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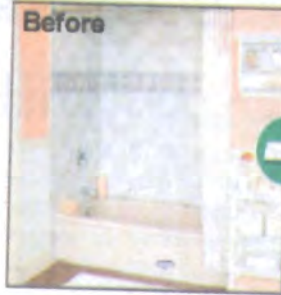
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S.O.S. President
Ron Whisenant

FALL MIGRATION! Wow! How do you top a perfect ending to the SOS year? Do you think that next year will be as good, if not better, than this past Fall Migration. How does it continue to be the best ten day adult party in the USA, year after year? The answer is simple when you think about it. The formulation is perfect! The location, the Beach Clubs, the music and the dance, Add the main ingredient, 12,000 SOS members. Stir in a few "tea parties" here and there, mix in Fun Sunday, Fun Monday for flavor and sweetness; add sunshine and bake on the beach. Smother it with hugs and kisses from old and new friends, and you have the perfect Fall Migration. How can we possibly top it next year? Beats me! I am just glad that I don't have to worry about it. Fall Migration is ALIVE! It has a life all to its own. Get ready! Fall Migration 2008! WOW!

The year of 2007 is coming to a close. I want to let you know that we have had a good year with our membership sales. You, the member, are what help to make this organization such a vibrant lifestyle that offers so much to its membership. Thank you for helping us to be such a great medium for the dance and its music. Thank you for your continued support of SOS.

I want to wish each of you the very best that life has to offer. Grasp each day and live it to your potential. Live life to its fullest.

Happy Holidays! Merry Christmas! I love you all.

Ron

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S.O.S. Chairman
Hector Phifer

Hello Everybody,

I hope a great time was had by all at Fall Migration, and MAN, did we have a turnout for Fun Sunday and Fun Monday. We couldn't have asked for better weather, nor could we have predicted such a huge crowd. In fact, it was the "Biggest SOS" we've ever had. I always say I don't know how the Enhancement Committee can make these two days any better, but every year they put together an entertainment schedule that surpasses all others. I can't wait to see what's in store for us next year. Just keep up the good work gang, cause we're loving it, loving it!!

As we approach the Holiday Season, I want to wish all of you a safe and joyous time with family and friends. But let's not forget those who are less fortunate. As a special group of people, we have all been blessed in so many ways, and for that we can show our thankfulness by helping others. So, open up those big hearts for Thanksgiving and Christmas, and don't forget "the reason for the season."

In closing, pray for our troops and our country, and May God bless you all.

Love ya,

Hector

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Without the help of everyone who contributed, this paper would still be Just Another Newsletter. Thank You!!



A.C.S.C. Chairman
Judy Vick

Season's greetings to everyone,

We (ACSC AND SOS) have had a good year. Looking forward to 2008. Mid-Winter will soon be here and if we have a crowd like Fall SOS, it will be large.

Our two workshops in 2008 will be held in Spartsburg in February and Greenville, S.C. in July. These are mandatory meetings for the shag clubs in the ACSC. Make your plans now to attend. A lot of hard work has gone into the planning of these week end parties.

The year is fast coming to an end. I hope everyone has a wonderful and safe holiday season. Spend time with your family and friends and make memories you'll always cherish.

See you at the beach,

Judy



A.C.S.C.
Vice Chairman
Ken Akin

I hope everyone had a great "THANKS-GIVING" and a wonderful "CHRISTMAS" holiday. I am looking forward to seeing everyone at NMB for Mid-Winter.

The Fall SOS was one of the most memorable SOS's that I can remember. The weather could not have been any more perfect but, the dancing was even better. Fun Sunday was a huge success - biggest crowd yet. As for FUN MONDAY, what can you say. The event drew the biggest crowd for a Fun Monday event ever. The Enhancement Committee deserves all the "Kudos" that we can give them. They work many, many hours to bring FUN SUNDAY / MONDAY to you for your enjoyment.

I hope everybody enjoys the photographs that appear in the Carefree Times. SOS has an official photographer, Vickie Harrison. She is everywhere during SOS / Mid-Winter taking pictures. If you see a person with an official SOS Photographer badge on "SMILE", you might appear in the CFT.

Remember to put the 2008 Winter Workshop on your calendar. The R & B Shag Club of Spartanburg will be hosting the workshop in Spartanburg, SC.

Ken



S.O.S.
Janet Harrold

2007 went by too quickly for me...."time flies when you are having fun"! SOS just gets bigger and better every year, and that is attributed to your attendance, writing articles, advertising, and just being a part of this shag community that we all hold so close to our hearts. Our friends and the memories we make during each SOS event have kept us coming back for more. So just think what we have to look forward to in 2008!!!

I hope each of you enjoy this Winter publication and your Holidays are peaceful. Thank you for your continued support of the Carefree Times. Don't forget to patronize the advertisers...when you get ready to make reservations for New Year and Midwinter there are accommodation venues that offer discounts throughout the year as you read through this Carefree Times.

Janet



ABSCDJ'S
President
Jessie Griffin

Best wishes from the Association of Beach and Shag Club DJ's.

I hope that each of you will have a wonderful Holiday Season. It has been a great year for the music industry. We in the DJ Association love to see each of you keeping those dance floors full and having tons of fun.

