

About Me (Mike Rink)

My career was spent as a Quality Assurance Specialist evaluating every aspect of what went in nuclear power plants. I also wrote and interpreted procedures, proposed improvements and created reports for management, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) and others. I had to consider all possible scenarios of what was happening or could happen and then reach conclusions. There was absolutely no room for error. In my personal life, I tend to look at situations from a very logical, fact-based perspective, too. I want to listen to everyone's perspectives, but we have to discuss facts... not just opinions if we truly want to make a positive difference.

My Devotion To Everything Shag Related

For nearly 40 years I have been intimately involved in almost every aspect of shag dancing and shag music.

Local Efforts

- I helped form Twister's Shag Club (TSC) 34 years ago and served as its first President.
- I have served as Editor of the TSC newsletter and have written many of its articles since TSC was created. I have also created all of the flyers, radio and newspaper advertisements as TSC's Publicity Chairman.
- I served as Twisters Shag Club's shag dance instructor for many years. I also taught shag lessons for several businesses and organizations and was a guest instructor for a few other shag clubs.
- I provided multiple public demonstrations of shagging as well as the shag music for parades, city functions, community events, fundraisers, etc.
- I chaired multiple, winning Twisters Shag Club entries in the SOS Parade at North Myrtle Beach.
- I coordinated many shag-related fundraising efforts to benefit local kids. As a result, Twisters Shag Club has donated over \$40,000 to buy toys, clothing, etc. for needy children at Christmas.
- I created the "45 Mile Group". This was an effort to get the 20 local shag clubs that exist within a 45-mile radius of Lake Norman to work together, support each other's events, etc.
- I envisioned, registered and created the TSC web site (GoShagging.com) and have served as its webmaster.
- I created the Twisters Shag Club Facebook page and serve as the administrator of that page.
- I created the Fall Cyclone Party, a four-time Carolina Beach Music "Best Shag Club Party" award winner.
- I served as Chairman or Co-Chair of all of TSC's yearly parties and was responsible for all aspects of those events including facility, motel, vendor, DJ and instructor contracts, catering, security, etc.
- I served as Chairman of four Association of Carolina Shag Clubs Winter Workshop Parties. These were among the biggest (up to 750 people) and best ACSC Workshop events ever held.

ACSC, SOS And Other Related Efforts

- I served as Vice-Chairman and then Chairman of the Association of Carolina Shag Clubs (1995-2000).
- I served on the SOS Board Of Directors for ten years (1995-2005).
- I helped update the ACSC and SOS Bylaws back in the mid 1990's. I also created the first electronic files of the Bylaws and many other documents. (This was before widespread personal computer use.)
- I created many of the forms and documents still being used by the shag clubs, the ACSC and SOS.
- I envisioned, registered and created the ACSC/SOS web site (www.ShagDance.com).
- I gathered and/or wrote all of the information that was on that web site, updated the site, added all shag club party information, and served as its Webmaster for several years (all at no cost to the ACSC and SOS).
- I consolidated all local shag club contact information (for the first time ever) and put that on the web site so there would be a single, official, consolidated listing. Before that, various ACSC/SOS Officers each had their own personal listings. I also started putting all the shag club party details on the web.
- I created a training package complete with organizational charts to teach the local shag clubs about many different aspects of the Association of Carolina Shag Clubs (ACSC) and the Society of Stranders (SOS).

- I envisioned and created the ACSC Reference Manual (The White Book) and much of its content.
- I helped create and implement many updates and improvements to the SOS Carefree Times.
- I have written dozens of articles that have been included in the SOS Carefree Times.
- I was involved in early ACSC/SOS Shagging Icon Award selections, and created the matrix and other documents still being used to help make more unbiased Icon selections.
- I lead creation of the yellow, tri-fold SOS Information Pamphlets used to promote SOS and shagging.
- I was responsible for getting SOS membership cards changed from paper to the plastic cards now used.
- I suggested the policy that gives members of local, ACSC shag clubs a \$5 discount on their SOS cards.
- I was very instrumental in getting the O.D. Arcade to be a SOS-participating lounge.
- I was personally responsible for getting the Pirate's Cove to be a SOS-participating lounge.
- I was responsible for all aspects of two cruises hosted by the Association of Carolina Shag Clubs.
- I was responsible for all aspects of the year 2000 New Year's Eve Millennium Celebration hosted by the Association of Carolina Shag Clubs and SOS at North Myrtle Beach.
- I have served as a consultant to various other shag clubs when they were starting their clubs, or when they wanted to know how to host a large shag event, etc. and built a few shag club web sites for them.
- I've attended every Spring SOS and Fall SOS event, and every Midwinter event since 1989.
- I have served as a consultant to various ACSC/SOS Officers and Board Members when they were seeking information about past activities or events or when they needed to know who to contact, or how to do something to accomplish a particular task. (I've attended well over 200 ACSC or SOS Board Meetings.)
- I served as an Advisory Board Member for the Carolina Beach Music (Cammy) Awards, and was involved in judging the dance contest at that event.
- I have an enormous collection of historical items, meeting minutes, papers, magazines, photos, etc. relating to the ACSC & SOS. I made a print of the covers of the Carefree Times magazines. Copies were sold by Becky Stowe Powell and each shag club was given one. I also have historical items DJ Association and the Junior SOS items. (I donated all of my Junior SOS T-Shirts to the North Myrtle Beach Museum.)
- I created and named the "Rookies Revenge" contest held every SOS at the O.D. Arcade.
- I started and named the "Tea Parties" that many shag clubs now hold at SOS and Midwinter.
- I was responsible for hiring the DJ's for the O.D. Beach Club & O.D Café during SOS for several years.
- I am a member of the Competitive Shaggers Association. I have also co-hosted a very successful CSA shag contest event. I have also danced in several shag contests over the years.
- I created the "Shag Steps" instructional diagram used by many shag clubs, web sites, etc.
- I have supported and promoted the Hall Of Fame Foundation to help shaggers and other individuals in need. I personally donate to the Hall Of Fame Foundation, and at my suggestion, the Shag DJ Association is now contributing regularly to this worthy organization.

