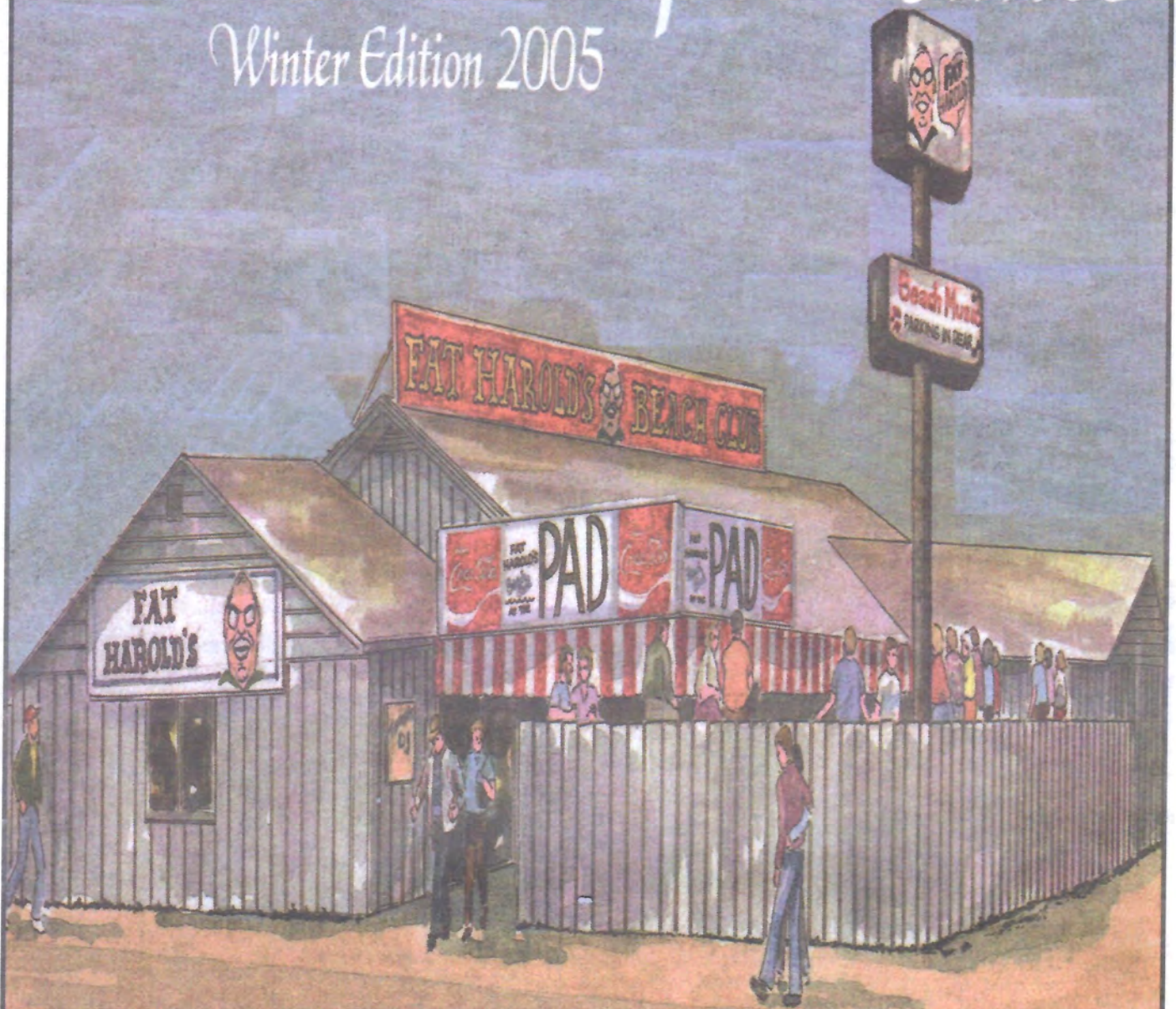


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Happy Holidays,
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The holidays of Thanksgiving and Christmas are upon us. What a great time of the year. Time to spend with family and friends. A time to renew faith,

understanding, and love with others. What great blessings God has given us.

The 2004 Fall Migration was one of the largest gatherings that we have experienced in several years. It was good to see so many of our friends during the party of parties. The Fun Monday celebration crowd was by far the largest that I have seen and experienced. It was absolutely a great festival. According to an article in the North Myrtle Beach Times, one of the merchants on the street was not happy with our effort. It is impossible to please everyone; however, I do apologize to any of the merchants that feel that they are encumbered during our street festival. It is our desire to compromise and enhance our presence, not be a nuisance to the merchants in the community.

How many of you realize that SOS is in its 25th year of existence? Time flies when you are having fun. SOS is 25 years old. We are planning some exciting things to highlight our 25th year in history. SOS and you are celebrating our silver anniversary. Join in the most active and exciting social function in your life. SOS is our way of life. Get hooked on the SOS lifestyle. It is one of the most enjoyable and memorable times that you can experience with your friends.

In a couple of months, we will be attending Mid-Winter. A few months later the weather will be getting a little warmer, and time for our Spring Safari. I can hardly wait. See you in January for Mid Winter.

Happy Holidays from our house to yours. May the joys of the holiday season warm you and yours during this holiday season. Let us all be thankful for life's blessing, and share in this season of loving with those less fortunate.