In looking ahead past Christmas, New Years and the ACSC Winter Work Shop in Spartanburg, SC; well then here it comes again; our 17th Annual DJ Throwdown. The dates are February 28th thru March 1st at Ducks. Steve Baker, our DJ Throwdown Chairman, has planned another outstanding event. He has three great bands lined up for Thursday night. The cost is \$10 for non-members. Friday and Saturday are free to all and we will have 60-plus DJ's playing some great tunes. See our advertisement in this edition of Carefree Times.

Check out our newly designed web page at www.abscdj.com for our complete list of DJ's, Hall of Fame members and Corporate Sponsors along with links to the rest of the Shag World. Thanks to our web master - David Sessoms.

Look for us in the up coming SOS Spring Safari Parade.

Keep on Shaggin' and Happy Holidays! See you at the Beach!

Jessie

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The Top 25 List (in alphabetical order)

- 1) Boat Dock Ray Sharpe
 - 2) Club Savoy Rockin' Louie & The Mamma Jammers
 - 3) Come Get To This Marvin Gaye
 - 4) Cry To Me Solomon Burke
 - 5) Drinkin' Wine Larry Dale
 - 6) Gonna Be Too Late Five Keys
 - 7) Green Eyes The Ravens
 - 8) Give Me You Billy Ward & The Dominoes
 - 9) Have Mercy Baby Dominoes
 - 10) Heartbreak Little Willie John
 - 11) Hey Bartender Floyd Dixon
 - 12) Hole In The Wall Floyd Dixon
 - 13) I Hear A Rhapsody Earl Bostic
 - 14) I Used To Cry Mercy Mercy Lamplighters
 - 15) Lady Soul The Temptations
 - 16) Lonely Teardrops Jackie Wilson
 - 17) Morning, Noon and Night Joe Turner
 - 18) Night and Day Earl Bostic
 - 19) Nip Sip The Clovers
 - 20) Poison Ivy Willie Mabon
 - 21) Rock Granny Roll Hank Ballard & The Midnighters
 - 22) Sixty Minute Man Billy Ward & The Dominoes
 - 23) Somebody Touched Me Ruth Brown
 - 24) Think The 5 Royales
 - 25) Wee Baby Blues Joe Turner
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BRUNSWICK'S BEACH MUSIC & BBQ FOR PROJECT UPLINK

John Hutton

The Society of Brunswick Shaggers (SOBS), a proud member of the ACSC/SOS, held its annual fundraiser on Saturday, August 11, 2007 at Chaser's Beach Club on Oak Island, North Carolina. This year, for the fourth consecutive year, monies were raised to benefit the VFW's "Project Uplink". "Project Uplink" provides free phone cards to hospitalized and deployed US military personnel. Our event netted over \$4,100 thanks to the hard work and dedication of all the great folks involved.

This year's "Beach Music and Bar-B-Q event" featured a DJ Throwdown, Chinese Auction, Silent Auction, 50/50 and of course, Bar-B-Q. DJs Steve Smith, Lee Pearson, Bill Ruth, Robert Carter and Terry McPhail donated their time from 11AM to 6PM and kept the dancers' feet happy. Chaser's owner Lee Skipper donated the beach front facility and bartender Davette kept the cold drinks poured all day. Surfer's Restaurant of Southport set up their tent outside and donated back to the SOBS \$2.00 for every barbeque plate sold. Radio station 94.9 The Surf provided the opportunity for us to record a Public Service Announcement letting the community know about our event.

We began pre-selling tickets in June and tickets were available at the door. A donation of \$5.00 put attendees in

the running for over 35 door prizes which were awarded throughout the day. Prizes ranged from CDs to T shirts, from local merchant gift certificates to golf club covers. Winners not in the house when their names were drawn have been called and invited to attend our next monthly dance to pick up their prizes. The capacity crowd had time to look over the more than 25 Chinese auction items and place their tickets in the bins for a chance to win jewelry, objects d'art, hair styling, dinner certificates, gardening accessories and other gifts from merchants up and down the NC and SC coast. As for the Silent Auction-golf packages, Shag jewelry, fine art pieces, tickets to Danny and the Juniors, gift sets and a private party DJ'd by Joey Warren were hot items right up until the bell at 5PM. Community members were generous both in their donations and in their bidding.

As a member of ACSC/SOS for nearly 10 years I have had the opportunity to attend and participate in many fundraising events. It is always a wonderful feeling to be a part of such a great giving community. My hat is off to all SOBS club members who sought out prizes and to those businesses who donated or otherwise supported our worthy cause. Thanks also to club members who manned the door, the soda and water booth, the ticket sale table and generally made our event the success it was. We thank those club members from other shag clubs who attended: Cape Fear Shag Club and OD Shag Club, as well as our own local community who came out to see what shag fun is all about. We know y'all had fun! See YOU at next year's event.

