

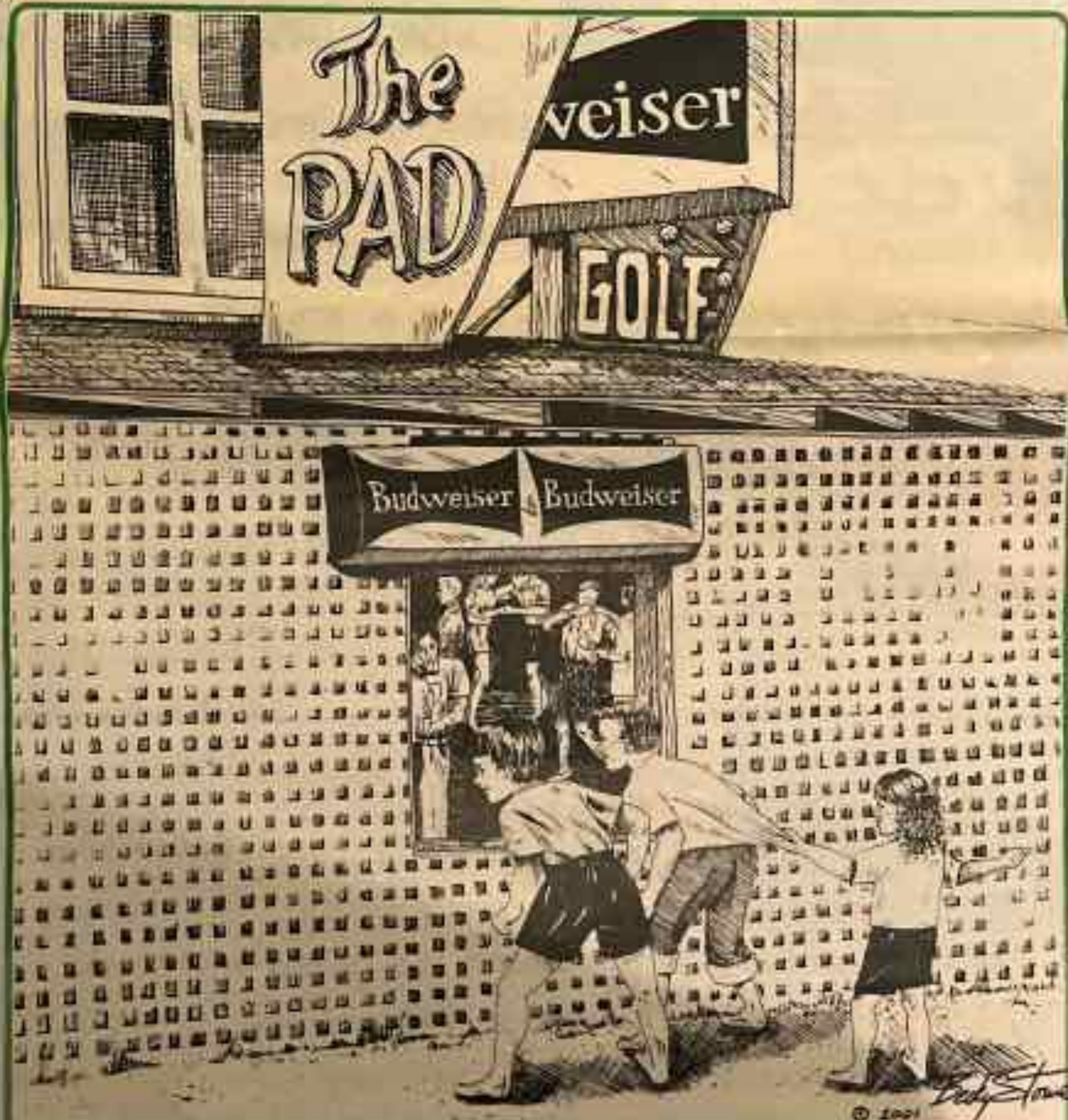


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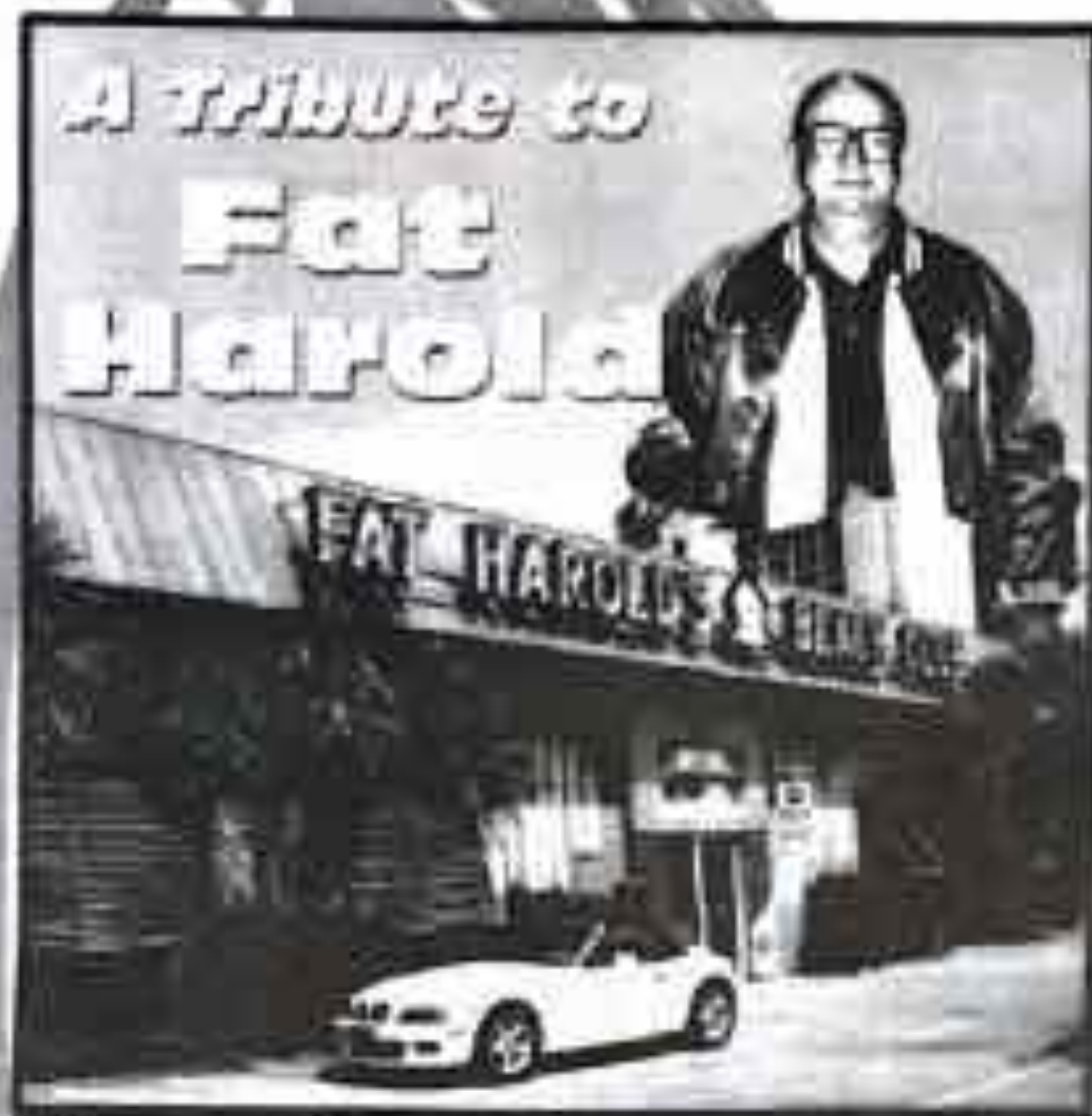
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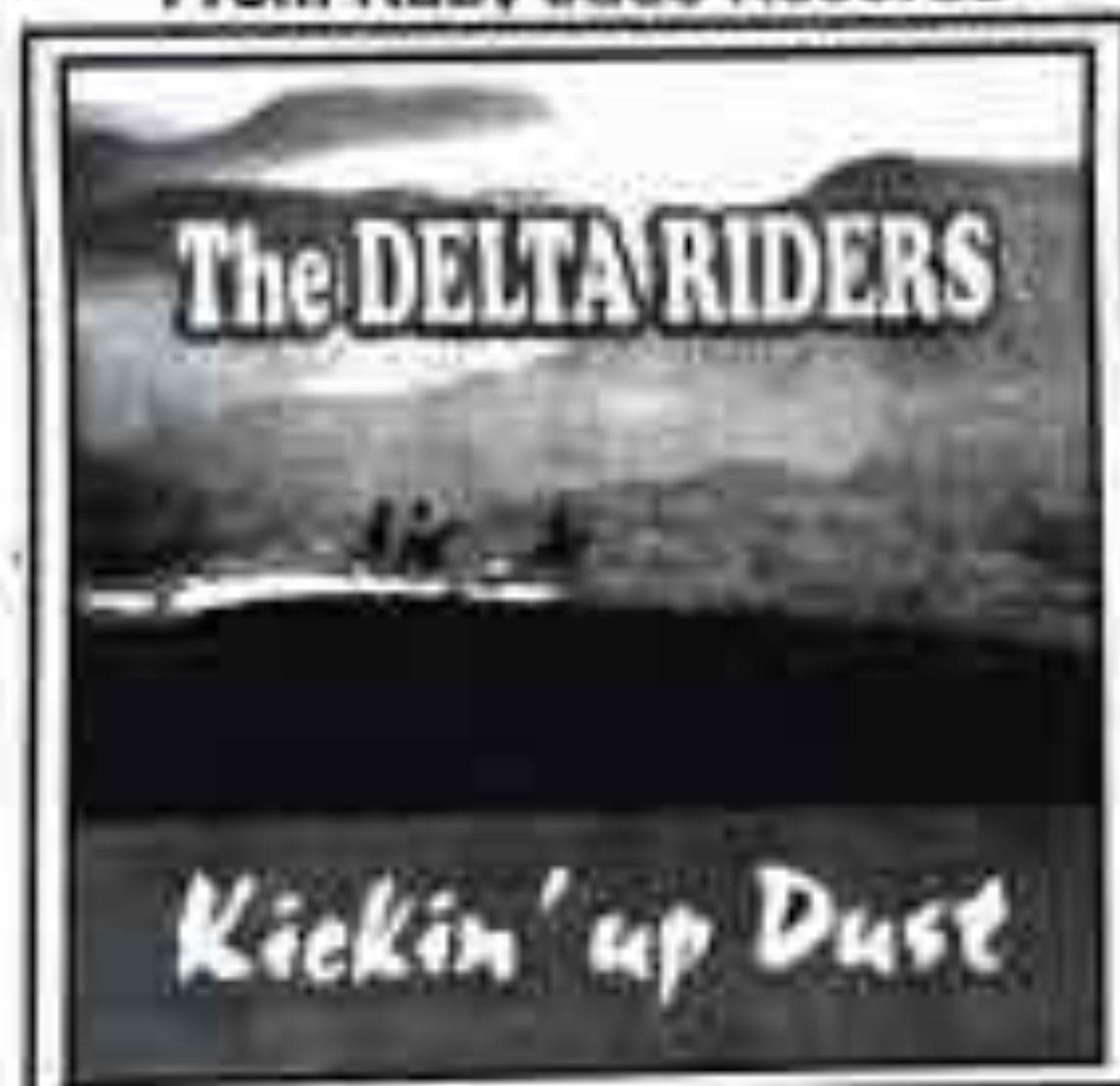
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Message from the A.C.S.C. Chairman

Were're Back!!

