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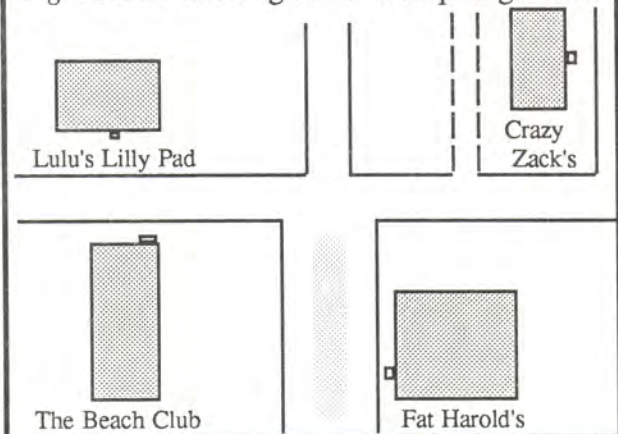
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Fall Migration IX Program

Big 4 S.O.S. Fall Migration Participating Clubs



A Shag Watcher's Guide to Leading S.O.S. Clubs

Fat Harold's ... The mecca of all shagdom! A must. The S.O.S. headquarters and where everyone goes first and last! You haven't been to the S.O.S. without a visit to Fat Harold's by the sea. Six dance floors! More than a beach club ... it's a tradition!

Lulu's Lilly Pad ... Newlyweds Rick and Melody Hubbard will join Lulu as your hosts. The hangout of Shaggers Hall of Famers and old-timers during S.O.S. Here's where you'll see the old-time greats of shaggin'!

The Beach Club ... Nothing comes as close as the Beach Club in capturing the open-air feel of the beach of yesteryears! Air conditioned by the Great Mother's own ocean breezes. The closest thing to old Spivey's and Roberts Pavilion that's around today. The largest dance floor on the beach. Huge, with space for thousands!

Crazy Zack's ... Great nautical atmosphere and really classy and cool. We'll have Crazy Zack's until 7 pm on Friday and Saturday (They change to rock at 7). Line dance headquarters for S.O.S. Don't miss it and don't forget their great outside deck and bar!!!

2001 ... an overflow back-up! Beach music each night of S.O.S. Just show your S.O.S. card!

Little Duck's, Rock Option and the Galleon, *Shag Time Co-Sponsors*, will also accept S.O.S. cards for entry into their clubs during the S.O.S. Fall Migration.

O.C. Smith to Appear at SOS

Recording star, O.C. Smith, will be at the S.O.S. Fall Migration on Friday afternoon and night. Accompanying O.C. will be Charles Wallert, his producer and writer. O.C. Smith will be presented the S.O.S. Award for the Shag Record Song of the Year for his hit, "Brenda." on Fat Harold's rear deck Friday night at 8:30.

Following is O.C. Smith's schedule:

Friday afternoon at 2:30 - Lulu's Lilly Pad.
Friday afternoon at 3:30 - the Beach Club.
Friday afternoon at 4:30 - Crazy Zack's.
Friday Night at 8:30 - Fat Harold's.

Hey, Mr. Dee Jay ...

We've got the cream of the Dee Jay crop playing for your shaggin' pleasure at the S.O.S.!

Fat Harold's:

Gary Bass, Mike Lewis, Bob Bullard, Chip Bellamy, Jack Moore, Gerry Holland, Rodney Holmes and Steve Baker.

Lulu's Lilly Pad:

Mike Lewis, Steve Baker, Butch Metcalf, Johnny Walker, Richard Nixon and Bo Lee.

The Beach Club:

Granville Elliott, Billy Waldrep and Jack Moore.

Crazy Zack's:

Granville Elliott

The Last Hurrah at Fat Harold's on the Horseshoe S.O.S. Fall Migration IX

Here's the situation in a nutshell: H.G. Worley bought the Fat Harold's property and an eviction hearing was scheduled for Sept. 6.

The hearing was continued to Sept. 22 and we were home-free for S.O.S. Then Don "Pancake" Kelley, who holds the lease, waffled and assigned the lease to Worley & ordered Harold out on Sat. Sept. 17 at 5pm. Harold refuses to move until after S.O.S.!



See You at the S.O.S. Fall Migration IX ...

The Real Thing!

The Program ... S.O.S. Fall Migration IX

September 14th - 18th, 1988

TUESDAY ... SEPTEMBER 13

For the early, early birds!

Fat Harold's ... Fall Migration Sneak Preview
Happy Hour - 4 to 8
Beer ... \$1.25 ... Special Prices on Drinks!