SENIOR SHAGGER

Gary Murchison
MurkDawg Music

*I stutter step, sometimes I stagger
But I ain't lost my manly swagger
I'm all charged up, springing like a tiger
Real regular now 'cause I'm gettin' my fiber
I don't worry about my cholesterol
As long as I'm taking my Geritol*

*I pivot, boogie walk, and belly roll
Ain't got much rhythm, but lots of soul
Late at night, I'm still a dancin' machine
Pumped up on Chondroitin and Glucosamine
And if I die dancin' til dawn
Just bury me with my Wejuns on*

*Ladies over 50 are awesome cause
They've learned to live with menopause
Though they see me dance, they don't care
They ain't looking for Fred Astaire
It's plain to see, I'm not a spring chicken
But I'm like a Timex, I keep on tickin'*

*When it comes to love, I ain't real smart
Too many women have broken my heart
Don't play no games, no cloak and dagger
Just shoot straight with this Senior shagger
Don't hitch your horse to my cart
And then take advantage of this old Fart*

*Life is short, you better live it
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Every dance floor has its shadows. The beach wind softly moans their names. Of the legends that walked these sands before us, more than sea washed footprints still remain.

From summers past to present I've watched my heroes use music to stop time. They used the dance to freeze special moments while their feet tapped a velvet rhyme.

Their bodies would sway to the beat, giving sound meaning and earthly form.

While being so smooth and rhythmic their dancing could cause a passionate storm

With cool style and gossamer control they would glide across the floor.

Every move stunned our senses while our voices screamed for more.

With a confident smile on their faces and shoes full of grace, my heroes had the power to lift low spirits and make my young heart race.

Every second shared with friends has more value than yellow gold.

Lets spend our lives in joy together and with our loved ones be truly bold.

Harry Driver, and Charlie Boone, swinging OB and Queen Clarice.

They drove us wild on the dance floor, yet brought our souls such sweet peace.

How many grains of sand have washed from the beach since they left this shining shore? How many shadows have moved silently across the Pavilion's worn dance floor?

As each brief year passes through time, more of my heroes take life's last dance. I can still see their silhouettes and my soul feels familiar romance.

I don't measure the time I have missed them by the too short days retreat.

I count every long moment without them by my lonely heart's clockwork beat.

Yet I bear no sadness for my friends, the great legends of my past.

I feel only gladness for knowing them, while I stand in the shadows they have cast.

They have gone ahead once again to prepare a quiet place just for me.

I look forward to the day I meet them on the golden sands of a far distant sea.

May those who follow think of me in such a way when I pass through life's last door.

I hope they celebrate in music as I join the shadows on a sandy dance floor.

Chris Jestes

The idea for these verses came to me from the many conversations I have had with my mentor in shag society, Eddie Monsour. I would like to dedicate this poem to Mike Blanton and the members of the Shag Mafia.

Thirsty's 2

2007 WALL OF FAME INDUCTION

Linda Reeder

On the last Saturday of September each year, Thirsty's 2 honors a group of special people to be a part of their Wall of Fame. The purpose of the Wall of Fame is to recognize area dancers and contributors pertaining to the preservation of beach music and the dance.

The Wall committee selects those people, nominated by their peers, which meet certain criteria. They should have strong ties to the Triad area and are selected from the categories of DJ, Contributor, and Dancer. Each member of the Wall may nominate one person each year if they wish to do so. Since age is not a factor, Beth Mitchell was the youngest inductee, chosen in 2005, and the oldest was 70+.

The Wall of Fame began in 1994 as part of the Bunk Leach Charity Mixed Doubles Contest at the first Thirsty's and continued through 1998 when the club closed a few months later. The first year, some of those chosen were pioneers and innovators like Lacy Moore, Bunk Leach, George Lineberry, Louise Hunsucker, Shad Alberty, Rick Lyman, Bill Griffin and Spider Kirkman.

When Thirsty's 2 opened in 2002, the Wall of Fame ceremonies continued. This year, the new inductees were: Kim Maynard, Betty Carroll, Max Madrin, Mary Lynn Myrick, Snooks Swofford, Debra Barta, Steve Dean, Joan Setzer and Jim Furr. There were 26 members of the Wall present that evening to welcome these new inductees with a champagne toast!

Since the inception, the Wall of Fame has inducted a total of 92 people from our area. If it wasn't for the Wall of Fame, some people may not ever be recognized. And, it is equally important that those great legends are also not forgotten.



Williams loved his steps through life...

Bill Kirby, the Fayetteville Observer



J.E. Williams was smooth on the dance floor.

His feet, when he performed the beach shag, were like they were sliding over an oil slick. He had rhythm. He had confidence.

But not the hint of arrogance, even though he could one-and-two, three-and-four and five-and-six better than most around him.

Beach tunes — “Miss Grace,” “My Little Red Book,” “Myrtle Beach Days,” “I Love Beach Music,” “Ocean Boulevard” and “Carolina Girls” — were his music. The tight footwork and the rocks and the passes and the turns were his passion.

That is what J.E. Williams was doing about two years ago, when I suddenly saw him coming my way.

He didn't want to talk about dancing.

He wanted to talk about his roots.

My family characters

“You write every fall about your mother's church,” he said. “I want to tell you how much I enjoy it each year, and how you talk about your ancestors.”

Oh yeah, I do.

I've written more than once about my Aunt Effie's “toothbrush,” a twig she cut off a tree and sucked on forever. I've written about all of the peculiarities and idiosyncrasies of my Aunt Jane, my Aunt Ethel, my Aunt Julia and my Uncle Angus.

They should have been in a comic strip.

They were characters.

But they were salt of the earth Scots who survived on country cooking and fatback, while worrying endlessly about everything on earth. They loved one another and their Moore County kin like nothing you've ever seen.