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Everyone here has been working hard preparing for our arrival. The clubs have to buy extra help, order more stock (alcohol), have clean up crews ready, hire the beautiful people to work the doors, lecture the DJs, and set up the little outhouses. All you have to do is walk up to the bar order your favorite tuddy and play for 10 days!! Don't forget to tip the bartenders either.

On the Shag World front everything is looking GREAT! The Electric City Shag Club hosted a great



Mel and Cindy Asquarino

workshop and party. The only two complaints I received was that the meeting was in short, and that my rendition of Gary Bass's South Me was not that good. Live and learn. One other thing, in case I don't get to speak to you during the ten days "HEY"

Party Hard Party Safe and Tinas Everyone the Way You Want to Be Timed. See you at the Parade

-Mel Asquarino, Chairman of the Association of Carolina Shag Clubs

Message from the new S.O.S. Chairman

Welcome shaggers to SCS Spring Safari, 2001. Who would have thought that just a few years ago a reunion of some lifeguards, beach bunnies, and beach lovers of the past would develop into an event of this magnitude. What started out with only a handful of people who called themselves the Society of Stranders has now grown to approximately 15,000. The main concept of renewing old acquaintances and reminiscing about the days of old holds true today, and the idea is as much alive as ever. We can be proud that we are all a part of this great event.

As many of you already know, we have changed our SOS membership cards this year. Males will have blue cards and females, pink. I guess our next step will be to paint the bathroom doors to match our cards. Just kidding, of course, but in an effort to protect your rights as a cardholder, it was decided to try this. After all, these cards give you admittance to the participating clubs, and it's not fair to you for non-members to benefit from something they have not paid for. If this idea



Hector and Carolyn Pajon

doesn't work, then we'll try something different next year. Just remember our extremely important fact: If you leave your card at home or lose it, we do not replace it, so please keep up with your card and make sure you show it when entering a club.

The ACSC parade this year is shaping up to be the biggest and best that North Myrtle Beach has seen. Come rain or shine, on May 5th, at 2:00 P.M., the street will be flooded with floats, walking troops, cars, tractors, Harleys, or whatever else our innovative shag clubs come up with, and under the leadership and guidance of Don David (The Man

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This man has insight into the many facets of life, the pursuit of happiness, and the vitality to vigorously guide the shag world through many difficult times. His organizational skills, knowledge, perseverance, and desire guided the ACSC through the negotiations, and the purchase of SOS. He led the effort to design, and implement the workable plan to enable SOS to survive, prosper, and grow over the next eleven years, under his leadership.

SOS was in shambles in 1989. This leader pondered the many tasks ahead, and yes, he even considered if the task might be impossible. His vision led him along the way, armed with diligence, perseverance, and a will to make his plan work, led SOS from the path of destruction, into a strong, viable opportunity for the ACSC. He had attended every SOS since 1969, but

has become most noticed, when he became the first president of SOS, in 1989. He has served SOS admirably, for the past eleven years.

Dispectacled, suspendered, and Budweiser in hand, Phil Sawyer is easily recognizable. He has roled over the domain in regal style. He has served every whim, answered every question, hugged and kissed a lot of babe's. Now he elects not to rest upon the laurels to be laid at his feet, but elects to step into a new arena that will gain from his expertise, leadership, and knowledge. He will be the architect, and director of the new soon to be SOS Foundation.

Ph.D. Phil Sawyer, Icon, Living Legend, Hall of Fame, Co-Founder of ACSC/SOS, Leader, Speaker, Writer, extraordinary - a Man for all Reasons!
-Don Whitmore
SOS President

S.O.S. could have been a lot of things but it would not be what it is today were it not for Phil Sawyer. He had the friendship and the trust of Gene Laughter and together they had the vision to put S.O.S. in the hands of the A.C.S.C.

Phil forged the alliance of the various beach interests and with the help of Spody Lewis and many others it has stood the test of time. S.O.S. is here and still going strong because of my friend Phil Sawyer. I salute you, Chairman Sawyer, and so should all members of the Society of Stranders.

-Bob Wood
Past ACSC and SOS Chairman

Phil Sawyer is one of shag's best and most dedicated supporters and ambassadors. He was the beginning of SOS as we know it today. He had the vision to see what the original SOS could become and

he actively worked to make it the organization that has preserved shag and provided such grand scale opportunities for shaggers to come together.

He is a good friend who can always be counted on to support shag activities, to give good, well-thought-out advice when asked, and to look ahead to the consequences of decisions affecting the organization and other shag activities.

Phil is one of the most intelligent men in our community (he has a doctorate). He knows the history of shag and uses it as the basis for his decisions, actions and efforts in behalf of the preservation of shag.

But Phil is also a consummate politician who moves about the shag world (with Ma. Chick's directions) quietly listening and learning and sharing as necessary to promote all that is good for our dance. But do not let that quiet demeanor fool you. He is a primary partner who loves to have a Budweiser beer, mingle with those who love shag and tell a tall tale... or two.

When we approached Phil in 1994 about the idea of showcasing shag to the rest of the country he was somewhat skeptical, but in-

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Welcome, Y'all

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



Ron and Peggy Whitson

Dear Fellow SOS Members,

It is with great pleasure that I convey to you the condition and state of the Society of Stranders. Your Board of Directors has worked long, hard, and diligently to accomplish the goals and challenges placed before them. We have become a more experienced group in our efforts to lead this organization into the new era, and have pledged to continue with the goals that are set by you and the Association.

We are doing well, however, we need to experience some much needed growth in our numbers of members, to make this an even greater Association and SOS. We had a decrease in SOS membership since this spring, which is very dis-

counting. Hopefully, this is the result of the early Spring Safari that started on April 15th. It was very cool, wet, and the taxman had to be paid. Our goal is to grow SOS, by offering more benefits for its membership, and cut down on the numbers that come to participate, but don't want to pay to be a member of our great organization.

This brings us to the new look of our membership cards for 2001. Blue and Pink. This is an effort to help us do several things. It will give us a head count to see how many men, women, and couples, are members. Hopefully, it will help to cut down on a lot of swapping of cards going in and out of the clubs. The cards are not transferable.

We have accomplished

some of our goals, but new goals for growth are necessary to keep us strong and viable. SOS is "the party" that we all love and enjoy, and it will take all of us working together to make it a lasting event. Some of the goals that we need to achieve to keep SOS on a path of positive growth and security are:

1. Improve our services to our membership
2. Implement a plan to attract new members for SOS growth, and for SOS to be recognized, nationally.
3. Continue to improve our communications with our partners, the club owners, to improve dance coverage policy.
4. Expand our position and status in the Ocean Drive commu-

nity

5. Design a joint effort to promote our dance, it's music, and the Ocean Drive Area, nationally.

It has been a rewarding year for the SOS Board in many ways. With your continued support we can work towards achieving the goals listed above. I will appreciate your input, and anticipate your support in the coming year. Together, we can build a SOS organization, even better than the one we have now. There is strength in numbers, and our numbers will grow. THANK YOU for your confidence and support. Invite a friend to become a member. They will forever be indebted to you, for the joyful experience.

—Ron Whitson

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By Phil Sawyer, President Emeritus, S. O. S.

"There is nothing better for a man than he should eat and drink, and find enjoyment in his toil. For everything there is a season, a time for every matter under heaven: a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant and a time to pluck up what has been planted; a time to breakdown and a time to build up..."

The year was 1979 and we had rediscovered slugging. We were a wonderful little band of dancers who had, quite by accident, found each other at Wif's End in Columbia. We were dancing and we were wild about it. Many were the nights we danced until they stacked the chairs and mopped the floors.

Early in the Spring of 1980, we learned, primarily through Hubber Snow and radio DJs that a fellow from Richmond, Virginia was putting together a reunion of old sluggers, beach bums, life guards, and Bingo callers at Ocean Drive in North Myrtle Beach in September of that year. The call went out by word of mouth, radio, newspapers, and a hoax (if you don't know about it, ask someone) to all the old beach "diggers" to come on down.

I was not an old beach "digger." I had never spent a summer on the beach, never been a lifeguard, never called Bingo, and didn't even have a nickname. My time at the beach had been in the early 1940s for a couple of one week house parties and later on in college for a week-end here and there. I even suffered the bone of all perils of my life, when I had to reply to the question, "You here for the summer?" My response: "Naw—I'm just down for the day."

So you can imagine the excitement that Miss Chick and I felt as we came to the very first S. O. S. As we approached the door to Billy

Smith's Beach Party on Highway 17 that first night, I was not sure they would even let us in.

No one was at the door. We walked right in, albeit uneasily, and saw not a single person we knew. There was one guy on the floor dancing and I had never seen anything like it in my entire life. We learned later that his name was Jo Jo, or something like that. We soon saw Hubber Snow. Finally someone I could call by name.

Miss Chick and I danced the night away and I even found a couple of other "chicks" that I could dance with. We were smitten! The next day we were on the deck of Pat Jack's and thus continued the single most exciting dancing event of our lifetime. It was the first S. O. S., and nobody ran me off. I was in heaven.

