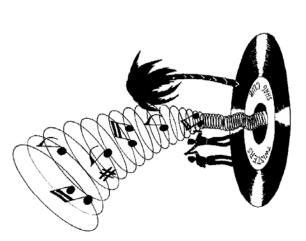
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The President's Letter

Hi shagging friends,

The summer seems to be flying by. We've had a lot going on in the shag club and in the shag world. Peggy, Kathy and I went to the Association of Carolina Shag Clubs' Summer Workshop event in Hot-lanta.



From there Peggy and I made the long drive to the beach for Junior SOS. I've been involved with the Junior Shag Association in one way or another since it was started, and Junior SOS is their primary event. There were a lot of kids there learning our dance..

While at the beach I was able to do a little Cyclone promotion, and also record some videos from the lounges and businesses that are going to be part of this year's party. I hope to get them loaded onto our web site, soon. Check them out.

Speaking of Cyclone, we have approximately 90 days to prepare. Your input and your support is needed now so we can make this our best party, ever. We want to incorporate some new ideas, and now is the time to start putting our plans together. We'll talk about this more at our meeting. We may need another committee chair, too. Consider stepping up. Don't worry if you haven't done it before. We have plenty of information and experience to help you.

I can't express how much excitement and energy we have seen from our "partners" at the beach. Everyone is looking forward to the party and talking about how much fun it is going to be this year. Tickets are already selling at a faster pace than last year, and I've talked to folks who haven't been in years that are already making reservations to be there this time. I have a strong feeling that people will be talking about our 2013 event for years to come. I hope you are as pumped up about this party as I am.

As you know, we delayed our Frozen Fantasy Party a couple weeks after our preliminary location got "rained out".

We didn't want to put the party on until we were ready. Now we are, and it is going to be great. Scott and Cathy Fletcher will be our hosts. We'll have a great meal, lots of cool beverages and desserts, and more fun than you can imagine. All details are in this issue.

We've got a great opportunity to spread the shag and increase interest in our club on Thursday, August 15th at Birkdale Village in Huntersville. Please come help. Again, all details are in this issue.

It's hard to believe but SOS is just about six weeks away. We are working to put together a new event and tweak our others to make SOS even more fun and memorable for TSC members <u>and</u> friends. The social committee is already working on our SOS Kickoff Party which will be next month on September 6th. I wanted to go ahead and tell you so you can start preparing what you are going to wear. It's going to be a "Tacky Shirt and/or Tacky Hat Party". ©

We only have the rest of this month to sell our 100 Fun Monday Raffle Tickets. The proceeds from this raffle pay for all the entertainment on Fun Sunday and Fun Monday. Any leftover monies are donated to a local children's charity. Anyone can buy a ticket and you do not have to be present to win. Prizes range from \$250-\$7500. Please see your Vice-President (Scott) to buy or help sell them. They are only \$10 each, or \$20 for a share of ten tickets!

Are you a member of the Carolina Beach Music Academy? If not, you might want to consider being part of it. You can read all about it at the "info" page of www.cammy.org. It's only \$15 to join since Twister's Shag Club is already a member. (Cost is normally \$20.) Membership gets you discounts at CBMA events and at many businesses, too. Membership also allows you to vote on the various nominees including "best shag club event". So you can vote for your Fall Cyclone. An application is on the following page.

Lastly, I want to thank everyone who has helped with lessons, taken photos, sent in something for the newsletter, or helped with other TSC efforts or events recently, and our Sunshine Committee for their many mailings including member birthday cards. Thanks!

Hope to see you soon.

This is the CBMA application. If you put on it that you are a member of Twister's Shag Club, cost is only \$15 per person or \$30 per couple to be an Associate Member with voting rights, and other benefits such as discount on CBMA events and businesses at North Myrtle Beach.

The following will apply to the 2013 Carolina Beach Music Awards

***Academy / Associate Application Only (Industry Professionals use New Industry / Band Application)

The establishment of the Carolina Beach Music Academy came about as a result of suggestions from various industry professionals and beach music fars. This academy will be responsible for nominating each category in the awards process. We urge you to participate! You must be a member or an associate member of the Cardinia Beach Music Academy in order to vote. There will be the velvel of Associate Membership to the academy and the requirements for each level are listed below with membership benefits. ""(All industry Professionate or Organizations must be a member of the Academy to be nominated for an award or to perform the Academy in the Academy to be nominated for an award or to perform the Awards Weekend.) (Instantry, Organization & Band Membership Application can be obtained from our weekels and awards and academy can be academy to be nominated from our weekels and awards of the Awards Weekend.) (Instantry, Organization & Band Membership Application can be obtained from our weekels and awards of the Awards Weekend.)