May Love and Peace be with you,
Ron & Peggy

A Word From Our Leaders...

S.O.S. Chairman Hector Phifer



Howdy!

How was Fun Monday this year? Well, I know the SOSers that were able to attend the 2004 Fall Migration would tell you that the weather was great on Sunday and Fun Monday. There were some that left

with more money in their pockets since their names were picked during the many drawings during Fun Monday. To Hollis Britt and the enhancement committee, "many thanks" for what you do to put these events on for the last 9 years. I know you will top this year's event next year with a 10th year BANG.

The season is upon us, and to all I hope you have a wonderful and joyful Thanksgiving and Christmas. I know you will gather with your family and have parties throughout the season with friends, but remember, be careful and remember your fellow man who might not be so fortunate. This feeling of giving to others is one thing our group enjoys because we help others the year round and do it better than anybody else I know. The feelings that we get from our giving will always put the fuzzies in your heart and there is no substitute for that.

In closing, remember prayers open up the doors for help and makes wishes a reality. I would like to say to you that I wish you all a happy holiday season and may God bless you all !!

Love,
Hector



A.C.S.C. Chairman Judy Vick



It's hard to believe another year has come and gone. 2004 was a good year for SOS and the ASSOCIATION OF CAROLINA SHAG CLUBS and 2005 looks to be even better.

With the beginning of the new year, we all will be making New Year's resolutions. Let's make one this year that we can keep. Make a resolution to attend one shag club party that you've never attended before. There are so many unique parties out there. Visit www.shagdance.com to see a listing of parties. Beckley Shag Club has their party in an airplane hangar complete with wooden dance floor. Boogie to Boone has their Buffalo Juice. Twister's party is held in an old skating rink. Lake Wylie's members prepare BBQ and Piedmont Shag Association in Concord deep fry turkeys. CSRA's party is capped off on Sunday with a feast prepared by their members. This is a delightful ending to a great week end. Every club does something unique. Visit your local shag clubs and find out for yourself. Make this a New Year's resolution that you keep.

Wishing you a Merry Christmas and very Happy and Safe New Year.

See you at Mid-Winter!
Judy



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Editor's Note

Larry Jones



Season's Greetings!

It's that time of the year for family and friends to enjoy the holiday season. We also spend this time looking back over our accomplishments and failures. I trust that you had a happy and productive year and not too many regrets.

This edition will make our first year of providing the *Carefree Times* for you. This labor of love has truly come from our hearts and we hope you have enjoyed the new changes. We, like you, always want to improve on our past performances. With the new year soon approaching, we are discussing ways to better your publication in the future. If there is anything you would like to see, please feel free to let us know. The *Carefree Times* is your paper and we want you to be pleased. So many of you have been very complementary and we truly appreciate your praises. I have to admit my staff of Shirley, Janet and all of the writers, photographers and advertisers has made our task a true labor of love and without their input your paper would not exist.

Speaking for Shirley and myself, we look forward to another busy year. With your continued support, your *Carefree Times* will only get better and better. We also want to wish each and every one of you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. May God bless you and keep you safe through this special season of the year!

I look forward to seeing y'all real soon and "save a dance for me!" Larry

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A Special Thank-You!

By: Ron Whisenant
 Dr. Phil Sawyer, President Emeritus
 Mike Rink
 Vickie Hyde

Let me start by saying that I planned to make this presentation in person this past Labor Day weekend at Daytona Beach Shag Club's Labor Day Party. However, one of the many frequent hurricanes that invaded the state of Florida during the month of September made my appearance impossible. The make-up date to present the award is also a conflict for me as I am on my way to San Juan, Puerto Rico as this is being read, and while Michael Payne is finally receiving his much deserved award.

The *Carefree Times* was a product born out of the purchase of SOS by the Association of Carolina Shag Clubs. The original intent for the *Carefree Times* was to be somewhat of a newsletter to help keep shag clubs membership and existing SOS membership abreast of news and current events happening in the shag world. This tedious and monumental task was given to Michael to develop and produce for the membership of SOS. What Michael produced was much more than a newsletter; in fact, it was a newspaper. It was a magazine-style form of newsletter and was well received by the SOS membership. It became the "flag ship" of our organization. It was the "most wanted" item when the shaggers arrived in Ocean Drive to start their pilgrimage at each Spring and Fall SOS. The *Carefree Times* has become the "Shagging Bible."

It would have been a great honor for me to present this award to Michael in person. I would have thanked him personally for the job that he performed for SOS. Michael's love for the dance, its

music, and the people was his inspiration to accomplish what he envisioned and created. The *Carefree Times* is a magnificent publication. Michael Payne was the Editor that pioneered the *Carefree Times* into becoming the paper we know today. **Well done, Michael. Well done indeed!**

Ron



As President of SOS at the time that Michael began to publish the *Carefree Times*, I probably know more first hand of the trials and tribulations which he encountered and endured as he brought this outstanding publication into being. In the printing and publishing business, more than any other that I know, Murphy's Law prevails. If something can go wrong, it will.