Fast forward to 1988. The Association of Carolina Dog Clubs now owns S. O. S. and this is our very first Spring Safari. We were ready and rearing to go to prove that we could do as good as anyone with S. O. S. There was only one problem—we were at S. O. S. headquarters about two blocks up the beach and everyone else was at Fat Harold's, Duck's, and the Spanish Galleon. We were "out and they were in."

But fret not, boys and girls, we put it together in the Summer of 1988 and we are and have been one great big happy family. The rest is history. I would like to tell the en-

tire event here in detail but it is all recorded in other articles. If you are interested, you can find it. If you can't I'll be happy to send stuff to you. The bottom line is I spent the past eleven years with S. O. S.

Over 200 days and nights on the streets and in the clubs. In meetings and negotiations. Fielding compliments, and yes, complaints. The life has been simply unbelievable. Want to hear more about it? Meet me anytime at one of the clubs and I will fill you full. Just for kicks, there was one special night in front of Duck's until the early hours. Ask Sid Pruitt, Bush Metcalf or anyone who happened by that night. It was one to remember.

There is so much more—I could go on for pages but space is precious. Just let me say that I am stepping aside. My official title is President Emeritus of S. O. S. It is something that I am very proud to be. Just remember where I began. Would they let me in or not?

Ron Whisenant is the President now. Ron and Peggy have been with it since the beginning, the events as well as the Association. With Ron S. O. S. is in good hands. He knows it "inside out" and has the greatest respect of the Club Owners, the S. O. S. Board, the Association and the people of North Myrtle Beach. He will do a great job. Hector Phifer takes over as Chairman of the Board of Directors. He and Carolyn are seasoned veterans so we



Dr. Phil Sawyer

know we have great things to look forward to.

I can't leave without a few very special thank yous. Bob Wood, Foster McKinney, Pat Smith, Larry Taylor, Gene "Swink" Laughter, Cpt. Fred Morris, the Club Owners and managers, all the bar tenders, DJs, the cooks, the S. O. S. Boards and Association Boards, Sluggers and beach people everywhere.

And especially to Speedy Lewis without whom this event would not be and to Edith who has hosted us in the gracious manner of the great lady that she is.

And of course most of all to Miss Chick who has given more to S.O.S. than anyone will ever know.

As I began:
—A time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; a time to cast a bow, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing, a time to seek, and a time to lose; a time to keep and a time to cast away; a time to read and a time to sew; a time to keep silence and a time to speak; a time to love and a time to hate; a time for war and a time for peace. What gain the worker from his toil? ECCLESIASTES

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May 17 - 20, 2001
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Virginia Beach, Va

All Events are FREE

Thursday

May 17, 2001

•29th Street Beach Stage•

7:00 - 9:30 PM
The Holiday Band

Friday

May 18, 2001

•29th Street Beach Stage•

7:00 - 9:30 PM
The Embers

•7th Street Stage•
6:00 - 10:00 PM
Bill Deal & The Rhondels

Saturday

May 19, 2001

•29th Street Beach Stage•

Noon - 2:00 PM
Bill Deal & The Rhondels
2:30 - 4:00 PM

The Breeze Band
4:00 - 4:45 PM
Beachnuts - Family Photo
4:45 - 6:30 PM
The Band of Oz

•7th Street Stage•
6:00 - 10:00 PM
The Coolin' Out Band

•24th Street Park•
6:30 - 9:00 PM
Shag Contest
with Larry Williams &
Guest DJ "Charlie Byrd"
\$ Cash Prizes \$
Contact Larry for info:
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Sunday

May 20, 2001

•29th Street Beach Stage•

Noon - 1:45 PM
The Fantastic Shakers
2:15 - 4:00 PM

The Coastline Band
4:45 - 6:15 PM
Chairmen of the Board

•7th Street Stage•
6:00 - 10:00 PM
Fat Ammon's Band

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2001 Event Planning Calendar 2001

May	June	July
10-13 Shaggers Holiday, Folly Beach, SC 18 Spring Fling, Rock Hill, SC 21 Southern Comfort, Columbia, SC Jun 3 (See ad on page 8)	1-2 Pig Pickin', Roanoke, VA 3-10 Sand Gnat, Jekyll Is., Ga. 8 Jive Jive Jam, Lancaster, SC 14 Boogie in Boone, Boone, NC	13-15 ACSC Summer Workshop & Party, Southern Pines, NC 18 Choo Choo Party, Chattanooga, TN 27-29 Capital Shag Classic, Alexandria, VA (See our ad page 8)
August	September	November
10-12 Shag Odyssey, Raleigh, NC (See our ad page 8) 14-18 Shag Tracks, Chattanooga, TN 18 Reject Party, Statesville, NC 18 Boogie in the Mountains, Asheville, NC (See our ad page 8) 25 Summer Jackpot, Southern Pines, NC	14-23 305 Fall Migration, N. Myrtle Beach, SC October 10-14 Shag-A-Rama, Panama City, FL 18-21 Shaggin' on the Coast, Wilmington, NC (See our ad page 9) 19-20 Goochie Stash, Charleston, SC (See our ad page 9) 22 MISS, Fall Bash, Kingsport, TN	27-29 Shaggin' on the Border, Santee, SC 27-28 Boogie & Buggy in the Pines, Southern Pines, NC (See our ad page 8)
December		21 New Years Eve Party, Cornelius, NC

S.O.S. Dates

- 2001-**
- Spring Sabon • April 27-May 6
 - Fall Migration • September 14-23
- 2002-**
- Mid-Winter • January 17-20
 - Spring Safari • April 12-21
 - Fall Migration • September 13-22

Upcoming Event Details



-May-

10-13...Shaggers Holiday XIII in Folly Beach, SC. Hosted by the Islanders Shag Club. Tickets \$35 /\$40 after April 15th includes parade (Sat 12th), raffles, auction, Ms 180 beauty contest, NC Dancers, line dance classes, dunking booth, strawberry injections and more. Only 300 tickets will be sold. DJs Eddie L. Gary Bass, Muri Augustine, Jim Bowers, and Dr DC. Party to be held at the Islanders Shag Club's Clubhouse. For more info call 1-877-588-9095 or email Caroline Rhodes at Cprhodes@aol.com

19...The 19th Annual Spring Fling in Rock Hill, SC. Hosted by the Rock Hill Shag Club. Tickets \$20. DJs Randy Rowland, Clyde Waller, and Barry Smith. "Shrimp Boat" chicken, open bar, beer, wine, soft drinks and "boogie juice". For a additional info call Dr. Steve St. Clair 803-547-6097 or email s.stclair@cms.k12.sc.us

31-Jun 3...Southern Comfort IV in Columbia, SC. Hosted by the Palmetto Shag Club. Tickets \$30 /after May 1st \$35. Ticket includes free beer, several free pours, BYOB, food on Fri night. Saturday BBQ. Sun will have a full breakfast, liquid sunshine, gospel hour, and the Fernside Shakers. DJs David Adams, Muri Augustine, Jim Bowers, Bob Patterson, Gene Siskare, and John Smith. For more info call Marie Kiesel at 803-772-7577 or email mlkiesel@bellsouth.net.

-June-

1-2...Annual Pig Pickin' in Roanoke, VA. Hosted by the Roanoke Valley Shag Club. Tickets \$25. DJs Charlie Byrd and Larry Calhoun. Golf tournament at Hanging Rock Golf Club. Party held at the American Legion Building Post 43. For golf info call Roger Nichols (by May 18th) at 540-774-6079 for other info call Jim Skinner at 540-562-1096.

7-10...11th Annual Sand Gnat Shag-A-Gone in Jekyll Island, Ga. Hosted by the Golden Isles Shag Club. Tickets \$30. till May 1st. DJs Gary Bass, Butch Davidson, Muri Augustine and Jim Stratton. Party held at Ramada Inn Oceanfront. For more info email Jim@Saint-Simon.com

9...Jivin' June Jam in Lancaster, SC. Hosted by the Lancaster Shag Club. Tickets \$20 /\$25 after Jun 1. DJs Betty Brown and Walter Upchurch. Party held at the American Legion Bldg on S Main St. Beer, vodka drinks, and setups provided for BYOB. BBQ with all the trimmings will be served at 6. For more info contact Judy Vick 803-385-523 or email jvick@infoave.net

16...Boogie to Boone in Boone, NC. Hosted by the Boone Shag Club. Tickets \$20 /\$25 after Jun 1st. includes Bar-B-Que dinner, free beer, Devilish Dev Mix & setups, snacks, and treats. DJs Mac Mast, Larry Byerly, and guest Muri Augustine. For more info call George Brown (828) 265-0445 or email gblrcwn@boone.net

-July-

13-15...ACSC Summer Workshop in Southern Pines, NC. Hosted by the Moore Area Shag Club, Sanford Area Shag Club, and the Lake Tillery Shag Club. Tickets \$40 /\$50 after Jun 15th. DJs Judy Collins, Muri Augustine, Clyde Waller, Robbie Farrell, John Caddell, Harold Beaver, and Ken Estraco. Ticket includes free pours, dance workshop, Fri & Sat parties and pool party. Event held at the Holiday Inn I with special rate \$54 +tax 800-262-5737, Hampton Inn 803-333-9266, Marriott

847-877-693-3738, Best Western 855-800-528-1234. For more info call Louise Wilson 910-692-9224, Rosmary Parton 919-774-8050, or Danny Robinson 910-572-3301. This is a required meeting for ACSC shag clubs

18...Choo Choo Beach Party in Chattanooga, TN. Hosted by the Choo Choo Shag Club. Tickets \$15 advance/\$20 at door. DJs Gary Bass and John Martin. Meal, beer, setups for BYOB and the Coastline Band. For more info call Parris McKenzie at 423-478-1574

27-29...Sixth Annual Capital Shag Classic in Alexandria, Va. Hosted by the Northern Virginia Shag Club. Tickets \$60 till June 27th/\$65 till Jul 30th/\$70 after Jul 30th. DJs Terry Ellis, Butch Metcalf, Craig Jennings, Larry Jones, and Gerry Scott. Friday golf tournament to benefit Northern Virginia Hoopie. Shag workshop with Leslie Nelson and Grayco Smith. Party to be held at the Holiday Inn on Old Town Alexandria, call (703) 549-6306 for special rates. More info, call Linda Robinson at (703) 250-4817 or email lalbaugh@com.com or Heather Jennings at (340) 775-5342 or email h Jennings@sonial.com