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- Nominating & Voting privileges in all awards categories
- Preferred seating at the Awards Show if tickets are purchased by June 1st 2013
- Semi-annual newsletter
- Receive registered and numbered membership card
- 110 Discount on "Weekend Passes" (Limit 2 per member) (Nightly Passes excluded from discount)
- Free Admittance to Wednesday & Thursday Night "Welcome Parties" w/ Current CBMA Academy Card
- Discounts at select vendors throughout the Southeast (Check Website for preferred Vendors)

B.) Associate Member (\$20) or \$35 for Couples) (Deadline to Join to Vote is September 15th, 2013)
This level is primarily for beach music farst that want to participate in the voting process of the awards. The only requirements for becoming an associate member are payment of the \$29 annual dues and you must be at least 12 years of age.

Membership Benefits:

- Voting privileges ONLY
- Preferred seating at the Awards Show if tickets are purchased by June, 1" 2013
- Semi-annual newsletter
- Received registered and numbered membership card.
- \$10 Discount on "Weekend Passes" (Limit 2 per member) (Nightly Passes excluded from discount)
- Free Admittance to Wednesday & Thursday Night "Welcome Parties"
- Discounts at select vendors throughout the Southeast (Check Website for preferred Vendors) "No one person may hold both membership levels in the same year."

2013 Carolina Beach Music Academy / Associate Membership Application

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Club Meeting Night

Our monthly meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 6th at Fat Boys Restaurant in Mooresville. Social hour starts at 7pm. The business meeting begins at 8pm. We have applications from Dare Ballard, Garry Ballard, Lee Hall, Nancy Hall and George Lentz to vote on. Please come out and make them all feel welcome.

Congratulations go to Peggy Cavin who won the Treasure Chest last month. Don't miss your chance to win on Tuesday night.

Dance Lessons

By Nancy Massengill

By the time you read this article we will have completed another set of shag lessons taught by Ashley and Tobitha Stewart. We will have also had a line dance lesson taught by Kathy Thompson. Were you there? Were you there to promote our dance of the Carolinas? Were you there to learn a new step or two? Were you there to talk to the students about membership in our "Fun Bunch"? Were you there to assist in setting up or resetting the room? Were you there to help with check-in or registration? Were you there when a beginner struggled with the basic?

If you answered "No" to any or all of these questions, then where were you? You missed out on a great bunch of students who have smiled that little "success smile" when they have just "done it right". You have missed learning those "special lady steps" that Tobitha has been throwing into the mix. You have missed learning how to stroll. Already know how to stroll? Then you missed watching the faces of those who didn't know how to stroll, but now can add that step to their dance routine and smile because they did it right.

We will start new sets of lessons on Tuesday, August 13. Come enjoy the fun!! You never know you might just learn something new and smile that success smile yourself... or you might smile that smile when you watch someone else smile that success smile.

The Big Frozen Fantasy Party

One of our most fun events of the year will be held on Saturday, August 10 at the lake home of Scott and Cathy Fletcher. The party will start at 2pm. Dinner will be at about 5:30pm. The Frozen Fantasy Contest will be held at 7pm.

Come to socialize, come to swim, come to get some sun, or just come hang out in the A/C with your friends. There will be a DJ playing your favorite music. So you may even want to dance!

You are welcome to bring an appetizer to share if you want to, but it is not necessary. There will be munchies supplied by the club.

For our main meal, Khris Sloop is cooking Boston butts on the grill. Mike is cooking pork loins and grilled chicken breasts. There will also be slaw, potato salad, beans and bread. Soft drinks and ice tea will also be provided. Cost? **Free** for members... \$5 for guests.

The contest will be at 7pm. Start making plans now to bring your best "fantasy" item to enter. It can be a drink, a shooter, jello, ice cream, cake, pie or otherwise... so long as it has a "punch" to it. © There will be prizes for the best entries in several categories.

Bring a lawn chair and a bathing suit if you want to swim. Don't forget your cooler with your favorite adult beverages... even if you don't enter the contest. If you come by car, please don't park on the grass up and down the street. If you plan to come by boat, call Scott at **704-904-8842** so he can make sure dock space available.