But with determination and persistence, Michael overcame the problems and produced the outstanding publication we came to expect. One interesting fact is one that many shaggers, swingers, stranders and lovers of beach music may not realize. During the time that Michael published the

Carefree Times, over fifteen other publications designed for the same audience were born, lived a short life of a month or two to a year, and then just died on the vine. *Carefree Times* just kept getting bigger, better and more informative.

Truly committed lovers of beach and dance often picked up two copies as soon as they got to Ocean Drive. One to use and guide their parties there, and one to take home in mint condition for their collection. I have copies of every issue in my archives. They are a never ending source of information and activities of SOS and the Association of Carolina Shag Clubs over the years.

Michael, I salute you and thank you for the outstanding cooperation and contributions during the eleven years we worked together.

Phil



Many years ago, Michael Payne initiated the SOS *Carefree Times* magazine. As with many "forward thinking" ideas, I dare say that not everyone agreed with doing

A Special Thank-You! *(continued)*

it, or thought it was important to move forward with that plan. Little did they know! I believe that the SOS events would not be nearly as popular, or well-attended if that step had not been taken!

Michael continued to serve the shagging community for many years as Editor of the *SOS Carefree Times*. Although "Editor" implies that he may have stood on the sidelines and just directed or approved the final content, the fact is that he did everything for the publication at one time or another. He was intimately involved in all aspects of the magazine from the sale of advertisement space, to the creation and editing of articles, photos, magazine layout and much, much more.

I served my local shag club in a similar role for fourteen years. So, I can relate to what it takes to put together a publication. But in my case, I have a little more "control" over a few aspects of getting my publication completed. For instance, the deadlines I set for each issue are firm. If someone doesn't meet them, too bad! I don't have to worry about lost revenue, the impact of upsetting an advertiser who is part of a major event, or other issues. Michael had these, and many more issues to deal with. I admire his commitment to the cause and his ability to consistently produce a quality publication in spite of the many significant and ever changing obstacles he faced over the years.

Michael has never expected any pats on the back for his efforts. He simply wanted to contribute. Fortunately for all of us, Michael didn't just "contribute" he excelled.

I believe that I have every copy of the *Carefree Times* that

Michael produced. Like many folks, I eagerly awaited every upcoming issue. Now, I keep them in a special place at my house. Those magazines are a part of my past. But, they also serve to help preserve the history of shagging and SOS.

Finally, I would say that although the purpose of this article is to recognize Michael's efforts and service to SOS and the ACSC, I have never looked at Michael as simply the "Editor of the *Carefree Times*." Instead, I have just looked at him as my friend. We have shared many discussions on a variety of topics, and I have enjoyed every encounter. And, despite the many miles that separate us, and the fact that we see each other less frequently these days, our friendship remains strong.

Michael, thank you for everything you did for the shag world, *and for being my friend!*

Mike



Michael Payne of Jacksonville, Florida, began going to North Myrtle Beach in 1985. In 1991, he first proposed the newspaper look for the *Carefree Times* as a way to communicate

throughout the shag community so that everyone would know what was going on in the Association and keep up with the upcoming events of the different clubs. And the rest, as Michael says in the last issue he edited of the *Carefree Times* in the Winter of 2004, "is history".

Michael, with the help of many others who he credits as also contributing to the success of the paper, not only kept the magazine going, but turned it into a vital part of our Shag world. Michael's vision had the foresight that many of us wish we were fortunate enough to tap into at different times of our lives. The *Carefree Times* has become something that not only Shaggers, but all dancers depend on and look forward to. Among other things, it is a magazine which provides information about SOS, ACSC and its members clubs. Any club that publishes a newsletter knows the work that goes into that, just imagine the work that went into being the editor of the *Carefree Times* for so many years!!! (I don't believe the computer world was quite as advanced when he began!!!) Michael has done a wonderful job since 1991, and the ACSC attempted to present Michael with a plaque on his retirement as Editor at the ACSC Workshop in Savannah, Georgia, in July of 2004. In his absence (because of surgery) First Coast Shag Club (FCSC) accepted the plaque on his behalf. Unbeknownst to Michael Michael's fellow members of FCSC and the ACSC will be presenting the award in person to Michael here in Daytona Beach at the Labor Day party.

Vickie Hyde

President
First Coast Shag Club

News From The DJ Association



Seasons greetings from the Association of Beach and Shag Club Deejays and we hope you all have a joyous holiday! Our deejays are busy playing year-end shag club and business parties and getting ready for the big New Year's Eve events. When you're out having a good time just remember to be prudent with the adult beverages and take a designated driver if needed.

Our Deejay's Association elected a new slate of officers at Fall S.O.S. with yours truly as President, Ted Whitlock (Concord, NC) Vice President; Ken Emerson (Sanford, NC) Treasurer, Jessie Griffin

(Savannah, GA) Secretary and David Graham (Moore, SC) Sgt.-At-Arms. Congratulations to the new officers and thanks to our past officers for their hard work in the past year. They provided the groundwork for us to move forward and we are committed to continuing improvement in our organization.

Congratulations also to our newest Beach Deejay Hall of Fame inductees Bill Mason from Atlantic Beach, NC and Ray Scott from North Myrtle Beach, SC. Also inducted as an honorary member was David Adams (of Weejuns Beach Club fame) from Columbia, SC. Be sure and check out all the members of the Beach Deejay Hall of Fame at Fat Harold's Beach Club; their pictures are located just inside the front door of Fat Harold's on the left wall.