27-29...2001 Shaggin' On Santee, in Santee, SC. Hosted by the Orangeburg Area Shag Club. Tickets \$30 /\$35 after Jul 1st. DJs Muri Augustine, George Bailey, Chris "Gery Landon" Pinckney, and Jim Bowers. Shag workshop with Jimmy and Cameron Caruso, pool party, and more. No one day tickets sold. Party to be held at the Ramada Inn call 803-854-2191 for special event rates of \$43. For more info call 803-478-4810 or email djjimbowers@hotmail.com

27 & 28...11th Annual Boogie & Buggy in the Pines, in Southern Pines, NC. Hosted by the Sandhills Shag Club. Tickets \$30 weekend/\$30 for one night. DJs Judy Collins, Harold Beaver, and Tom Wheeler. Heavy hors de oeuvres Fri & Sat, pool party Sat with hot dogs, drinks and beer, and golf on Sat/\$30. Event to be held at the Holiday Inn with room rates of \$50. +tax 1-800-262-5737. More info Karen Jenkins (910) 895-4250 or Roger Racster (910) 895-4872

15-19...Shag Tracks in Chattanooga, TN. Hosted by the Choo Choo Shag Club. Tickets \$35/\$40 after Jul 15. More info call Parris McKenzie at 423-478-1574

-August-

18...Boogie in the Mountains, in Asheville, NC. Hosted by the Mountain Shag Club. Tickets \$20 before July 15th/\$25 at the door. Workshop, dinner, and dance to be held at the Land of the Sky Shrine Club. For more information call Cy Miller 828-674-5432 or email cymiller@mindspring.com

18...Reject Party hosted by the Statesville Shag Club and held in Statesville, NC. DJ Gene Hensley and Muri Augustine. Party to be held at The Zodiac Club in Statesville. Ticket prices include a chicken dinner and free pours. Details to follow. For information, call Ron Smith at (704) 871-2356 or E-mail at rgsmit0@i-america.net.

25...Super Summer Jackpot Party in Southern Pines, NC. Hosted by the Sandhills Area Shag Society, Moore Area Shag Society, and Lake Tillery Shag Club. Details TBA

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Spring S.O.S. 2001 Deejay Schedule

April 27 to May 6

Beach Club

Friday, April 27	8:00pm to Close	John Wilson
Saturday, April 28	8:00pm to Close	Gene Sistrare
Sunday, April 29	8:00pm to Close	Rich Hargrove
Monday, April 30	8:00pm to Close	John Wilson
Tuesday, May 1	8:00pm to Close	John Wilson
Wednesday, May 2	Noon to 4:pm	John Wilson Playing all the Old Smoothies
	4:00pm to 9:00pm	Danny Scott
	9:00pm to Close	Jack Moore
	4:00pm - Until FREE Food Hors D'oeuvres	
Thursday, May 3	Noon to 4:00pm	Gerry Holland
	4:00pm to 9pm	Chuck Waters
	9pm to Close	Jack Moore
	4:00 - Until FREE Food Hors D'oeuvres	
Friday, May 4	Noon to 4:00pm	Danny Scott
	4:00pm to 9:00pm	Gerry Holland
	9:00pm to Close	John Wilson
Saturday, May 5	Noon to 4:00pm	John Cunningham
	4pm to 9pm	Gene Sistrare
	9pm to Close	Chuck Waters
Sunday, May 6	Noon to Close	Rich Hargrove

Spanish Galleon

Friday, May 4	8pm to Close	Danny Scott
Saturday, May 5	8pm to Close	Gerry Holland

Live Dance Workshops with Cathy McDaniel
Friday, April 27 thru Saturday, May 5 • 10:00pm - 1:00am
Dance Instructor Workshop with Cathy McDaniel
Saturday, April 28 • 11:00am - 1:00pm • Dance Instructor Workshop

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Paul had just returned from the State government in January, 2000. He is survived by his fiancée, David Singer, a brother, Will Sobel, and a sister, Peggy Livingston.

Paul was an active member of Palmetto Shag Club in Columbia and an avid supporter of the Junior Shaggers. He will be missed by his many friends.

This quote from Mark Twain pretty much sums up Paul's life: "He liked to like people, therefore people liked him."

We miss you Paul!
David Singer, Staff,
and All True Friends of OD Appreciate

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D.J. Schedule

Friday, April 27	4pm - 8pm Tommy Samole	8pm - until Muri Augustine	Wednesday, May 2	12 n - 5pm Mike Risk	5pm - 9pm Dennis Hydrick	9pm - until Terry McPhail	
Saturday, April 28	12 n - 5pm Bobby Bennett	5pm - 9pm Mike Risk	9pm - until Muri Augustine	Thursday, May 3	12 n - 5pm Butch Metcalf	5pm - 9pm Dennis Hydrick	9pm - until Tommy Samole
Sunday, April 29	12 n - 5pm Larry Calhoun	5pm - 9pm Tommy Samole	9pm - until Mike Risk	Friday, May 4	12 n - 5pm Mike Risk	5pm - 9pm Judy Collins	9pm - until Muri Augustine
Monday, April 30	12 n - 5pm Terry McPhail	5pm - 9pm Larry Calhoun	9pm - until Tommy Samole	Saturday, May 5	12 n - 5pm Dennis Hydrick	5pm - 9pm Judy Collins	9pm - until Muri Augustine
Tuesday, May 1	12 n - 5pm Bobby Bennett	5pm - 9pm Larry Calhoun	9pm - until Muri Augustine	Sunday, May 6	12 n - 3pm Terry McPhail	3pm - until Muri Augustine	

Events

Saturday, April 28
5 pm Heavy Hors d'oeuvres

Tuesday, May 1

8 pm Rookies Revenge
Mixed Doubles
Fun Shag Contest (Sign up 7pm)

Thursday, May 3

2 pm Smoothies Contest
(Sign up 1pm)

Friday, May 4

5 pm Bar-Q-Que

Saturday, May 5: Tea Parties
Statesville Shag Club, CSRA,
Palmetto Shag Club, Burlington
Shag Club, Twisters Shag Club

Shag Workshops
w/ Ellen Taylor

Cost: \$10 per person
All Classes 11:00-12:00 pm

Sunday, April 29 - Creating
Patterns in Free Style Harve

Tuesday, May 1- Approaching the
Pivot with Confidence/Variations

Thursday, May 3 - Something old
something new with transition

Friday, May 4 - Presentation of
Mads/minning

Saturday, May 5 - Connection and
Expression Reading your
partner's moves



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Time Front DJ Back DJ

Wednesday, April 25

8:00 - Close Wilkie Whaley

Thursday, April 26

8:00 - Close Judy Collins Lannie Elmore

Friday, April 27

Noon - 5:00 Wilkie Whaley
5:00 - 9:00 Judy Collins Lannie Elmore
9:00 - Close Terry Ellis Paul Northrup

Saturday, April 28

Noon - 5:00 Wilkie Whaley Bobby Guyton
5:00 - 9:00 Gary Bass Bill Ruth
9:00 - 2:00 Judy Collins Ray Scott

Sunday, April 29

Noon - 5:00 Lannie Elmore
5:00 - 10:00 Judy Collins Bobby Guyton
9:00 - 2:00 Wilkie Whaley David Sessions

Monday, April 30

Noon - 5:00 Mike Lewis
5:00 - 10:00 Roger Holcomb David Sessions
10:00 - Close Gary Bass Ray Scott

Time Front DJ Back DJ

Tuesday, May 1

Noon - 5:00 Mike Lewis
5:00 - 10:00 Harold Beaver
10:00 - Close Gary Bass David Sessions

Wednesday, May 2

Noon - 5:00 Mike Lewis Paul Northrup
5:00 - 10:00 Wilkie Whaley Bobby Guyton
10:00 - Close Gary Bass Lannie Elmore

Thursday, May 3

Noon - 5:00 Mike Lewis Jim Waye
5:00 - 10:00 Ervin Ellington Ray Scott
10:00 - Close Harold Beaver Roger Holcomb

Friday, May 4

Noon - 5:00 Mike Lewis Ervin Ellington
5:00 - 10:00 Roger Holcomb Wilkie Whaley
10:00 - Close Terry Ellis Joanne Johnson

Time Front DJ Back DJ

Saturday, May 5

Noon - 5:00 Ray Scott Wilkie Whaley
5:00 - 10:00 Terry Ellis Roger Holcomb
10:00 - Close Gary Bass Ervin Ellington

Sunday, May 6

Noon - 5:00 Roger Holcomb Bobby Guyton
5:00 - 9:00 Paul Northrup
9:00 - Close Terry Ellis Wilkie Whaley

- Activities -
- Sat 4/28 - 5pm - BBQ Cookout
 - Tue 5/1 - 9pm - Coastline Band Alternating with DJ in front and continuous DJ in Harold's back room
 - Wed 5/2 - 5pm - Chicken and Trimmings
 - Fri 5/4 - 1pm until - Repeat Records Promo
 - Sat 5/5 - 4pm - Shaggers Hall of Fame Exhibition
 - 6pm - Original Lake Watauga Club Fish Fry
 - Sun 5/6 - 1pm - Camp Komo Fund-raiser
 - Charlie and Jackie Workshops



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- Schedule of Events -
Saturday, April 28: 11am - Shag Workshop with Jody Duke (cost 110) • 2pm - 4pm - Carolina Shag Club Shooter Party (Ducks Too) • Tuesday, May 1: Twin Rivers Shag Club Shooter Party (Ducks Too) • Wednesday, May 2: 5pm - 7pm Hoot D'oeuvre • Sunday, May 6: Noon - 1:00pm Hoot D'oeuvre • Charlie and Jackie Shag Workshops: Cost \$10 (Except free basic) Details on page 13

- The Dirty Dozen DJs: Ducks Schedule -

Thursday, April 26:
5pm to Close - Paul Northrup

Friday, April 27:
6pm-10pm - Bill (Jody Kays/Harper)
10pm-Close - Batch (Fat Boy) Metcalf

Saturday, April 28:
12pm-5pm - Larry Edwards
5pm-10pm - Billy (White Trash) Waldrop
10pm-Close - Steve Baker

Sunday, April 29:
12pm-5pm - Jerry Berrage
5pm-10pm - Billy (Booger Waaabe) Waldrop
10pm-Close - Batch (Biker Boy) Metcalf

Monday, April 30:
12pm-5pm - Larry (Mr. Invisible) Jones
5pm-10pm - Bill (Pretty Boy) Harper
10pm-Close - Ed (The Bush Booger) Timberlake