“I like to read about that little church,” Jay Williams said, “because I grew up in a little church just like that.”

His family characters

James Edward Williams Jr., the son of a farming father, grew up attending Clement Baptist Church.

“He went to Sunday school and Bible school,” says Murline Tew, 79, his mother. “And later he was an usher.”

He enjoyed homecoming.

He liked grazing along the tables and dipping into the potato salad, the collards and the chicken casseroles.

“He went just year before last,” his mother says.

J.E. Williams had his family characters, too.

There were stories about Uncle J. Sherman Autry, Uncle Henry, Aunt Mary, Aunt Bessie, Aunt Hepsie and Aunt Vena.

“I like reading about your mother's church,” J.E. Williams told me, “because your aunts and uncles remind me of my church and how I grew up.”

Sand between his toes

J.E. Williams, who lived in Sanford, was a handsome fellow with never a hair out of place.

Just like his dance steps.

He never missed a beat.

He was an insurance executive here for 35 years, and really liked the simple things in life — a Sunday dinner with his son and daughter down at Elijah's restaurant on the Cape Fear River in Wilmington, collecting antiques, playing with his dogs — Sonny Boy and Merlin — listening to a good beach music song and dancing to the tune or attending homecoming at his boyhood church.

“He was smooth,” Chad Williams, 31, his son, says of his father's dancing prowess. “He just enjoyed it, but he wasn't a showoff. Most of all, he loved the music.”

J.E. Williams Jr. died Sept. 12 of cardiac arrest.

He was 58.

He was buried beside his father, not far from the church and the ancestors he loved as a boy.

James Edward Williams Jr. was a good fellow.

May his heavenly homecoming include a summer breeze on his face, sand between his toes and plenty of beach music to shag to on the Streets of Gold.

As Bill Kirby mentioned, Jay was a member of the Fayetteville Area Shag Association. When he passed away we lost a great friend and a good dancer. He shook hands with every man and made sure that all the single ladies had a spin on the dance floor. The turn out at his wake was really touching. When I arrived at the Funeral home to see his family and say goodbye to Jay, I had a hard time parking. The parking lot was so full that I had to make several passes to find a space. As I was looking for a spot I couldn't help but notice all of the Shag Tags that were on cars. Just as you can always tell when the Shriners have shown up in force at an event by their license plates, you can now take note of the Shaggers. It was kind of neat to know that so many Shaggers had shown up to pay their respects one last time to a man that was so well respected by his peers.

~ Dwayne Baggett



A Great SOS Tradition Continues... RIPETE / KHP SHOWCASE AT DUCKS

Mike Lewis

Once again the two powerhouses of beach and shag music, RIPETE and KHP gathered together their best and brightest new and established artists and bands, and invited many others, too, to thrill and chill and flat out entertain a huge, continuously full DUCKS audience the second Friday (ALWAYS, EVERY SOS!) of Fall Migration 2007.



Ringmaster for this, the Barnum and Bailey Deluxe SOS fun event, as always, was Mike Lewis, Senior Living Member of the DeeJay Hall of Fame. Providing able direction

and coordinating the multitude of talent was Julian Fowler, Promotions Director for RIPETE and KHP, along with many eager and hard-working assistants---many of them active members of The Association of Beach and Shag Deejays, as well as Julian's own staff.

If it sounds like a full blown carnival, it was! In addition to the throng of artists and bands there to show their stuff, DUCKS, the participating bands, labels, beachmusic45.com, PIVOTS Beach Club and many others had provided Mike with a zillion door prizes, to keep the crowd always on their toes, dancing for goodies.

Mike wore out several "Assistant Host Deejays," including Bob Graves, Mike Little,

Mike Brantley, Danny Kimrey, Jerry Burrage, Dennis and Nancy Gehley, Eddie Baker, Chad Sain and others, lost in the shuffle, yet much appreciated.

Once again The Castaways Band provided an excellent professional sound stage system and an ace engineer, to facilitate the performances, and they also performed themselves. (Not the engineer, though he wanted to...)

Thanks go also to the many local and other radio stations who hung around DUCKS to get live interviews of the artists, the SOS'ers, anyone who wanted to be "on the radio." Mike Lewis' pink ball cap was courtesy of The SURF and Harriett Grady-Thomas, owner of PIVOTS Beach Club in Charleston. His other cap, the world-renowned RIPETE 20th Anniversary Genuine Antique Ball Cap, was a donation from Marion Carter of RIPETE Music Group.



Proceeds of the GRAND PRIZE drawings, including beautiful jewelry provided by DUCKS and David Shaw, as well as the huge stack of Cd's, tee shirts, hats, and other "good stuff" in the big pile, went to the HALL OF FAME FOUNDATION---a very worthwhile charity that cares for shaggers in need. Janet Harrold was there taking pictures for the FOUNDATION, the CAREFREE TIMES, and her own archives.

Due to the intense interest in this event and the desire by SOS'ers to "get a good seat" to watch the proceedings, David Shaw, owner of DUCKS, opened his doors early, allowing folks to come in just as the traditional SOS dance lessons from The Universe's Best Known Shaggers, Charlie and Jackie Womble (McGee) were finishing up.



The sound and fury and wonderful drama began just after 12:30 this time....