By land take I-77 to exit 28 and go west to the first stoplight and turn right between Taco Bell and 5/3 Bank onto Torrence Chapel Road. Go 1.3 miles. You will see the entrance to Bahia Bay on your left. But keep going to the *next* road. Turn left on Sierra Vista. Go to the end of that short road. Bear to your right onto Rio Oro. Go about 100 yards and the house is on your left (20508 Rio Oro).

By water, they are between markers T2 and D6 going into the cove towards the Rusty Rudder and Holiday Marina. It is a red house and there is a small light yellow houseboat in the boat slip.

Bringing The Best Of The Beach Inland

Last month we prepared and mailed out information for the 2013 Fall Cyclone Party. Ticket sales have started, and we're moving forward with a lot of energy and excitement. The single best thing you can do right now as a TSC member is help promote. Forward a flyer via email to all your shagging friends. Post a flyer on your Facebook page and "like" posts made about the party. Take a few flyers to the next shag night or shag party you attend. Spread the word when you are talking to people. The effort you put forth now can make a huge difference in ticket sales and that will translate into less effort needed at the party and more income for your shag club. If you need flyers, please let us know. And if you have an idea that will help us to promote this event, please let us know.

It's pretty easy to talk about the Cyclone. Most everyone has either attended or heard about the event. And with all the lounges participating and attending this year, you know if it going to be even better. There has never been another event away from the beach that all of these different businesses have been part of.

We recently put up promotional flyers in each of the lounges at OD. We've also put up new mini-flyers with a QR Code on them. If you have a smart phone you can download free applications like Redlaser that will read all types of barcodes (useful when shopping to see who has the best price on an item,) and these new QR Codes. This particular QR Code will take you to the Fall Cyclone web page!



The one on the cover goes to the home page of our club's web site.

We've got some great new ideas and plans for this year's party. We're trying to make our efforts more efficient and easy, too. So please come to the meeting this month to hear all about it. We plan to start signups this month, too. Hope to see you Tuesday night!

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November 1-3, 2013

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FREE workshops by Ellen Taylor and Ashley & Tobitha Stewart plus Brennar Goree & Autumn Jones.

FREE munchies and meals. FREE beverages (regular and adult) available non-stop all three days.

Sunday morning shrimp and grits breakfast cooked by Milford Powell and the Pirate's Cove staff

Award winning junior shaggers will also be there on Sunday to unveil their new team routine!

DJ's: Eddie Anderson, Stevie B, Betty Brown, Dana Grubb, Mike Harding, Randal Hight, Roger Holcomb, Jim Rose, Tommy Samole, Billy Waldrep, Clyde Waller, Farrell Watts

★ Saturday Afternoon Mini Performance By Rick Strickland & Lesa Hudson ★ Shag World Celebrities Will Also Judge The First Ever Cyclone Beverage Recipe Contest



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Hours: Friday 6pm-lam Saturday 9:30am-lam (Workshops at 10, 11 and 12) Sunday 9am-lpm For more information and updates about this party, go to www.GoShagging.com



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Thursday, August 15 – Promotion Day

On Thursday, August 15 the Huntersville Parks and Recreation Department will host an event in conjunction with Birkdale Village from 5-8pm. We have been asked to demonstrate the shag dance. We will be on the event flyer, and a lot of people are expected.

It is our understanding that there will be a large stage, music, and much more to be able to handle everything that will go on during those three hours. We've tentatively been scheduled for 7pm and will have up to 30 minutes to dance, teach the basic step or anything else. In addition to helping to spread the shag, we will have the whole three hours to promote Twister's Shag Club. We can even have a "vendor spot" there to hand out info about the club, our events, etc.

One of the best things about this event is that Birkdale is a hot spot for the 30-40 year old crowd, as well as older adults. So this could be a great opportunity to encourage some new TSC members!

There has been some discussion of meeting for dinner and/or drinks before or after, too. So come have some fun.

As we go to press we are looking for final details, so look for more on meeting night and in upcoming emails. Mark the date on your calendar. Thursday, August 15 will be a fun day. Be there!