Tuesday, May 1:
12pm-5pm - Eddie (E.Z.) Zomerfeld
5pm-10pm - The Booger Brothers
10pm-Close - Batch (Thanks Gene) Metcalf

Wednesday, May 2:
12pm-5pm - Craig Jennings
5pm-10pm - Larry Edwards
10pm-Close - Ed Timberlake

Thursday, May 3:
12pm-5pm - Paul (The Inspector) Northrup
5pm-10pm - Ed (Fly With Me) Timberlake
10pm-Close - Batch (Big Boy) Metcalf

Friday, May 4:
12pm-5pm - Gene (I Trained Batch) Petty
5pm-10pm - Larry (Salisbury Boy) Edwards
10pm-Close - Batch Metcalf

Saturday, May 5:
12pm-5pm - Gene (The Smokes) Petty
5pm-10pm - The Booger Brothers
10pm-Close - Steve Baker

Sunday, May 6:
12pm-6pm - Batch Metcalf
6pm-Close - Larry Jones

Friday, May 4, Noon - 1pm
Special fund-raiser for Ernie and Gail Holmes

- Ducks Too Schedule -

Friday, April 27: 10pm-Close

Saturday, April 28: 4pm-9pm
9pm-Close

Sunday, April 29: 9pm-Close

Monday, April 30: 9pm-Close

Tuesday, May 1: 9pm-Close

Wednesday, May 2: 5pm-10pm
10pm-Close

Thursday, May 3: 1pm-5pm
5pm-10pm
10pm-Close

Friday, May 4: 1pm-5pm
5pm-10pm
10pm-Close

Saturday, May 5: 1pm-5pm
5pm-10pm
10pm-Close

Sunday, May 6: 12pm-Close

John (The Real Booger) Smith
Larry (Please Shoot Me Too) Jones
Batch (Who's Buying?) Metcalf
Ed (The Wrong Booger) Timberlake
Paul (I Have A Bike Too) Northrup
Billy (Trailer Trash) Waldrop
Batch (Vodka & G.E.) Metcalf
Steve (Open Wide) Baker
Larry (Duck CD's) Edwards
Eddie (E.Z.) Zomerfeld
John Smith
Craig Jennings
Ed Timberlake
Steve Baker
Jerry (Tab Man) Berrage
Larry Jones
Batch Metcalf
Jerry Berrage

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There is more to Ducks Than Dancing

By Cooter Douglas



I have found that when I talk to folks there seem to be two things that everyone agrees on about Ducks. It is the home of the dancers and that Norfleet is an ***hole. To be honest with you I have to pretty much agree with those two facts. It does seem that the serious dancers like Ducks a lot (not that dancers of my 13 count basic don't) but some of us do seem to be intimidated by the better dancers. I have tried to get folks to understand that most of the competitive dancers are real friendly folks and enjoy drinking and raising hell just like us (no I don't do a mirrored step people) but it seems folks still have that phobia about being on the floor with Charlie and Jackie. (In my opinion that is the best time to dance because nobody will be watching...etc.) Although I have taught Charlie a lot it has mostly been about beer and liquor drinking and not dancing.

As to Norfleet's personality I wish I knew of a more proper word to describe him but the above one

really seems to fit and is in most folks mind. But I must say in his defense, he pretty much knows he is one and apparently is comfortable with it. You and I both know folks who haven't even figured out that they are one yet so I think Norfleet is ahead of everyone on that. What can you expect from a guy who his whole life has only had to worry if the damn fire engine was clean or not. I would like to tell you that if you get to know Norfleet that he is a very sensitive guy but he just ain't. But I will tell you that he will do what he says he will do and that most of the discontentment of people comes from him not doing everything they wanted. When I went on a cruise I brought him a t-shirt back that read, "Jesus Loves You but the Rest of us Think YOU are an ***hole!"

Enough of what you already know. How about some stuff you don't know apparently. Did you realize that Norfleet and Ducks sponsor the Dewey Kennedy Scholarship

Fund that has given Jr. Shaggers scholarships since 1996? The first one was Grayson Smith, the next was Leanne Best, and then Jessica McAlhany, and last year's winner Nikkie Kontoulas have received money to help them with their education. Although each year was a different amount (due to what money had been raised) we now have a good base to give \$2000 worth of scholarships each year. If you know a Jr. Shagger headed for college please get them to enter the essay contest and take a chance on winning. They will never know if they don't try.

I'm sure you have all heard of The Hall of Fame Foundation. It helps folks in the shag community that have had sickness or some such calamity in their lives. After a review of the particular situation a board decides on what help the Foundation will give the individual in need. What you apparently don't know is that over the last two years Norfleet and Ducks have raised

close to \$30,000 for this foundation through The Bunk Leach Mixed Doubles Contest and The Harry Deiver Golf Classic. Ducks also supports The Foundation as well as The Hall of Fame in their endeavor to keep the camaraderie and fellowship of the shag alive and honor those who started it and have helped to keep it going.

I hope this gives you a different view of Ducks and that maybe you will ask Charlie or Jackie to dance sometime and enjoy partying with us. It probably won't change your opinion of Norfleet but maybe you can tolerate him better. The staff and myself are proud of Ducks and hope that you will stop by when you are in Ocean Drive and see for yourself why Ducks is the place for those who like to dance. As the sign says as you come in the door "Welcome Home to Ducks!"

—Cooter Douglas

Cooter has worked for Ducks for 3 years, and was inducted into the Living Legends last year.



In the Sack with Money

by Jim Money

Dedicated to the Preservation of
the Shag, Beach Music & Legend Stories



"Lately we've lost a lot of our older dancers. Elvis is dead and I don't feel so good myself"

As the man said, the only thing that is inevitable is CHANGE! As I am now three score and one, I've seen a lot of change. Sometime about 20 years ago they started to change the name of the dance I did from "jitter, fast dance, beach jitter" to "SHAG." To be perfectly honest, the dance has changed also. It evolved from a "male peacock dance" to "mirror steps routine dancing."

I have listened to both sides of the arguments "for and against" these changes for over 20 years and I don't think it will ever be resolved... and really, who cares... the dance will survive and THAT is the only thing we want to preserve... The Dance!

Meantime, we want to remember some of our dancers. The Shaggers Hall of Fame and the Living Legends of Shag in North Myrtle Beach does some good, but I've known, danced with, drank with,

partied with, laughed with, and fought with, about 50,000 great dancers that have never and will never be inducted into either of those organizations.

About 2 years ago, my wife, Karen, put a stack of mail in front of me and remarked, "Who do you know at Memories Beach Club in Atlantic Beach, North Carolina?" I said, "Nobody that is probably still alive, because I haven't danced at Atlantic Beach since 1962, and most of the people I knew then are either dead or too old to dance." The letter from Bill Harper, started out, "Dear Jim as you have been selected to be inducted into the Atlantic Beach Shaggers Hall of Fame due to your contribution to the longevity of SHAG and for your part in creating a history to be carried forward in the years to come, and for that, we honor you for your devotion and dedication to a dance loved by many." I was shocked!!! I was stunned!!! I was very proud!!! I was completely overwhelmed with pride that someone would remember me

after all these years. Then I looked down the list of the other inductees. Old friends of mine that had not crossed my mind in almost 40 years. Some still alive and some gone on to a better place (?). My first thought was, "so and so" isn't on this list of inductees, and neither is "what's his name" or his girlfriend that was so great doing to basic and keeping the beat. Then I remembered, they were from Kinston or Dunn, Rocky Mount, Tarboro, Burlington, High Point or Wilson... not from around Atlantic Beach.

What does all this mean? Well it means that dancers (shaggers) that danced in North Carolina and either didn't have transportation or time and money to go to O.D. more than a time or two and wasn't recognized as a regular at Atlantic Beach would NEVER be remembered for their contribution to the SHAG. That's a real shame. Not only did a tremendous number of people "KEEP THE FAITH AND THE DANCE" thru the dark days of the SHAG... you remember, when the Hustle, the Mashed Potatoes, the Swin, Disco, and 10 others were popular and SHAG was in the closet... but they danced the DANCE even when they were laughed at by the masses for doing

a dance that was "out of style". Now... those dancers will never be honored with their names on a small bronze plaque that says, "HALL OF FAME MEMBER."

So what's the purpose of this article...?? Well, I just hope someone out there in the central part of the two Carolinas that remembers a few of those people and start their own local branch of Hall of Fame Members that will honor their friends, their loved ones, their dance partners and the guys and gals that kept the SHAG alive thru the Dark Days of SHAG. I can tell you this, "IT MEANT A HELL OF A LOT TO ME TO BE RECOGNIZED, AND IT WILL MEAN A LOT TO SOME OF YOU THAT NEED TO BE RECOGNIZED!"

I want to thank everyone who reads this article and goes out there and establishes their local Hall of Fame Membership. It's really worthwhile and someone out there is waiting to be recognized... believe it!!!

—Jim Money

Jim now lives in Orlando, FL with his new wife, Karen. They are two of the Founders and are on the Board of Directors of Club Savoy in Jacksonville, FL. E-mail: Dancepartners@compuserve.com



2001 SHAGGING ICON AWARD INDUCTEES

The S.O.S. Board of Directors and the A.C.S.C. have created the Shagging Icon Award as a humanitarian award for excellence in the preservation of the art of shag dancing. This award is presented to persons who have made outstanding and continuing contributions to the dance, S.O.S., and the A.C.S.C. through years of service and deeds of merit. All persons nominated must have had involvement with their local shag club or S.O.S. or A.C.S.C. for a period of at least

five years. A nomination and three seconds, all in writing, must have been submitted to the S.O.S. Board for each candidate to have been considered. A three-quarters vote of the S.O.S. Board for each candidate was required to earn the award. All candidates' names remain in nomination for five years. There are no set numbers of awards that will be given.

Following are the biographies of the 2000 inductees.

Maureen Little Monroe Shag Club Monroe, NC



ing! Maureen's dedication and Rick's total support to their teaching has respectfully earned Maureen the title "Little General". All of the students recall well the words, "Again, again, again!"

Maureen has served as Membership Chair, and has been elected for the fourth year to serve as Chairperson for the Monroe Shag Club's annual fund-raiser, "Shaggin' For Dollars." This fund-raiser was organized in 1998 as a means to give back to the community. Under Maureen's leadership, dedication and great organizational skills, "Shaggin' For Dollars" netted \$3,800 in 1998, \$17,500 in 1999 and a staggering \$43,000 in 2000, with all the proceeds going to local charities.