Just for fun and information, here is a listing (from the official record) of who performed:

The Big Time Party Band
Flash Ludwick (Calabash Flash)
Tiff Wheeler
Sherry Norris (The Reflections Band)
The Fabulous Hot Dog Daddios
Clifford Curry (all the way from Nashville, Tenn.)
The Carousels Band

Doug Winstead (The Coco Loco Party Band)
 Paul Craver (The Men of Distinction)
 Tommy Black (...and Blooz)
 Clint Horton (The Magnificents Band)
 Karen Clayton (The Castaways)
 Mike Taylor (The Holiday Band)
 Mike Neese (The Holiday Band)
 Susan Trexker (we missed Donnie)
 Blind Mellow Jelly and The Fabulous JellyRolls
 Greg Moseley (The Carolina Playboys)
 Rickey Godfrey (The RGB)
 The Royal Scotsmen
 Angel Rissoff (all the way from New York)
 Gary Brown
 Tony Baker (The Souls)
 Wendy Goodson & The Flashbacks
 Soul Tyme
 Gary Lowder

The Forever Summer Girls (Four female vocalists from the new KHP CD of the same name (FOREVER SUMMER II):

Vicki Skinner, Becky Fox Baldwin, Lia Long and Rhonda McDaniel (They took turns doing their beach hits...)

Shaggie Maggie (Pam Russell---welcome back!)
 John Reed (The Mixed Emotions)
 Mark Roberts (Coastline)
 Pat Carpenter (Pat Carpenter Band)

Andy King (Craig Woolard Band)

So many artists and bands had contacted Mike Lewis and Julian Fowler, wanting to perform at the SHOWCASE this time, that RIPETE and KHP, with the gracious assistance of DYNAMITE's in North Myrtle Beach, set up an additional "Pre-Release" event, the night before. This gave many of the performers



who could not be at the RIPETE / KHP SHOWCASE at DUCKS the opportunity to show off their new music for a tremendous Thursday evening crowd there, too. Reading the wrap-up summary of that event, you will also notice some of the artists and bands were kind enough to come to BOTH events! An extra treat for the SOS crowd this time and one more chance to hear the newest RIPETE and KHP music, from just-released compact discs, "LIVE" and up close.

As you might expect, plans are already underway for next SOS. Just how can RIPETE and KHP top this year's events? More than 100 live performances during the two SOS reunions---two at DUCKS, one at DYNAMITE'S. To continue their traditions of being the epicenters, the originators, the collectors and providers of new beach and shag music, both RIPETE and KHP are hard at work, right now, as we speak, recording those future hits, producing the artists we love (and may not even know yet), putting down the sound that goes round and round and gets us dancing, tapping our feet, having a wonderful "beach" time all year round....

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2007 Shaggers Hall of Fame
**25TH ANNIVERSARY
 INDUCTION**

OCTOBER 13, 2007
 Janet Harrold

2007 being the 25th Anniversary of the Shaggers Hall of Fame Induction brought many past and, of course, new inductees with their family and friends, to enjoy a special evening to remember. Sam McIntosh and Wanda Yow did a great job of introducing each inductee with a brief history and added many humorous comments which the crowd seemed to understand with their response of laughter. I guess we all have had similar funny memories.

Carolyn Hedrick, Mary Lynn Myrick, Linda Walker, Peggy Burris, Sherri Strickland, and Jeannie Pack decorated the OD Resort Ballroom and it looked fantastic.....good job girls!!!!

Each inductee had many accolades in their acceptance speech.....a few even had notes to refer to so they would remember everything they wanted to say for such an honor to be inducted into the Hall of Fame. Each did their own unique style of the dance with their significant partners or there were many ladies and gentlemen lined up to break in on a few of the inductees.

A "special thanks" went out to Rick Hubbard who originally started the Shaggers Hall of Fame...KUDOS to Rick for a wonderful organization to recognize people for their dedication to our music, dance, and continued friendships forever. And a very special thank you to Chick Hedrick, CEO, for keeping this organization alive for all to enjoy.

2007 Female Inductees

Ruby Able, N Myrtle Beach, SC
 Kate Griffin, Beulaville, NC
 Frances Tripp, Rocky Mount, NC
 Susie Griffin, Beulaville, NC

2007 Male Inductees

H. Lee Brown, N Myrtle Beach, SC
 Tommy "Bones" Hussey, Kinston, NC
 Norman Tripp, Rocky Mount, NC
 Jimmy Soles, High Point, NC

Charlie Boone Memorial Award was presented to Jack and Barbara Rickard, Clemmons, NC.

Bob Myrick introduced the 2007 Keepers of the Dance, Dana Brown Barton and Grayson Smith. Thank goodness we have the younger generation coming up behind us to keep all our memories alive for many years to come.

February 22-23, 2008 during the SPA Shag contest at Ducks Beach Club, the 2007 Keepers of the Dance will be announced along with honoring the past inductees. The new inductees framed photo and bio will be displayed along with all the other "Keepers".