On the near horizon is our 14th Annual Deejay Throwdown to be held at Ducks from March 3rd-5th, 2005. The party starts

with the Fantastic Shakers and special guest artists playing on Thursday night with cover only \$10.00 at the door (for non-Deejay members). Over 40 deejays will be playing from noon on each day the rest of the weekend and this year we've asked all of them to feature past beach music hits for your dancing enjoyment. Ducks will also put out free food each day and there will be a grand prize drawing on Saturday night at midnight. For more info E-Mail me at shagarchives@tcdi.net or call Ducks at 843-249-3858. We hope you will try and attend our party.

Please check out our web site at www.abscdj.com <<http://www.abscdj.com/>> and if you need help with getting a deejay or identifying that elusive song title you just heard contact one of our members. They're always ready to assist!

And Let's Dance!

Larry Edwards

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- February 25 - 27**
- SOS Spring Safari
- April 22 - May 1**
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- Junior SOS - **July 15 - 17**
- SOS Fall Migration
- September 16 - 25**

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- February 24 - 26**
- SOS Spring Safari
- April 21 - 30**
- ACSC/SOS Summer Workshop
- July 7 - 9**
- Junior SOS - **July 14 - 16**
- SOS Fall Migration
- September 15 - 24**

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SHAG CLUB RAZED

Patrons remember The Pad in NMB as a landmark

Reprinted from *The Sun News* May 6, 2004

Vickie Standridge could not hold back the tears as she watched a demolition crew tear down The Pad on Wednesday.

"I was OK until they took the sign down," said 42-year old Standridge, who recalled the days she used to ride on her father's truck when he delivered beer to places on Ocean Boulevard, including The Pad.



Chris Bellamy of Chuck's Construction rode the excavator bucket up to retrieve the sign as a souvenir for the Worleys, owners of the property. The Pad, a landmark in Myrtle Beach, is being torn down to make way for a parking lot.

North Myrtle Beach has been known as a capital of shag dancing since the late 1940s.

Since the 1960s, The Pad, also known as The Barrel, has been one hot spot for shaggers.

Some of the shaggers stood along Ocean Boulevard on Wednesday sharing memories of the place, including of the original Pad, which connected with The Barrel. Opened in 1955, the original Pad was torn down in 1994.

"I was 15 years old when I used to go to the old Pad," said Walter Graves, 60, who moved back to North Myrtle Beach four years

ago. "That's where I learned to dance."

Chuck Bennett, in the military at the time, remembered how he used to come down in 1969 and late 1970s to The Pad and The Barrel.

destination," Worley said. "We have to create amenities for families such as parking, meeting spaces and interior spaces for events."

As the building came down Wednesday, some people also talked about the possibility of this being the



Murray Elliott (center) dances with Ginny Maynard on souvenir pieces of the dance floor from The Pad in North Myrtle Beach while Doug McLaurin (left) watches the demolition. Maynard got the planks for her friend Gus Garrison, the daughter of the owner of the former Barrel club, which also was located on The Pad's lot.

"It's too bad," said Bennett, 59. "A big piece of history is going down."

The empty space where The Pad/Barrel once was will be turned into about 400 public parking spaces for businesses, said Harold Worley, who owns the land that spans from Main Street to First Avenue South on both sides of Ocean Boulevard and continues past First Avenue toward Hillside Drive. The area includes the old Pad location, Ocean Drive Pavilion and The Boulevard Grill.

"We want to see the downtown area become a family

beginning to other landmarks in the Ocean Drive section of North Myrtle Beach coming down.

"This is the only thing we're tearing down for now," Worley said. "Everything else will stay."



Beach artist Becky Stowe's print of The Pad hangs in the Boulevard Grill across Ocean Boulevard from The Pad.

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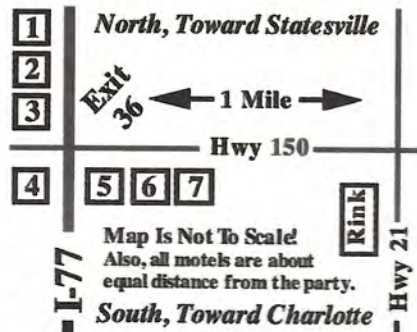
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T'was the Night Before A Shagging Christmas



T'was the night before Christmas and all through the club every creature was stirring in every corner of the pub. The loafers were all polished with gentle love and care in hopes that the Deejay soon would be there.

The shaggers were all nestled at the bar in their seats. They were ordering their beers and other alcohol based treats. Poor Chris the bartender was in a Santa Claus cap looking like he needed a long winter's nap.

When out on the dance floor there arose such a clatter, I sprang from my bar stool to see what was the matter. It was Bus Stop and her line dancers all strutting their stuff. They dipped, skipped and turned. Man those ladies looked tough.

The parking lot was quiet and the breeze was slow. The Fat Harold's sign gave off a soft neon glow. When, what to my wondering eyes should appear, but a black Jag convertible screaming in first gear.

The well known driver, he was cool and steady, I knew in one moment that it had to be Eddie. To the beat of the six count, his close friends all came. Then he whistled, and shouted, and called them by name.