Maureen is a true statesman and a dedicated avocet for the shag dance, the music, Monroe Shag Club and many other activities associated with the shag world. She is always eager to assist, expand, and encourage in anyway to promote the shag.

Maureen and Rick Little became interested in the shag in 1987 after watching several other couples shagging. They were determined to learn to shag, so they took shag lessons from Shad Alberty and began competing in 1991. They became very active in the Competitive Shagging Association (C.S.A.) the following year.

With much enthusiasm, Maureen and Rick began to teach shag classes in the Monroe area to groups and individuals. They are still teach-

Sharon Jones The Outerbanks Shag Club Kitty Hawk, NC



The "Harvest Fall" dance is a benefit party to raise funds and accept food donations for the less fortunate at the holiday season. She does the lion's share of the planning, theme selection, securing the hotel, dealing with the caterers, preparing the brochures, and hiring the dance instructors. These annual events are the showplace for The Outerbanks Shag Club. They attract shaggers from up and down the east coast, and have sold out the hotel for most of these years.

Sharon Jones and her husband, David, are charter members of The Outerbanks Shag Club, which was formed in May, 1990. The following year, through her efforts, The Outerbanks Shag Club was accepted into the A.C.S.C.

Sharon and David teach the shag in their home, at the shag club, at other shag clubs, at dance halls, and any public place that will have them. She also sets up shag exhibitions at various forums, such as political gatherings, fairs, and parades.

Since the beginning of The Outerbanks Shag Club, Sharon has chaired nine "Spring Break" parties, eight New Year's Eve spectaculars, and eight "Harvest Fall" dances.

David, Sharon's husband, is a willing partner, and he is an Association of Beach and Shag Club DJ. He makes all the props that Sharon needs for decorations for these parties. He is also her partner in teaching the shag dance.

In addition, Sharon is the editor, printer, and news procurer for the monthly newsletter for The Outerbanks Shag Club, and the treasurer.

Sharon is also a member of the Virginia Beach Shag Club and participates in the activities of that club.

Dwayne Baggett Fayetteville Area Shag Association Fayetteville, NC



Eastern Carolina Shag Blast from 1995 to 1998, a cooperative effort of FASA, the Capital Area Shag Club and the Dillon Shag Club. He has coordinated FASA's major annual fund-raising event, the Reverse Raffle, for the past six years.

Dwayne can always be counted upon to do whatever it takes to make the club a success by assisting with FASA-sponsored dance lessons or donating a Santa Claus suit for the annual Christmas Party. Dwayne is the one to turn to whenever you need help, you'll never get "no" for an answer.

As a past president, Dwayne never cuts on his laurels or feels he's "paid his dues". He initiated the FASA telephone tree system. He researched and purchased the telephone tree and set it up, resulting in participation at FASA events doubling. He also contributed to FASA's first float entry in the SOS Parade 2000 as a sponsor while also serving on the Float Planning Committee, and assisting with set-up of the float which was the second place winner in

Dwayne Baggett has been an active member, if not THE most active member, in good standing in the Fayetteville Area Shag Association (FASA) since 1990. His personal involvement and commitment to the goals and ideals of FASA and shagging are without equal.

During his membership he has served in several official capacities as Sergeant at Arms, Vice President, President as well as a perpetual member of the Ways and Means Committee. He also acted as chairman of the Ways and Means Committee for the

"Best Shag Theme" category. He can be counted upon to assist with FASA's annual golf tournament in a variety of ways by crisscrossing hole sponsors, participating as a hole sponsor, minding golfers and, of course, manning the beverage cart!

This past year, Dwayne initiated the first cooperative charity event between FASA and the Fayetteville Shrine Club. The event consisted of the annual golf tournament and two parties. Dwayne personally coordinated ticket sales for both party admission and the door prize raffle. This worthy event raised \$5000 for the Sudan Transportation Fund to transport crippled children to doctor and hospital appointments.

Dwayne is well known in FASA as Mr. "If It Has To Do With Shag, I'm All For It". He demonstrates an ongoing support of all FASA activities as well as the events of other clubs and SOS. As illustrated in the list of his contributions, Dwayne is a very active member of FASA. He can al-

ways be counted upon to coordinate or assist with club events. He sets an outstanding example for everyone to follow. He continues to inspire FASA with his infectious enthusiasm and dedication. No job is too big or too small for his attention. He rarely misses monthly club meetings and is always attentive.

Dwayne is everyone's friend. He is always upbeat, good-natured, greets both old and new members, has a kind word for everyone and an engaging smile. He's a willing dance partner for the single ladies who do not have a regular partner. This is an important social attribute that encourages the continued participation in club activities of those ladies without regular dance partners.

Dwayne has also served on the SOS Fun Monday Enhancement Committee since 1996. He's coordinated the Fun Monday advertising, coordinated the Fun Monday Reverse Raffle ticket sales from 1996 to 2000 and participated in the SOS Spring Parade as a member of the committee.



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DOWN MEMORY LANE

By Johnny Hammond



Where did it really start? That is the big question. Did rock 'n roll begin with *60 Minute Man* or *Rockin' 88*, which were both big hits in the magical year of 1951, or was it later in the decade? I don't know. Both of these feel more like Rhythm and Blues to me. I've heard the different "experts" quote different songs and years as the TRUE beginning.

Maybe it's because I was one of the younger cats in those precious days of old, but to me, rock 'n roll exploded and became the most colossal phenomenon in musical history when the first "King" of rock 'n roll, Bill Haley, became the first artist to put a rock song on the Pop Charts. The year was 1953, the song was *Crazy Man, Crazy*.

Bill Haley was one of the true creators of rock 'n roll in the early fifties. He was the first I knew of to fuse R&B with western swing. He was also the cat who gave us *Rock Around The Clock*. The original single went on to sell more than 25 million copies, making it the best selling rock record in history. This all-time great was from the movie, *Blackboard Jungle*. Later it was heard in the 1973 movie, *American Graffiti*, and the 1978 movie, *Sigourney*. It was also the theme song for the TV series, *Happy Days*.

Nineteen Hundred Fifty Six has been quoted as the first solid year of rock 'n roll. There had been hits by many artists, but the music didn't really take off until it developed an explosive catalyst, a charismatic messiah, Elvis the Pelvis.

To me, the birth place of rock 'n roll was Memphis, Tennessee, at the Sun Records Studio. Sun was owned and operated by Sam Phillips, the man who actually discovered Elvis. He was one of the most significant individuals in popular music history. I don't think a discussion about the beginning of original rock 'n roll could take place without a brief mention of Sun Studio and Sam Phillips.

Sun Records was founded in 1952 and was, for the most part, strictly R&B, because Memphis was the Rhythm and Blues capital of the world. Sam's recording business was small so it's easy to say, when Elvis walked into the studio in '54, that Sam Phillips and Sun Records were never the same. Sam signed Elvis to a contract and Elvis' early Sun recordings captured an exciting,

novel sound in that his voice was enhanced by the use of flutter, echo and reverberation. Sam didn't have what he needed to place Elvis where he deserved to be so he sold his contract to RCA for \$35,000. Elvis was on his way to Super Stardom.

One day in '56, Elvis dropped by to Sun to visit. Carl Perkins and Jerry Lee Lewis were doing a session. Johnny Cash, who at the time was a rock 'n roller, also happened to be in the studio. Before long, they had a hot jam session going. Sam picked up his camera and snapped a picture that has been seen the world over. That snapshot has been dubbed *The Million Dollar Quartet*.

As we all know, Elvis went on to become the most famous rock 'n roll singer of all time, and Johnny Cash changed his repertoire and became rich and famous as a country singer. Jerry Lee Lewis, the true blue bad boy of the group, also went on to become rich and famous as a rock 'n roller, and later, a successful country singer. Yes, dear hearts, the killer is still hanging on.

When Elvis signed with RCA, Sam Phillips started grooming Carl Perkins to be the next rock 'n roll superstar. Carl had written a song titled *Blue Suede Shoes* and...BAM! It was an instant hit, but alas, his only one. *The Million Dollar Quartet*, minus one.

Carl Perkins had the same background as the others. They were all poor and ambitious. They were all, more or less, self-taught and loved music more than life itself. More than just singers, they all had a creative side and wrote some great songs for other artists, as well as themselves.

Carl Perkins had southern roots and southern views that he injected into his music. His songs, *Dixie Fried* and *Put Your Cat Clothes On*, two minor hits, as well as *Blue Suede Shoes* are about as rock-a-billy as you can get. *Blue Suede Shoes* topped the R&B and Country charts, as well as reaching the number 2 spot on the Pop chart.

It looked as if he might be the next superstar.

Then it happened. Carl and his brother, J. B., left Norfolk, Virginia, shortly after finishing a concert to go to New York. He was supposed to appear on the *Perry Como Show* to receive his gold record for *Blue Suede Shoes*. Early the next

morning, just outside of Wilmington, Delaware, he was almost killed in an auto accident. He was confined to his bed for the better part of a year. J. B. sustained injuries that led to his death two years later in 1958.

When Carl finally returned, Elvis' cover of *Blue Suede Shoes* had eclipsed Carl's. The momentum was gone.

Carl was super hot when his accident occurred. After Elvis' world famous, "from the waist up" appearance on the *Ed Sullivan Show* (or was that *Shuow*?) made him a mega star, he sent Carl a note telling him that, had it not been for the accident, it probably would have been him on that show. (What if?)

Jerry Lee Lewis and Johnny Cash quickly overshadowed Carl at Sun Records. Carl had some minor rock hits in the late 50's, but after the accident, it was all down hill. The frustration and despair led him to do things that seriously impaired his health, including bouts of heavy drinking. He was ready to give up

and, by 1963, it was all gone.

Chuck Berry offered him a chance to tour with him in England. He took it. The Beatles threw a party in his honor and cut three of his classics, which boosted his moral and bank roll. When he returned home, he found his old buddy, Johnny Cash, was getting off the drugs and alcohol and turning his life around. Cash asked Carl to join him for a two-day concert. That two-day tour lasted ten years. On Johnny's TV show, Carl not only did back-up work, but he also had a solo spot.

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Later, Carl formed his own band, which included one hellava sax player, Ace Cannon.

Carl died Monday, January 19, 1998. He was 65 years old. He wasn't as rich as his buddies, nor was he a famous, but I know of no one who was as respected by his peers.



