FORE". Once a player has hit an errant shot he will be allowed to call "GORE" while the ball is still in flight. He can then replace the ball in the same spot and hit it again.

The player can do this until he is satisfied the ball is going where he intended to hit it in the first place. This will cause the time of play to be extended until such time the player can claim the hole. This revision is causing some consternation to the *PGA* but proponents say it is only fair.

A recent test of this new rule was recently played out in an exclusive club in *Palm Beach County Florida* and the first hole only took 7 days to complete!!!!

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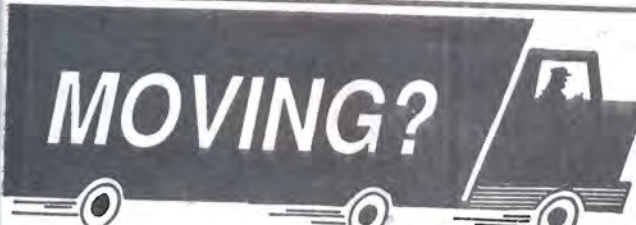
"You know," says Sadie, "I've been reading this 'Sex and Marriage' book and all they talk about is mutual orgasm. Mutual orgasm here, mutual orgasm there, that's all they talk about. Tell me, Esther, when your husband was alive, did you two ever have mutual orgasm?"

"No," says Esther, "I think we had *State Farm*."

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