**SOS 2007
Fall Migration**



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1/12 Sat. DJ Germany 12-5pm
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Murl Augustine 9-C



Shag Workshop With Ellen Taylor

Saturday, January 19, 2008
11am - Noon

Workshop - \$10 per person

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~ Ellen

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Thursday, December 27

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Coastline Band 9-1

Friday, December 28

Club opens at 12 Noon
Coco Loco Party Band 9-1

Saturday, December 29

Club opens at 12 Noon
The Craig Woolard Band 9-1

Sunday, December 30

Club opens at 12 Noon
The Fantastic Shakers 9-1

Monday, December 31

Club opens at 12 Noon until 5 PM
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Friday, January 18, 2008

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FUN SUNDAY & FUN MONDAY

Dwayne Baggett

WOW!!!! What a treat. The SOS Enhancement Committee really did great this year. They put on another Cammy Award winning event. I have never seen so many people in the parking lot across the street from the O.D. Arcade. The Band of Oz and the Attractions kept the crowd going all day. On Fun Monday the day started early again. Our guests were trying to put their chairs on the street BEFORE the stage was setup. They were ready and they weren't disappointed. The bands put on a great show. Delbert brought the crowds in, but I have heard several people say that Jim Quick and the Coastline Band put on THE show of the day. Where Craig Woolard and his boys left off, Quick and his friends stepped in and kept the show rocking. Delbert played his new music, but I think everybody wanted to hear the songs that made him famous with us. He had a suggested play list to go by, but you know how artists are. They play what they want to play. The Shag Clubs that set up vending booths were all busy selling food, drinks, and merchandise as hard



as they could. The ones that were selling food had the streets smelling real good. Over \$ 11,000 was given away on Fun Monday and a lot of the winners were there to collect their money. It was a long day for the Enhancement Committee, but they were glad so many people came out to enjoy it. We had RECORD BREAKING attendance this year and hope to follow it up again next year. Remember to buy your Fun Monday ticket for only \$10 so that we can keep bringing you these two fun filled days of entertainment. Where else can you see this quality of entertainment, have this much fun, and have a chance to win a portion of \$ 11,250. Remember: You can't win if you ain't in.



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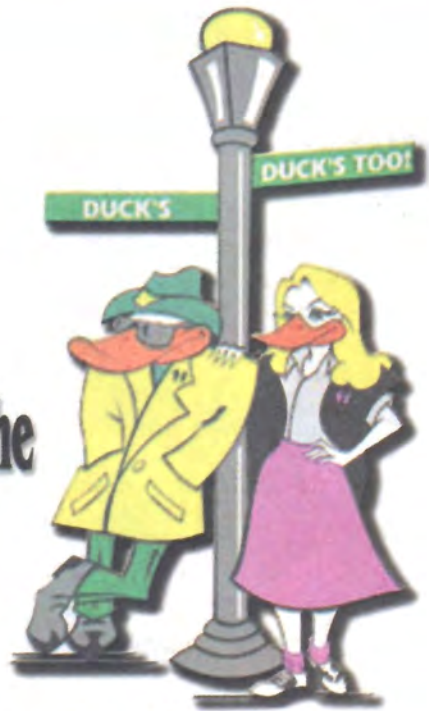




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Both Friday & Saturday are FREE!

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GOLF TOURNAMENT

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- Box lunch will be served to each player on the course on Saturday.
- Buffet dinner will be served on Saturday evening
- Beach Party Dance on the patio with a DJ spinning tunes Saturday night
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The following is an excerpt from my 'book-in-progress'

B 4 I 4GET

In the summer of 1946 my old grammar school friend, James Cloninger, had moved from York to Gastonia and had organized a dance band. He was the drummer. The Gastonia Teen Canteen was located in a two-storied house in the Northeast corner of the big cemetery on Franklin and 321 South. (The house is still there, I think)

James invited me up one Friday night to a dance at the canteen where his group was to play. I went and there was a packed house. During the combo's intermissions, a record player played what was later to be known as "beach music". During one of the intermissions a nice-looking boy with a slight lisp came over to me and introduced himself and told me he had brought the two Anthony sisters to the dance and noticed that I was alone and would I dance with one of the sisters for him.

I informed him that I could only square dance a little. He said, that was no problem, so Bill "Sleepy" Timmerman from Greenville and the two Anthony sisters spent the entire time at the dance teaching me the basic steps of the "fas' dancin'" they were doing.

After the dance, he picked up his suitcase and we walked the girls several blocks south to their home and I told "Sleepy" I had to catch a bus to York. He told me to keep the twenty cents and he would hitch hike with me to York if I would put him up for the night. The next day he convinced me to pack a suitcase and thumb to Charlotte with him and he would introduce me to some great "cats" there.

He had 'snowed' my Mom (Not my Dad), teaching us to make banana sandwiches by slicing them lengthwise instead of across. She gave me three dollars and told me to keep safe.

We hung out at the square in Charlotte and I met at least two dozen friends of Sleepy's including Bobby Lattimore, Ronnie Treadway, "Bat Eye" and "Dopey" Taylor. "Bum" Taylor, Bill Ingram, Zollie Travis, "Arab" Hassen many more including several young ladies.

We went to a couple of dance joints and ended up at THE CHARLOTTE OBSERVER building where Sleepy arranged for us to ride in a paper-delivery truck to Ocean Drive Beach in exchange for helping the driver deliver papers and other sorts of delivery products.

We arrived at O.D. about five in the morning and slept an hour in the old slanted fishing shack which was just above the high tide mark at the end of Main Street.