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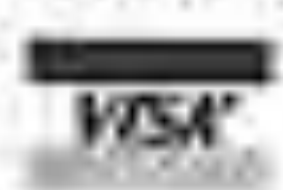
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Harry "Chigger" Woods
Eno Beach Shag Club
Durham, NC



The growth of the Eno Beach Shag Club, average of 200 members a year, is the result of many hours of volunteer time by many of the members. Harry "Chigger" Woods is one such member of the club who has given exactly that, and more. He is one of the founders of Eno Beach Shag Club, established in December 1989. In 1990, the first president had to relocate and "Chigger" Woods was voted into office for the remainder of the year. Due to his strong leadership, he was voted President again in 1991, 1997, and was Vice President in 1999. Serving on the Advisory Board, with knowledge of Eno Beach Shag Club's Bylaws and Robert's Rules of Order, he was able to coordinate and help Eno Beach Shag

Club deal with any major conflicts or issues. While not holding office for the club, he was chairman during various times of the following committees: Entertainment, Ways and Means, Spring Fling, Front Ties, The Door, Christmas Party, Bus Trips, Amateur Shag Contests, S.O.S. Parade, and S.O.S. Fun Monday.

In 1986, a friend who had a place at O.D., told "Chigger" of the fun, good fellowship, and lots of shagging to be had at S.O.S. "Chigger" has missed only one S.O.S. since then, and that was because his daughter was getting married!

"Chigger" has been the Eno Beach Shag Club's liaison with the A.C.S.C. by attending all of the required meetings, reporting back with all the pertinent information, staying on top of everything and being the Eno Beach Shag Club's spokesperson. He is a firm believer in A.C.S.C./S.O.S./C.S.A. and the DJ Association, and is always there to lend a helping hand where ever there was a need. He believes in participating with other local shag clubs with whatever functions they are conducting. "Chigger" wood is known through out the shag commu-

T.K. Robinette
Lake Norman Shag Club
Lake Norman, NC



T.K. is one of the founders and charter member of Lake Norman Shag Club. T.K. has served as president of Lake Norman Shag Club, and has chaired and co-chaired many committee over the years. He has also been involved in functions with the A.C.S.C.

T.K. is an ambassador in the shag world. There is no one who exemplifies more the warmth, friendliness, and fun loving spirit of a shagger than T.K. All one has to do is be with T.K. at a shagging event or S.O.S. and observe the people who T.K. knows and cares about. His friendly smile, easy going manner and his love of the dance and music inspire him to many fellow shaggers. Lake Norman Shag Club is proud to have him as a member. Any one who has been in the shagging world for several years has either heard of T.K. and Mary, or knows T.K. and

Mary. T.K. always has a smile on his face, greets and meets no strangers, and loves to dance with everyone he meets.

T.K.'s love and commitment to shagging is shown by his continuing to teach shag lessons at no cost to people interested in learning to shag. T.K. and Mary have been asked to other shag clubs to teach shagging to their members. One example is when they met some people from the Charleston Area Shag Society at S.O.S. and were asked to travel to West Virginia to teach the C.A.S.S. members to shag. Without hesitation, they agreed, and as a result, the two clubs have shared a party at S.O.S. twice and the friendship from this meeting are for a lifetime.

In every organization, there are always a few people to whom you can depend. T.K. is just that person. He is always ready to volunteer and to help wherever he is needed. His long standing dedication and his contributions to the Lake Norman Shag Club, and to the shag world, are numerous.

T.K. has already long been an "icon" in the shag world who is the "model" of what constitutes a true shagger. By officially winning the title, "KON" has been officially recognized for his contributions, leadership and support of this music and life-style we call shagging.

Upcoming Event Details

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September

14-23...SOS Spring Fall Migration in North Myrtle Beach, SC. Hosted by the Society of Stranders/Association of Carolina Shag Clubs. Membership is required and you must be 21 years of age. Membership cards \$35. —Join Now— Membership includes entry into Docks, OD Arcade, OD Cafe, and Fat Harold's, free food, train service, SOS Fun Monday, hours of great music, and an opportunity to make memories with old and new friends. Don't miss out on the fun! For info call 1-888-767-3113

October

10-14...Shag-A-Rama #9 in Panama City Beach, Fla. Hosted by the Beach Shaggers of Birmingham. Tickets \$30/\$35 after Aug 1st; \$40/\$45 after Oct 1. DJs Doug and Sandy Hampton. SOS and DJ's. Party held at Four Points Sheraton

Bonnievale Beach Resort 1-800-224-GULF. For additional information contact Edema Cooper (256) 347-1161 or Vicki Fallon (205) 995-2084. email limfallon@mandagrana.com

19-21...Shaggin' On The Coast III in Wilmington, NC. Hosted by the Cape Fear Shag Club. Tickets \$40/\$50 after Aug 31st. Ticket includes free adult beverages, free food, ABS-CDJ DJ's, action for Special Olympics with Gary Bass, line dance workshop with Cathy McIlwain, shag workshop with Michael Norris, and the Capline Band on Sunday morning. Event held at the Arch Stone Club, 4310 College Rd. Special rates runs at (from 10:00) Holiday Inn Express (\$70), \$51, \$66, \$89, \$850. Courtyard by Marriott (\$60), 910-395-8224, Hampton Inn (\$59), 910-395-2043, Cambria Inn (\$46), 910-781-4941. Free shuttle service is provided to

listed hotels. For info call Eddie Baker at 910-799-5160 or email edbak@cape-fear.net

19-20...Geeches Blast on Sullivan's Island, SC. Hosted by the Charleston Shag Club. Tickets \$35/\$40 after Sept 1st, only 500 tickets will be sold. Details to follow. Information Judy Major Travelled 843-767-1153 or email jmeh@tstakrwar.navy.mil

20...MESS Fall Bash in Kingsport, TN. Hosted by the Mountain Empire Shag Society. Tickets \$25. Party location will be Jericho Shreve Temple from 4pm to midnight. Ask for shag party room rates at Hlep Inn (\$50) 423-279-1611 and LaQuinn (\$55) 423-333-0500. More info email Billy Whitaker at mike@charltrim.net

November

2-4...Fall Cyclone XI Hosted by Twisters Shag Club. Shag dance floor, live music, DJ's, free meals, free munchies and free adult beverages all weekend long. Free shag workshop by pro classes. Free Sunday morning performance of the Fab-

ulous Shakers. Free shuttle bus service, etc. Call 24hour hotline (704) 892-9044, details or email fallcyclone@aol.com

December

31...New Years Eve Party in Cornelius, NC. Hosted by Twisters Shag Club. Party held at the American Legion Building. All wood floor, munchies, and a champagne toast included. Call the 24hour hotline (704) 892-9044 for details or email tace@twpage@aol.com

These event listings courtesy of www.shagdance.com, your best web source for complete and up-to-date shag party information. Please use this web site for all of your shagging questions or needs, or, of course, you can always call 1-888-305-3113.

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Society of Stranders Spring Safari 2001



—Letters

Dear Mr. Sawyer,

I have enjoyed my work with you through the years. You are a good man, and I'm proud to call you a friend. Respectfully, please consider publishing this letter in your spring edition of the SOS Carefree Times.

Before I begin, I would like to render the SOS Carefree Times a special thanks for the many years of positive support during my career with the City of North Myrtle Beach.

Unfortunately, my career with the City ended by my retirement (effective January 13, 2001) from the South Carolina Police Retirement System. Being a true native of this community, it has been with great pride and honor to have served the citizens and visitors of North Myrtle Beach for over twenty years.

Being a community person, I endeavored in a small way to make North Myrtle Beach a great place to live, work and visit. As most of you know, I have held "OD" and Main Street high on my list of priorities through the years. I walked and supervised the Weekend Police Foot Patrol (night) around the "Horsehoe" area for many years with my former and loyal partners, Dennis Sechler and Neal Palmer. This was my favorite law enforcement duty. We did our best to be fair, keep control, protect property and enhance safety. I have been frequently asked about our foot patrol beat. I would respond that we were the "referees" (if you will) of the beach nightlife, both kids and adults! Our foot patrol team felt our walking beat was the "grassroots" of community oriented policing and community partnerships in North Myrtle Beach. I will especially miss "the beat", positive rapport with the business people, the public and especially my favorite, the SGS group. Through the years, the police and SOS (Phil Sawyer, Ron Whitson, Mike Rink and others) have worked well with each other ensuring safe and successful SOS events that brought economic profits to our appreciative community. Once again, a special thanks to SOS and the Association of Carolina Shag Clubs for donating the \$6,000 golf cart to the North Myrtle Beach Department of Public Safety in 1999, to enhance our community oriented policing program. I will never forget your contributions and continuous positive support. The OD Shag Club is also commended for their contributions to help purchase policing bikes and equipment.

During the numerous SOS



Captain Fred J. Morris, Jr.
North Myrtle Beach Police Department

migrations and Safaris that I have been associated with, I have tried to be a friend of SOS and a liaison between SOS and the City of North Myrtle Beach. Fortunately, most events were successful. SOS is special because of remembered nostalgic memories of the beach and because of new ones created. Personally, I remember the days of old when shagging was called something else - the Beach Dance! I remember when Buck Garrison owned and operated the beach service and the old "Barn", when the Galleon sold beer for a quarter, when the "Playland Grill" was a good place to grab a sandwich, when the famous OD Riot of 1967 ended with 400 arrests, when the "Graffiti" Pad was "the place" to be with its blasting jukebox songs such as, "May I", "Sixty Minute Man", "Kidnapper" and "Stay", and the sad rainy day in 1994 when the legendary Pad was demolished after Pat Harold (Bessent), Connie and Elaine shagged the last dance on the sidewalk in front of the shrine as television cameras and other media representatives recorded the historic event. Here's a trivia question for you: Who was the last person to walk in the Pad before the demolition? Surprisingly, it was me! Before the bulldozers crushed the building, I walked through every room one last time to make sure that no one was inside. To be honest, I had a tear in my eye! Time flies by, but we cherish the memories.

The coastal community, as I knew it growing up, is rapidly changing. Look at our growth, the progress, annexation and economic success that have created traffic congestion, increased crime, environmental concerns and other problems. But somehow we always maintained our identity from the days of old with well organized parades, festivals, events, and enjoying simple things like circling the famous "Horsehoe" with our shiny cars, shagging at "OD", sipping a cold beer and strolling the beach during early morning hours with our favorite girl.