"Now, Paula Sue! Now, Dwayne! Now, Charlie and Jackie! On, Sam! On, Lisa! On, Jennifer and Joey! To the middle of the floor! To the center of the hall! Now dance away! Dance away! It's time to shag one and all!"

As smooth as silk across the floor they did glide. They caught every beat. They missed not a stride. They danced to mellow music with a soulful sound. Their feet barely touched the floor, but they really got down.

The music sped up and they started to prance. Murl the deejay had put on that old Hootchie Dance. The belly roll they did and the sugar foot too. Man, that bunch of shaggers can really boogaloo.

The guys wore their black pants and wild island shirts. The girls had on tight clothes. I think they were flirts. As the night wore on they danced true and fast. I didn't know how long that sweet music would last.

And then Eddie yelled it's time to cruise the beach. And into his pocket for the Jag keys did he reach. They climbed into cars. They climbed into trucks. Somebody yelled "let's all meet at Duck's." As a group they rolled down the road so fast. They left the black Jag right to the last. Eddie called from his seat as he wheeled out of sight,

"**Merry Christmas** to all, and to all a **good night!**"

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*Remembering what
Christmas is truly
all about, Please
don't forget to
pray for our troops
as they serve our
country, and for
their families as
they celebrate
without them.*



Fun Monday Update

Bobby Brroks

Dwayne Baggett

Did you have a good time at Fun Monday this past September? If you didn't you weren't on the street with the rest of us. The Fun Monday Committee and a few thousand of their closest friends showed up on Main Street to see just how much excitement you can squeeze out of the last few rays of summer sun. Everyone I saw was having a blast. The shag clubs that set up booths on the street had a good time and made some money for their clubs. Every thing from barbeque to beer to satisfy your cravings and from tee shirts to paintings to dress up you or your beach home could be found on the sidewalks. If your club would like to make some extra money, Fun Monday is a great way to do it. Working the booths can be as much fun as playing in the streets (on Fun Monday).

The wonderful sounds from the showcase of bands that flowed down Ocean Drive and the friendship that was running through the crowd was the stuff that memories are made from. If this sounds like a moment in time that you would like to be a part of, if this sounds like your kind of fun, then start planning for next year because we are going to do it again!!!!!!



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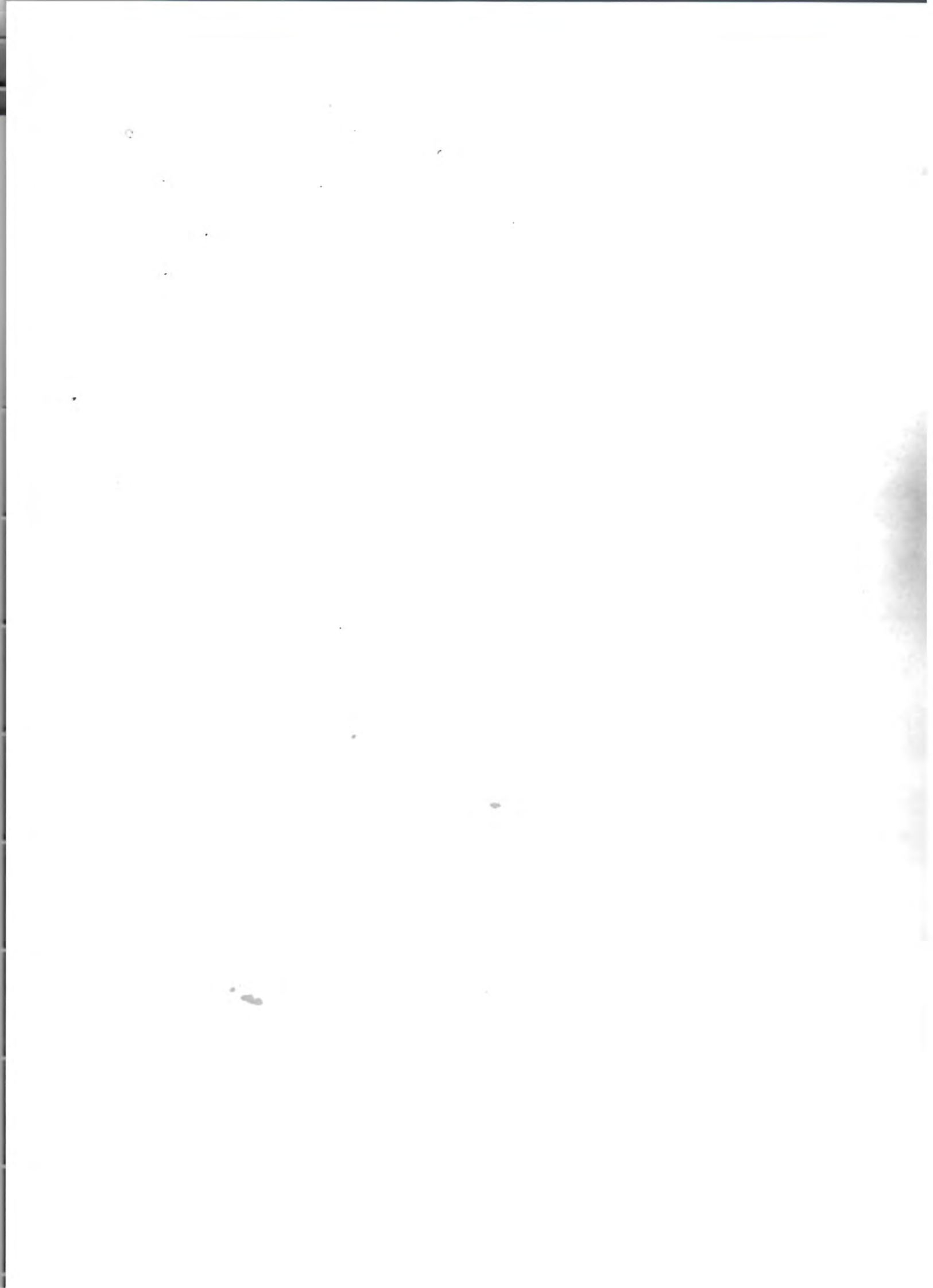
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From The Eyes Of A Rookie