WEDNESDAY ... SEPTEMBER 14

Let the good times roll!

Fat Harold's ... Fall Migration Early Birds' Party ... The Party of Parties!
Happy Hour - 4 to 7
Beer ... \$1.25 ... Special Prices on Drinks!

THURSDAY ... SEPTEMBER 15

Let the games begin!

Fat Harold's and Lulu's Lilly Pad ... S.O.S. Shuck 'n' Jive Reunion Party ... Noon 'til!
Happy Hour - 4 to 7
Beer ... \$1.25 ... Draft Beer ... 25c ... Special Prices on Drinks!
The Beach Club Will Start Their S.O.S. Party on Thursday if the Crowds Size Merits It.

FRIDAY ... SEPTEMBER 16

Let the games proceed!

Fat Harold's, Lulu's Lilly Pad, the Beach Club and Crazy Zack's Open at Noon with Beach Music and Shaggin' Day 'n' Night!

2:00 pm - the Beach Club ... Living Legends Awards and Major Lance's Band
2:30 pm - Lulu's Lilly Pad ... O.C. Smith in Person!
3:00 pm - Crazy Zack's ... Line Dance Exhibition
3:30 pm - the Beach Club ... O.C. Smith in Person!
4:00 pm - Fat Harold's ... Happy Hour 4 - 7 with Fat Harold's style FREE Hors d'oeuvres and 25c Draft and Special Drink Prices!
4:30 pm - Crazy Zack's ... O.C. Smith in Person!
8:30 pm - Fat Harold's ... O.C. Smith and "Bubber" Snow to Receive Awards
11:00 pm - the Beach Club ... Wet T-shirt Contest (\$100 prize)

SATURDAY ... SEPTEMBER 17

One mo' time!

Fat Harold's, Lulu's Lilly Pad, the Beach Club and Crazy Zack's all Open at Noon!

2:00 pm - Fat Harold's ... Shaggers' Hall of Fame Exhibition, Harry Driver, M.C.
3:00 pm - Crazy Zack's ... Line Dance Exhibition
3:30 pm - the Beach Club ... Shag Rag Fashion Show
4:00 pm - Fat Harold's and Lulu's Lilly Pad... Happy Hour 4 - 6 with Fat Harold's style FREE complete meal and 25c Draft and Special Drink Prices!
Saturday Night - Beach music parties and shaggin' at Fat Harold's, Lulu's, the Beach Club and 2001 ... support the S.O.S. clubs!

SUNDAY ... SEPTEMBER 18

The Last Hurrah!

Noon - Fat Harold's ... The Last Hurrah at Fat Harold's (*at present location*).
Bring your cameras. This will be a tearful, historic occasion!
Like a New Orleans jazz funeral, we'll first play the dirges,
and then pep-up and parade 'round and 'round through Fat Harold's
to "The Saints Come Marching In" and cheer Fat Harold up and
onward for the future! Let's show Harold just how many S.O.S.
friends he really has!

Noon - Lulu's Lilly Pad ... Bon Voyage Party
1:30 pm - the Beach Club ... Shag Contest ... \$25.00 prize

You'll Want To Be In That Number ... When the Saints Come Marching In!

S.O.S. - It's the Real Thing!

No Ticket, No Laundry!

Don't forget your S.O.S. membership card. If you don't have it you'll have to re-join to get in. It's just that simple. Keep up with your S.O.S. card!

On-the-spot Renewals and SOS Memberships for Guests. We'll have a limited amount of SOS memberships cards available at the beach at Fat Harold's, Lulu's Lilly Pad and the Beach Club.

1989 SOS Renewals. We will not be taking any new members into SOS for 1989 until further notice. Only 1988 members will be eligible for a 1989 SOS card. If you have heard the rumor that we plan to increase dues for 1989, it's unfounded. 1989 SOS memberships will be \$20 per person per year, expiring December 31, 1989.

The Key Question:

Where Does the SOS go from here?

As I have said many times before, we don't buy green bananas. The S.O.S. has faced adversity before and things always seem to work out ... but, at the last minute too often at the sake of my graying hair.

As of this moment, it's impossible to look into next year's crystal ball. We've got to determine what Harold Bessent is going to do first. Harold must decide if he's going to seek another large club facility in Ocean Drive. My guess is, he will!

We also must wait until we see if S.O.S.ers stick with us at this year's S.O.S. or the extent of support that goes to Shag Time. If Shag Time insists on having its parties on the same weekends as S.O.S., and riding on our coat tails, it makes the club situation impossible from a square footage standpoint. That, my friends, is Shag Time's game plan.