Junior Shagger Support

- I was involved in the formative meetings with Chuck and Carol Jenkins when the Junior Shag Association (JSA) and Junior SOS event were being created.
- I became an Adult Member/Sponsor of the Junior Shag Association the year the group was formed.
- I have attended and supported almost every Junior SOS since it was created in 1991.
- I served as unofficial photographer for Junior SOS for several years, and donated all photos to the JSA.
- I have DJ'ed for the juniors (for free) at various junior dances and have DJ'ed at many Junior SOS events.
- I envisioned, registered and then created the Junior Shag Association web site (www.JuniorShaggers.com).
- I served as the Webmaster for JuniorShaggers.com for several years (without compensation) to help promote the organization and to get more kids involved in shag dancing and shag music.

- I have been responsible for the JSA web site's \$20 monthly hosting and other fees for over 20 years.
- While serving as Chairman of the Association of Carolina Shag Clubs, I incorporated junior shagger representatives into the ACSC meetings to raise awareness for the organization and to help with the financial needs of the JSA by encouraging the ACSC's annual contribution to the JSA.
- I have created and been responsible for activities that have raised thousands of dollars for the Junior Shag Association. I've also done this for the Ellen Taylor Foundation and the Junior Shag Dance Team.
- I was one of the original Board Members of the Ellen Taylor Foundation For Junior Shaggers.
- I have provided DJ services, shag demonstrations and shag lessons for free at several elementary schools to get kids interested in shag music and shag dancing.
- I have donated money to the Junior Shag Association and I am a sponsor of Junior SOS.
- I created and Chaired the "Junior Cyclone", the biggest inland event for those under 21. Three annual Junior Cyclone events gave kids an introduction to shag, shag music, shag dance lessons, DJ lessons, etc.

DJ Related Efforts

- I joined the Association of Beach and Shag Club DJ's (ABSCDJ's) the first year the organization existed.
- I have served as Vice- President and President of the ABSCDJ's.
- I have DJ'ed at over 65 SOS and Midwinter events. I have played in the following lounges:

Crazy Zack's	Fat Harolds	The O.D. Arcade	The O.D. Café
Ducks & Ducks Too	The Barrel (The Pad)	The O.D. Beach Club	The Pirate's Cove

- I also DJ'ed at the Boulevard Grill and Georgios, locations that were not officially part of SOS.
- I have DJ'ed for small and major parties in various states hosted by over 30 different ACSC clubs.
- I DJ'ed for the juniors (for free) and have played at many Junior SOS events.
- I have DJ'ed for several of the ACSC Workshop parties.
- I have DJ'ed for schools, festivals and town events to increase interest in shag music and shag dancing.
- I served as guest DJ on 106.5FM for a show "The Best Shag Dance Songs Not Played On The Radio".
- I served as guest DJ on 91.7FM for a show featuring the best Christmas Shag Dance Songs.
- I have provided DJ services and music for multiple floats in the SOS parades and was the first to use normal DJ equipment powered by inverters (eliminating the need for loud generators).
- I have an extensive vinyl record collection and have played at multiple "vinyl parties" over the years.
- I have written articles for the ABSCDJ newsletter and also for the SOS Carefree Times about DJ's.
- I was responsible for hiring all DJ's for the O.D. Beach Club & O.D Café during SOS for several years.
- I produced a complimentary, one-page listing of all lounges showing all of their DJ's and their time slots for SOS events that was widely distributed within the shag world for many years.

Recognition

- I was honored to receive the ACSC Shagging Icon Award
- I was inducted into the National Living Legends Of Dance
- I was honored to receive the Richard Nixon Shag DJ Service Award
- I was inducted into the Shag DJ Hall Of Fame
- I was inducted into the Charlotte Area Shaggers Hall Of Fame
- I was awarded Lifetime Membership in the Junior Shag Association.
- I was awarded Lifetime Membership to the Beach Shaggers National Hall Of Fame "ShagAttack" event.