By: Warren Moretz

Reprinted from:

Twister's Shag Club Newsletter

It is uncommon for me to contribute to a newsletter. But I feel compelled to try and list my observations and feelings over the last few months.

Greta and I joined TSC two months ago and have really enjoyed this club. We have always enjoyed the music, and have been trying to learn the dance. You may not know this, but by nature I am somewhat of an introvert (although Greta would totally disagree.)

I was quite self-conscious about dancing at our first few parties. But it's like Ferrell Watts says, "You can't learn to dance by sitting on your butt."

I now find myself looking forward to Tuesday nights and other parties and dance outings. We have made new friends and we look forward to getting to know all of you better. We have also found a community where we can share joys, struggles, tears and laughs.

This SOS was our first, but hopefully not our last. The music, DJs, workshops, dance floors, stories, jokes (good and bad), beverages, endless dancing, early morning breakfasts and laughs made for everlasting memories. Did I mention laughs? However, if I had to single out the most impressive aspect, it's a hands-down vote for the people. People of the shag world and SOS are so friendly.

Never have I met so many people willing to teach and help us improve our dancing and be our

friends. As a Georgia Bulldog, I even learned to appreciate a Georgia Tech Yellow Jacket.

I met friends of friends, relatives of relatives, old neighbors and connections reaching miles and miles away. I listened to stories of lost relationships, sicknesses, deaths, hope of new relationships, the celebration and difficulties of children's lives, mourning of the past and hopes for the future. Hearing of the recent loss of one person's teenage son even brought about a few tears, hugs and the exchange of phone numbers.

I spoke with people who envied Twister's Shag Club. We are known for our fun, fellowship

and involvement; something the desired. Many are obvious looking for what we have Twisters; friendship, a listening ear, fun times and caring support.

Bob Rea calls people he had just met "my new best friend." Let's all open our hearts and develop that attitude. Thank you TSC for being our friends and for all the ways you showed us how to enjoy our first SOS. Greta and I slept a 12-hour night when I returned home to recuperate. I don't think we have ever done that! My staff at work commented, "We don't know where you did or where you went, but keep going back." We plan to do just that!



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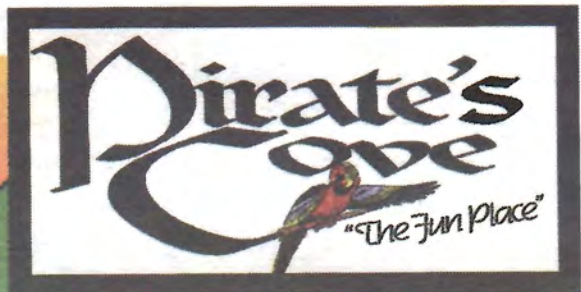
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Dancing Rules of Etiquette

With 12,000 SOS cards sold this year, you can be sure there were several virgins on hand at the Fall Migration. You could pick them out of the crowd by the look of awe on their faces. After only a few nights in OD, however, the virgins began to look just like the rest of us, slightly haggard but smiling.

A word of advice to you first-timers, what happens at SOS stays at SOS. There are, however, some rules of etiquette that should be adhered to at all times. They are not really rules, they are more like a code to live by. Once you learn the code you will find that you are fully accepted by all shaggers everywhere.

The first code concerns drinking. You will find that we don't care what you drink or how much you drink, but *you must never, ever take a drink onto the dance floor*. This can and has happened to the best of us. It shows that you are either totally uninformed or totally inebriated. If this should happen to you, you may find yourself embarrassed by a total stranger who grabs your drink or worse, asked to take your patronage elsewhere by the management.

To avoid the possibility of stress caused by drinks on the floor, I suggest that your group appoints a DDW. The *designated drink wrangler* will be responsible for holding your drink while you are dancing. This person is usually the one who had the most fun on the previous night

and is therefore avoiding drinking, dancing or anything else that might cause more pain to their already throbbing temples. The only problem with DDWs is that they have a tendency to turn in early.

Breakers of Code # 1 are usually people who are already breaking Code # 2. The second code of shagging is *Thou shall not stand on the dance floor*. When the song is over, escort your partner back to the DDW, get your drink, and step off the floor. You will find there are shaggers who will be determined to perform a six-kick or sweep right where you are standing if you do not abide by this code. They will do this even if the rest of the floor is empty. Do not take this as a personal assault, they are only trying to teach you.