Later, Sleepy introduced me to "Turk" Turbeville who arranged for me to work at Roberts Pavilion making change in the one-arm bandit room. I was to sleep upstairs over the pavilion in the Snake Pit for the last 5 weeks of that summer. Sleepy went on to Myrtle Beach.

That was my first beach-living-working period. The following summer I went straight from school to working for Baker's Beach Service at Myrtle as a Life Guard. The following summer, and every summer through labor day of 1957, I worked for Moultrie Ladd, owner of Ladd's Beach Service, except for the two years I attended the Korean War. Nights and rainy days I worked for Mr. and Mrs. Thomas who ran Spivey's Beach. (I still use their hot dog chili recipe).

There is no way to describe how my summers at the beach affected my life. It was the greatest time to be a young man with a redneck and linthead background to live, work and enjoy the golden sand of the Grand Strand and breathe the fresh ocean breezes; but most of all, it has been my experiences with hundreds of friends and acquaintances which have impressed me most.

Later, from 1961 to 1966, I lived and worked as an actor, poet, comic, dishwasher and floor-mopper in the heart of Greenwich Village. My Beach and Greenwich Village life experiences make me believe that I am the luckiest man who ever lived because at the top of the list is my wife Martha, our four children and our five Grands.

Note: coming soon; When, where and how "our dance" got started. My version.

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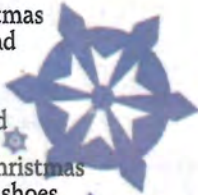
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And may all your Christmases be sandy and white

I'm dreaming of a white sand Christmas
Just like the ones on the grand strand
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and shaggers listen
To smooth music on the wind

I'm dreaming of a white sand Christmas
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May time with your friends be a delight
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Dancing Queen

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We sometimes forget that our entire lives do not revolve around the activities of the NC Legislature - and thank goodness they don't. Many of you may or may not know that Elizabeth Dalton is a member of the National Shag Dance Team. She was asked to be a member of the team last summer by the National Shag Dance Championships (NSDC) Board of Directors. The team performs exhibitions several times throughout the year and travels to compete as well. The team recently returned from the Grand National Dance Championships in Atlanta Georgia Memorial Day weekend with a 3rd place finish and from New York City in June, taking 1st place at the Liberty Swing Dance Championships.

Elizabeth first became interested the Shag Dance while she was a student at UNC Chapel Hill. She saw flyers posted her freshmen year in 1998 for the UNC Shag Club and decided to attend a meeting. Four years later, she found herself President of the club and taking lessons in Pittsboro, NC every Monday night. She saw a tape of Shag Nationals in 2002, became determined to compete

and one year later, took away the 2nd Place Non-Pro Division National Trophy. She has been involved in competitive shag every since. Now in the Professional Division of the Competitive Shaggers Association (CSA), she often judges or performs exhibitions when called upon.



Elizabeth Dalton

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January 17

OD Social & Shag Club
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January 17-20

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Ocean Drive really comes alive when the shaggers come to town. We start to feel the energy days, even weeks before SOS and can hardly wait for the fun to begin.

We have made so many friends in the last three years who continue to encourage us so we keep trying to make our shop better and better year after year. So we have spent our (slow and dull days since you left) time totally remodeling the Blonde store inside and out. Yes, we are no longer in the little blue house, we have blondized the outside too!

Our 4th Annual Funky Fashion Show will be our best and funniest show yet. The surprises will keep coming! A little birdie even told me that we may get the "BIG" front room at Fat Harold's during Spring SOS thanks to the growing response from you guys. So we will be working over time to make sure everyone will have fun. Also...shhh...The Out of Towners will be playing in front of our store after the show...Surprise!!

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1954 Hurricane Hazel Remembrance Party

Sonny Nixon

I believe this was better than an actual hurricane party which we seem to have avoided this year. Let's count our blessings!!

On October 14, 2007, friends gathered in Ocean Drive Beach in remembrance of Hurricane Hazel which arrived in the Grand Strand area on October 14, 1954. This time the weather was perfect, in direct contrast to fifty-three years ago on the ocean front at Sonny's Pavilion in Cherry Grove. Back then, I thought I was in charge, but soon found out something named "Hazel" was.

The party was enjoyed by many where the shag icons were Berk and Faye Altman, who danced a lot with each other, and Rufus Wactor who danced with anyone who wanted to "trip the light fantastic" with him. Thanks, Carol, for the forbearance. These dancers took the place of Leon Williams and Harry Driver of the early fifties fame.

Among the dancers present were: Pug Wallace, Sandra Marshall, Janet Harrold, Rufus and Carol Wactor, Wanda and Geno Yow, Don and Sandra Bryant, Lionel and Mary Ann Harvin, Bill and Sharli Drew, Nick Mathis, Jimmy King, Mac and Harriett Windham, Thurston and Linda Reeder, Jack and Barbara Rickard, Cindy Simmons, Vanessa Tompkins, Walt and Beth Graves, Al and MG Cain, Danny and Sara Bean, Phil Tilghman, Jean Covington, Fred and Carol Bradley, Kenneth Carter, Sandra and Dennis Adams, Roger Woodson, Sam McIntosh, Loretta Lee, Chick and Carolyn Hedrick, Mike Tobin, Susan Neal, O'Neal Bourne, Steve and Maria Dean, Elliott Schwartz, Dick and Fran Webb, Judy Davis, Speedy Lewis, Joanne Johnson, Jennifer Wattenbarger, Debbie Wilson, and John Stephens. There were probably others in attendance, but Betsy and I left early, so I missed them.