Looking back at my career, I can honestly and proudly say that I

gave it my best shot. I was dedicated to duty, ethical, honest, fair and hardworking. I stood up for what was right, and fought against what was wrong. I had self respect, the respect of others and integrity that I never compromised. Most importantly, I can look in the mirror and honestly say that I never cheated the man in the glass! I have enjoyed serving my hometown, North Myrtle Beach, the community I sincerely love, and the great group of fun loving people - the SOS'ers!

As I move forward in the civilian workforce, I will pursue other career challenges and opportunities. I will always try to be the best that I can be, and for sure, I will endeavor to preserve.

Thanks for the wonderful years and memories. I will miss each and every one of you. Maybe now I can purchase an SOS card and join in on the real fun!

The Carefree times the Best Ever. You have great articles and the format is easy to follow. If some members think that \$35 dues are too high they should read back cover sheet.

Keep up the good work.
—Bobby Brooks

Shagadelic

We were already die-hard jukebug dancers since high school, 1962. Beach music became a part of our lives about 15 years ago, when my husband came home from a golf excursion at Myrtle Beach. He explained over and over again, "You should see this dance called 'shag.' It's great and the music to go along with it is beyond great!" For the next three years, he continued to go down to Myrtle Beach to golf, and every time he came home, it was the same old thing: Shag, shag, shag. Finally, I asked, "What is this thing called shag?"

So, one night while we were trying to digest as much of this wonderful dance and music as we could before returning home to Pennsylvania, we met two wonderful Southern people, Nancy and Ron (Robinson) coached us on how to shag, sent us music, and the fever grew even stronger.

Since that day, it's been North Myrtle Beach and Charlotte, always and ever. We come down to Charlotte and North Myrtle Beach at least twice a year, and we have since made many friends down South. I have 14 pairs of shag shoes, and we have thousands of dollars of beach music; it's all we listen to. We play

dance music at our dance club here in Pennsylvania, and all our friends love it! Still, you've gotta be there, you've gotta go to SOS! What a good time! I feel like a teenager every time I'm at the club in Ocean Drive. We try to get to as many "Chicken Pickins," "Fish Fests" and SOS as our busy schedule permits.

I would like to thank you for enlightening us to the actuality of shag and beach music, and to thank all the shaggers and shag associations for keeping something so wonderful alive and well! Once shag and beach music is in your life, it's there forever!

—Carole and Angela Moore,
Old Forge, Pa.
Submitted by:
Lake Norman Shag Club

2001

By John Ball 2000

Two thousand and one
A mighty long time
Traveling through the years
To this future of mine

Looking back to the past
That's spread out behind me
Many experiences and memories
I wasn't prepared to see

Two thousand and one
My future is now
I need to reconcile it
And accept it somehow
Time's been irrevocable
Since my life began
Now my future's lies scattered
Blown like the sand

I think back to the past
As I thought it would be
And yet all along
My eyes did not see

Two thousand and one
A new century
Marked by a future
That passed silently

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**SOUTH CAROLINA GOVERNOR
SIGNS POPULAR MUSIC BILL
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Bubba Snow Does It Again!**

By Phil Sawyer

In a gala and swinging ceremony, Governor James Hodges signed an act officially making Beach Music the official popular music of South Carolina. Representative John J. "Bubba" Snow of Williamsburg County sponsored the legislation. Several hundred shaggers, stranders, artist, and lovers of beach music, in a festive mood, gathered for the ceremony in the stately South Carolina State House.

"These songs have become a part of our lives, and beach music is one of the distinctive things about South Carolina," Hodges told the crowd. "It is something we need to pass on to our children and grandchildren," he added.



John J. "Bubba" Snow

Representative Bubba Snow, long time aficionado of beach music and shag, sponsored the bill. It is a fitting follow-up to the 1984 bill that made the Shag the state dance which he also sponsored. Bubba thanked the Governor: "Beach music has been a life-style for me for 56 years, and your presence here today shows what beach music continues to mean for the state."



Billy Scott, John McElrath (Shagging Medalists), and Paul Carter (Men of Distinction) enjoyed the ceremony.



Governor James Hodges signs the Beach Music Act making beach music the official music of South Carolina

Legendary beach music artist attending the celebration entertained the crowd with an a capella rendition of "In the Still of the Night", and a Sunday school classic "This Little Light of Mine." In the group of artist were Drink Small, Billy Scott, Maurice Williams (who hails from the same town as the Governor, Lancaster, SC, John McElrath, and Paul Kramer. This group will record a CD soon under the name "Carolina Legends."

S. O. S. and The Association of Carolina Shag Clubs was well represented by Muri Augustine, Ron and Peggy Whisenant, Judy Vick, Hector Phifer, Bill Kelley, Don and Beekie David, Judy Collins, and Phil Sawyer. A large number of shaggers and DJs from the Midlands were also there for the festivities.



Left to right: Ellen Taylor, Phil Sawyer, Judy Vick, Ron Whisenant, Governor Hodges, "Bubba" Snow, Peggy Whisenant, Hector Phifer



Governor Hodges gets his set of Beach Anthology

A great day for the beach and shaggers.

Anything else the Governor can do for beach lovers? Well, there is always PJ and cold beer as the official beach drinks of South Carolina. Why Not?

*State of South Carolina
Proclamation
by
Governor Jim Hodges*

- WHEREAS,** with a long and proud tradition of local artists and a growing population of beach music fans spanning across generations, South Carolina has designated beach music as the official popular music of the Palmetto State; and
- WHEREAS,** over the past 50 years, the development of beach music has contributed tremendously to the enjoyment of the citizens of our state, with the South Carolina General Assembly designating the Shag as the official Dance of the Palmetto State in 1984; and
- WHEREAS,** each year, residents and visitors alike visit the South Carolina coast to enjoy the sounds of beach music, while participating in dance competitions and festivals that offer fun for the entire family; and
- WHEREAS,** as beach music has continued to grow and spread into national prominence, South Carolina has emerged as a leader in the development of this unique art form;
- NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Jim Hodges, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim April 18, 2001, as:

BEACH MUSIC DAY

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize the positive impact of beach music on the enjoyment and cultural development of the citizens of the Palmetto State.



Jim Hodges
Jim Hodges
Governor
State of South Carolina



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Mike Lewis

TURNING THE TABLES

News from the Association of
Beach and Shag Club Deejays



The Association of Beach and Shag Club Deejays celebrated our Tenth Annual DJ THROWDOWN Weekend at DUCKS and DUCKS TOO, the first weekend in March—the weekend we throw our biggest party each year. As usual, the party weekend was done in cooperation with the DUCKS folks, was free to you and yours, and attracted a huge crowd. The Fantastic Shakers and Eddy Clearwater put on a terrific show on Thursday night, the "band" night. Our traditional Reverse Raffle raised money for all our favorite charity projects and we thank all of you for your support in that endeavor. When you make your plans for next shag year, be sure to include our Association's two big weekends, DJ THROWDOWN (March) and DJ HALL OF FAME (October, FAT HAROLD'S BEACH CLUB).

The folks who belong to our DJ Association are very proud of what they do, both for

you in the shag world, and for others in their continuing charity work, community service and other humanitarian projects. A quick survey of their activities reveals more than 6,000 such projects in 2000, some big, mostly small, all done with pride and to good ends. Thank you for asking us! While circumstances don't always allow us to help, we do what we can!

Right now we all need some beach. After a really cold and dismal few months after Fall Migration 2000—great as it was—we are all ready to hit Ocean Drive again, shed our heavy clothes, run up and down the beach, sink our toes in the sand—and probably meet O. D.'s finest, who think we are all crazy. Remember that Merl Augustine sprung from our ranks, as did Mike Rink. What a pedigree these Presidents of the Association Of Carolina Shag Clubs bring to you.

SPRING SOS brings those golden opportunities again that we all cherish—and a parade, and the RIPETE Party at FAT

HAROLD'S BEACH CLUB on Friday, May 4th. At this writing, we have heard from eleven bands and artists already, and it's only early March. Don't forget to drop by for this unique live music event, get involved in a nice charity project, meet the stars! You might even get lucky and get in party with the Fabulous JellyRolls, born from the ranks of shaggers—just like you, now international recording stars! Friday afternoon, 1 p. m. sharp Food? It is everywhere at SOS Smoothies Contest! The ABCADE is the place. Bologna sandwiches? Outstanding. I'm getting carried away here in this miserable weather in Chapel Hill, and our basketball team just bit the big one in New Orleans—oo a football school so less. I need some beach FAST! Will April and SPRING SOS NEVER get here?

Mike Lewis is the Past-President The Association Of Beach & Shag Deejays, and the Senior Member, The Beach DJ Hall Of Fame. E-Mail: beachdj@gmail.com

**S.O.S.
Music Quiz for Charity**

By Mike Lewis

Once again we will provide everyone who reads CAREFREE TIMES an opportunity to help out our favorite children's charity and win some wonderful music, too! Answer these three simple questions and win a Gift Package of 50 donated Compact discs! Send your entry and a donation of \$5.00 (per entry) to:

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The quiz:

1. This is NOT the name of an SOS night club:
 - a. DUCKS
 - b. FAT HAROLD'S
 - c. Gerald's
 - d. The Arcade
2. This is NOT a beach music artist:
 - a. Gary Bass
 - b. The Dominicos
 - c. Bjork
 - d. J. D. Cash
3. This is NOT an SOS member:
 - a. Phil Sawyer

- b. Norflet Jones
- c. Emperre Hirohito

No wiseguy answers or questions, please—this is for fun and charity. In case of a tie, drawing to be held July 1, 2001 and Grand Prize mailed the next business day!

Thanks to everyone who contributes CD's to the SOS MUSIC QUIZ FOR CHARITY, including the record companies, stores, artists, deejays, individuals like Phil Sawyer, and all the rest.

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Mike Lewis
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• April 6-8 •

J.B. Potts

Charleston, SC

• May 11-12 •

Wheeler's

Fayetteville, NC

• June 15-17 •

Docker's

Greenville, SC

• August 17-19 •

Club Faces

Dunn, NC

• August 31- September 2 •

Fat Harold's

North Myrtle Beach, SC

• October 19-21 •

Boppers

Charlotte, NC

• November 2-4 •

Shuffles

Atlantic Beach, NC

• November 16-17 •

Corvettes

Wilmington, NC

• November 30-Dec •1

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Awards Banquet

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PUZZLE BY: Tania Baker & Kay Green

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