As you move from club to club, you will inevitably come upon folks who insist on standing on the edge of the floor, talking. These people are *only* there to be noticed, usually because no one notices them when they are dancing. Take a good look at them and then move on to another establishment. Otherwise you may find yourself tempted to learn the six-kick.

Code # 3 involves asking someone to dance. *True shaggers, male or female, will rarely turn down a proper invitation*. Since most people are a part of a couple, it is best to ask his/her partner first. Their response will be something like, "You'll have to ask him" or "It's up to her". There

are no hidden meanings in these words but the request is proper. Male shaggers will find that dancing with different people will cause them to have to lead, while females will find their ability to follow improves drastically.

Once you have properly asked someone to dance and the DDW has your drink, you will find yourself on the dance floor where Code # 4 comes into play. As I pointed out, there were 12,000 cards sold in 2004, so floor space is at a premium and your dance area may be very small. Code 4 states, *Thou shall dance in thine own slot*.

If the terms, dancing in your slot, or dancing the walls, seem foreign to you, go back to the people who taught you and ask them for a refund. They probably got the rest of it wrong, also.

These codes are not meant to dampen your fun in any way, on the contrary they are meant to allow you to enjoy SOS to the fullest. They are strictly the opinion of this writer and may or may not reflect the opinion of the paper. Opposing viewpoints are welcome.

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What Is The Fall Cyclone, Too Event?

By Mike Rink



Coming the weekend of February 25-27, Twister's Shag Club will host a major event we've named Fall Cyclone Too. Since everyone knows the Fall Cyclone is always the first full weekend in November, you may be wondering what this event really is, and why it is in February.

The Association of Carolina Shag Clubs (ACSC) is made up of approximately 100 full member shag clubs located throughout the Eastern half of the United States. To maintain membership in the ACSC a clubs are required to attend at least one of the three ACSC meetings held at the beach (during Spring SOS, Fall SOS, and Mid-Winter). Plus, they have to attend a meeting held the fourth weekend in February (called the Winter Workshop) and a meeting held the second weekend in July (called the Summer Workshop).

The Workshop event dates are set in stone, but the location varies. The ACSC divided the United States into five districts. Each shag club is, therefore, located in a specific district. The opportunity to host a workshop event rotates from district to district. Consequently, each shag club becomes eligible to host a

Workshop every 2 1/2 years. But, if a club hosts a Workshop, it is not eligible the next time their district is eligible. (So, if you host one, you can't host another one until five years later.)

Generally speaking, every time a specific district is eligible, several shag clubs within that district compete for the honor of hosting that Workshop (which will be roughly two years in the future). All the ACSC shag clubs then vote as to which shag club will be the host of that particular Workshop.

Twister's Shag Club has been eligible to host a Workshop three different times, and the ACSC Clubs have selected us each time. Our most recent selection was for the February 2005 event.



During the upcoming Winter Workshop, shag club representatives will participate in a business meeting on Saturday morning. But, everyone (whether they are representing a shag club or not, and whether or not they are even in a shag club) will be able to enjoy an encore presentation of our famous weekend party. In fact, we've named it Fall Cyclone, Too. So, yes, there will be a

"Cyclone" in February of 2005. (We will still have our normal, yearly event in November, too.)



If you have been to a Cyclone, you know how much fun they are. If not, you are in for a treat. We have a great location for a party. It is an old skating rink with a hardwood floor. The event is also a major bargain when you consider everything that is included. Plus, all your friends will be there, including many of the most active and well-known people in the shag world. In fact, we've hosted sixteen yearly events and we now average 900+ attendees each time.

Get your tickets today and come be part of the fun at the he 2005 ACSC Winter Workshop and Fall Cyclone Too event. For more information, please see the flyer in this edition of the Carefree Times, or visit our web site www.GoShagging.com.