Everyone enjoyed the spirit(s) of the occasion. Below is a reprint of my memories of Hazel, which was published in the SOS Carefree Times in '99.

HAZEL COMES ASHORE 1954: It was October 14, and I had just closed Sonny's for the season. I secured the floats and umbrellas in the storage area, and I had finished cleaning the grill and the beer coolers. It was overcast, and I knew from radio reports that there was a storm at sea somewhere out there.

There was no TV back then, and I only listened to Randy's Record Shop from Gallatin, Tennessee because they played beach music. Anyway, I was not too concerned because I lived with my family in a small frame house on the oceanfront directly behind Sonny's all my

life. No storm had even come close for the first 23 years of my life; or if one did, we did not know about it. Back then, the dunes were large and covered with sea oats, and I had never seen any significant beach erosion.

The next morning the weather began deteriorating rapidly, and I noticed that the ocean was raging and the rain was coming down in torrents. The was high and running up under my dance floor, which I had just built that spring to move the jukebox onto. It was about 20 x 30 feet, and it connected Sonny's by a six-foot long boardwalk.

Since it was exactly low tide according to the tide chart, I began to worry that the dance floor might be taken by the angry surf. Milford Powell came up and went with my father to get a long warp rope to attempt to secure it by tying it to the main building. The warp rope was a 1000-foot long piece of large rope. My dad used it to help pull the seines in when he put the net out into the ocean from a commercial fishery he ran in the Fall.

Poo McLaughlin, Milford, and one or two other unwise souls, who had not yet evacuated the beach, helped me loop the rope around the dance floor, which by now was floating in the waves. Suddenly, in a matter of seconds, the waves surged in. We could barely get the rope around the entire building, which was now beginning to float away in the waves. We tied the building to another building about a hundred feet back from the dance floor.

Then we hastily exited the beach by wading in waist deep water down the main street of Cherry Grove toward the woods. I was in shock! I could not believe what was happening. I looked back, and my building had been churned to rubble by the ocean. My family's house was breaking apart as the waves grew ever higher. I realized we had been lucky to survive the surge.

About 8 p.m. when I returned, the sun was shining, and the weather was clearing. There was nothing on the entire oceanfront but piles of storm debris. We had no insurance. I felt that me and my family were finished, since everything we owned was gone. Fortunately, none of us were injured. With the help of friends and loans from Small Business Administration, we were able to rebuild our lives and continue the beach tradition.

Milford Powell is still around, and he owns Pirate's Cove on Main Street in OD. He is married to Becky Stowe, who runs Beach Memories, also on Main Street. Captain Poo McLaughlin runs the Blue Marlin Lounge at Anchor Marina and divides his times between that and piloting a large yacht named "The Dream". It is owned by SOS friend Dynamite McDonald, whom most of you probably know. He and Cindy Collins are frequently generous hosts of Living Legends events and do a lot to promote the shagging tradition. [Reprint from 1999 SOS Carefree Times]

You may call Sonny Nixon at 843/249-2620 if you have beach memories to share.

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"What a Party!"

Becky Stowe

Saturday morning had arrived. It was the first Saturday of SOS, the day of my anniversary party at Pirate's Cove. I was a mess and was wishing I had lost the 20 pounds I planned on losing before the party. But my daughters, Elisha and Susan who were in town to celebrate my anniversary as SOS Artist in Residence helped calm my nerves. Through out the house that morning while getting ready for the big day, I found taped to the mirrors, doors and even inside the refrigerator, precious photos of memorabilia representing the last 20 years! Everywhere I turned there was a surprise and small gifts! It was such fun! I don't know how they put it all together because they live 200 miles apart!

Around 11 PM we headed to Beach Memories. After checking with my "girls" there we went next door to prepare for the party. Bobby, Butch and Roger ("The Poor Souls") were setting up on the stage. We offered our help to Milford, and my step son John but they had everything under control. Having nothing to do, my nervousness set in. I wondered if anyone would come.

Around 1:30 people started coming into the Cove. By 2 PM it was packed with my old and new customers,

new friends, old friends and people I did not know. I received flowers and wine and strangers were coming up and giving congratulations and telling me how much they enjoyed and appreciated my art. It was overwhelming and humbling!

I shed a lot of tears of joy that day, especially when I spotted my friend "Fat Harold" Bessent. It was a pleasure and an honor seeing you there, Harold. Thank you for coming. It meant a lot to me and Milford!

I regret my "girls" working at Beach Memories couldn't be there too. But somebody had to run the store! I hope you all know you are very special to me and the best darn sales people in the world!

Bobby Smith and The Poor Souls didn't let me down either. They had the place rocking! People were lined up down the hall way to the street trying to get in. Bobby, Butch and Roger, you are the greatest and you have a special place in my heart! Hopefully The Poor Souls will be back at the Cove during spring SOS.

Some of you thought I was having this party because I was retiring. No, not yet. Maybe I will next week, in 6 months, a year from now? I don't know. Time will tell. Then there will be a really BIG party!

So, to all who came and to those who wanted to but couldn't, thank you for my special day. It is because of you, my friends that I pick up my pen, paper and paint.



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