You can do your part and help the situation by supporting S.O.S. participating clubs this year. There simply just isn't room at North Myrtle Beach for two S.O.S. type gatherings on the same weekend.

Of this much I'm damn sure: There will be an S.O.S. Spring Safari and an S.O.S. Fall Migration next year!!! The Fall Migration will be the same weekend as always. Next year it falls September 13-17. Hopefully the 1989 Tenth Annual S.O.S. Fall Migration will be at Ocean Drive ... the place where it started.

All of this conversation doesn't help you as far as you making your accommodation reservations for next year. My best advice to you is hold up for now, if they insist on an up-front deposit. Let's wait till the smoke clears and then we'll explore all the options and announce the details just as soon as possible! I'm going to work on next year's plans within the next few weeks.

S.O.S. - It will stand!

Official S.O.S. Fall Migration IX Poster

by Becky Stowe is sure to be a collectors' item due to the controversy, if nothing else! A very limited number will be printed and nos. 1-10 will be \$50 and the other numbers will be \$35. Be sure to stop by Becky's gallery on Fat Harold's rear deck. Also available will be Pad prints, O.D. posters and a beach scene in front of Fat Harold's.

Limited Quantity

1st Edition Official Collectors' Series **S.O.S. Beer Mug and Double Old Fashion Glass**
The perfect gift item for an S.O.S.er and the perfect item to use during the Fall Migration to let folks know where you stand! 13 oz. mug or 14 oz. double old fashion glass ... \$5 each or 6 for \$25. See Jerry Morris at Fat Harold's or Lulu's Lilly Pad!

Ye Olde S.O.S. Shirt Shoppe

Fashionable styles and new designs on sale on Fat Harold's rear deck starting Thursday afternoon. First come ... first served! Don't wait until Sunday. As always, the prices will not be reduced. S.O.S. shirts only go up in value ... never down in price. Shop early for a full selection of styles, colors and sizes!

John J. "Bubber" Snow to be First Recipient of S.O.S. Outstanding Achievements Award!

The Society of Stranders is proud to present the First S.O.S. Outstanding Achievements Award to "Bubber" Snow!

This first award, in all honesty, couldn't have gone to anyone else, in my opinion, for no one person has contributed more to the state dance of South Carolina than Bubber Snow. In fact, he was a co-sponsor of the bill to designate the shag as the official dance of the State and lobbied vigorously in its behalf!

Bubber is a honorary member of the Shagger's Hall of Fame. He is a honorary member of the Columbia Shag Club and also the first inductee of the Hall of Legends of the Aiken Shag Club.

Bubber was elected to the South Carolina General Assembly in 1976. He was elected Chairman of the House Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee in 1980, and is presently Chairman Emeritus. He also serves as of the House Agriculture Sub Committee, member of the Agriculture Study Committee, member of the Aquaculture Study Committee and the Tobacco Advisory Committee.

Bubber met his wife, Penny, on the beach in front of old Robert's Pavilion at O.D. Penny was from Tabor City. They have three children - John, Sallie and Penelope. Bubber's two girls are in the movie, Shag!

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Harold Bessent

Thank you for being my friend!

Thank you
for your tireless dedication to the S.O.S.

Thank you
for getting in the trenches and
helping me fight the battles.

Thank you
for having the guts and the integrity not to
sell us out. We held on to the end, you and I,
like barnacles on the hull of an ancient ship.

Thank you,
Harold, for being you!

Thank you, Harold Bessent!
It's our last hurrah in this crusty old place
that we love so well. It's the last gathering of the
clan to be held in this wooden building by the sea -
filled with fond memories and tradition.

Let's make it our best!

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Shag On at Fat Harold's!

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Shag, Shuck 'n' Jive!

Happy Hour
starts at 4 pm

Draft Beer 25c ...Special drink prices!

Shag On at Fat Harold's!

Friday
Fat Harold's Style
Free Fat Hors d'oeuvres
& Happy Hour

4 - 7

Draft Beer 25c ...Special drink prices!

O.C. Smith and Bubber Snow Awards at 8:30 pm

Saturday
The S.O.S. Biggie!
Fat Harold's Style Free Fat Meal

with all the trimmins! Happy Hour prices ...

4 - 6

Draft Beer 25c ...Special drink prices!

Shaggers' Hall of Fame Exhibition at 2. Harry Driver, m.c.

Sunday Noon ... Bon Voyage Party as usual! The Last Hurrah at Fat Harold's
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