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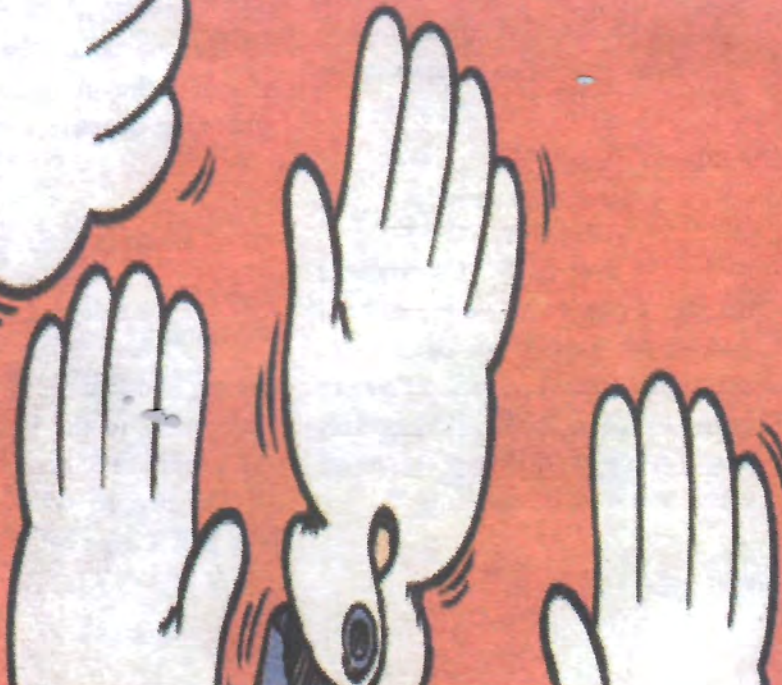
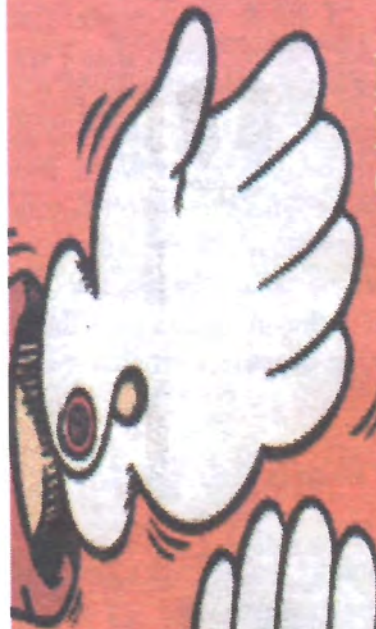
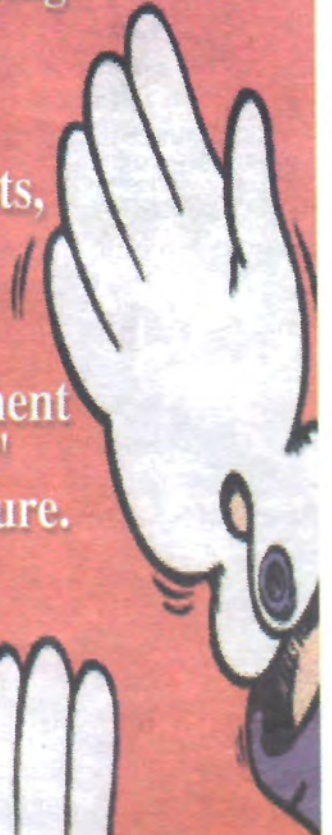
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Patricia Harrison

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Chamber of Commerce

"I haven't been able to go up there and do anything because I've been here. I think the shaggers are a positive thing. I think it's great that they come to our area because I think they really support us. They add a lot to our economy, and they also add a lot to our name of North Myrtle Beach which is very important to us."

Jeff Britton

**Britton's on Main
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"I think SOS is one of the best things that happens to North Myrtle Beach, Ocean Drive, Cherry Grove, Crescent Beach, Windy Hill and Atlantic Beach. It's extremely positive. Our business has been very good. Our customers come from all over, from Pittsburgh, New York, North and South Carolina, Virginia, Tennessee and Florida. SOS is definitely a positive influence on the North Myrtle Beach economy. It also seems that the people of North Myrtle Beach really pull together to bring Main Street and the shag alive in North Myrtle Beach."

Gene Di Stefano

**Resident
Windy Hill**

"I think its great for the community. It's good for our businesses. It's good for the community. It's good to have in this part, making North Myrtle Beach a popular place just like Myrtle Beach."

Denise Kurta

**Shagger
Pittsburgh, PA**

"We were here in the spring. I just love it. It's very relaxing. We bring a lot of people down from Pittsburgh. We spend money. We haven't really left this area. I'm headed over to Flamingo's. I buy CDs."

Butch Barnes

**Band of Oz singer
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"I love SOS. Of course I do. It's a place you've got to be if you love any kind of music, especially beach music. You're going to fill up most of the motels here. A lot of food is going to be eaten and a lot of drinking."

Heather Jeffrey

**Visions
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"It helps revenue. It brings a lot of people to the area twice a year. I don't know what it does for myrtle Beach. I would say it helps from 2001 to Main Street."

Tom Kingston

**Sunbelt Rentals
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"I feel that with the shaggers coming down here over the years that it brings a lot to the economy of this area and puts it right there with Bike Week and the other events that go on in this area. I think it's a great draw to the area because it brings a lot of people to the area and shows them what type of retirement area it is."

Brenda Hallendeck

**Shagger
Lexington, NC**

"I love SOS. We were just talking about that. I think it is a huge boost to the local economy, and I think they need to lighten up on the people who come down here just a little bit."

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Penny Culler

Beach Memories

North Myrtle Beach

"It brings a lot of money in. I love it. It's wonderful. If it wasn't for the shaggers down here on Main Street, I don't know what the merchants would do. Most of the tourists go up on 17. Can I cuss? The shaggers save our (expletive)."

Andy Kurta

Shagger

Pittsburgh, PA

"I've been coming here for four years. I would say that from what I hear, once SOS goes, if you don't have Bike Week, the economy would go down around here. I love SOS. Since we've been dancing, this is like an adult part week all week."

Amanda Grist

Sugar Shack

North Myrtle Beach

"Oh it's great. It brings business during a time when there are not many tourists around. Our customers come from all over. I've been asking people. There are a lot of people from Pittsburgh, a lot of people from Virginia and Arizona."

Margie McKinney

Tourist

Wilson, NC

"I think it probably affects this area nicely. It brings a lot of people in, a lot of shoppers, people wanting to have fun. I came to buy a hat for my dog. We just bought it. I got an SOS shirt too. She's been squinting, Phoebe. She's a Yorkshire terrier, a miniature."

Nikki Tritle

Resident

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