Upcoming DJ Schedule For "The Inn"

August 2: Norman Mills
August 23: Roger Holcomb
August 9: Dana Grubb
August 30: Eddie Anderson

August 16: Farrell Watts

Keep up with the latest TSC news by logging on to our web site (www.GoShagging.com). We also make a monthly phone call to members, and send out weekly emails. If you aren't getting either, please let use know by emailing TSC@GoShagging.com or calling Mike at 704-534-4151.

Upcoming Birthdays

Dean Melton	08/13	Ashley Farlow	09/21
Martha Baker	08/22	Kathy Thompson	09/24
Ken Culpepper	08/30	Lloyd Crowell	09/25
Mike Rink	09/16	Tricia Swann	09/27
Vickie Abernathy	09/17	Betsy Beard	09/29

Larry, Moe And Curly

(a.k.a. Shannon, Terri and Debbie)
By Peggy Cavin

Many nights Mike and I have sat at the bar in Harold's watching these three incredible bartenders. They can be compared to a finely oiled machine. Speed and being courteous are just two of their attributes. These great ladies are entertainers and stand-up comics, too. There is never a dull moment. They run back and forth from one end of the bar to another so efficiently, always taking care of everyone. They make time to treat all their customers like family, too. They call many by name and many times will already have the customer's favorite drink in hand as they walk up to the bar... served with a smile.

These three wonderful ladies have told us hundreds of funny stories. Every hilarious one can leave you rolling on the floor with laughter. Debbie's story of repelling off her roof with a garden hose tied around her waist much like a firefighter, Terri's zip line rides in the Caribbean, and Shannon's stories from everyday life... someone should write all the stories they have told over the years in book form. Each lady is quick-witted and can come up with a one-sentence comment out of the blue that will tear your funny bone up! On several occasions, Mike and I have left Harold's and laughed way up into the night at something one of them has said, or something they have done. Even now we can remind each other of some of those funny times and start laughing all over again.

We have known these ladies for what seems like a million years. Get to know them as we have and you'll have a fun friend for life!

New Member Profile

By Wilma Laws

It is a pleasure to welcome Deana Carlyle from Cornelius, NC back to Twisters Shag Club! Deana has lived in several areas for the past ten years including the coast of South Carolina, and has now returned to this area. She grew up in South Carolina and has always danced, but she never knew that counting steps was part of the shag dance until she became a part of the shag world.

Living in the Cornelius, she has the opportunity to be in any shag club in this area. But Deana in her travels realized that Twisters is the best club ever for her to be a part of. She indicated that it is the friendliest club she has ever been associated with.

In Deana's own words, "I Am Back!" The Fun Bunch is so happy that you are, indeed "back"! We look forward to having you here! Thanks for making us your club choice for shagging and partying!

Supporting Other Shag Clubs

By Kathy Strantz

Thanks to Ken Kreamer for reminding me to support other shag clubs if we expect them to support Twister events! I had a great time at Statesville's monthly dance at the VFW. I try to connect with Norman Mills when he DJ's in the area! It's always a pleasure! Missed seeing Dionne! It was great to visit with so many friends/neighbors that I haven't seen in ages! Thanks so much to Rich/Marilyn who saved us seats and made us feel so welcome! Hadn't seen them since the TSC New Years Party! Even had a chance to "talk up" Cyclone and it sounds like they're interested! I was very impressed when they rattled off all the area shag clubs they visited (Lake Hickory, Morganton, Wilkesboro, etc.). Very Impressive! I wish I had their energy/time!

Thanks also to Maureen/Donna/Marilyn who kept me line dancing and to Fred/Dick who try so hard to help me be a better shagger! It was great fun!

Personal Messages And More

Happy Birthday Margaret Dean. Thank you for always being there for me and the rest of our family. Love, Jimmy

To My TSC Friends

By C.D. Osborne

Please accept my apologies for not been around a lot this year to help out with beginner shag lessons, let alone seeing the gang at Big Shotz. My right knee has been bone on bone and the pain outweighed the liquor going into my body.

This week I had partial knee replacement. The doctor said it was a successful surgery but the pain still out-weighs the liquor going in!

I will be out for about three to four weeks, before they will release me for work. Then, it will still take three to four months for the knee to heal fully.

I'm stuck at home driving Judy crazy. (What else is new?) But the good news is now I'm sitting on my ass driving her crazy!

Hopefully Judy can drive Mr. Daisy out to Big Shotz one Friday night so I can use my walker on the dance floor and show everyone a new move or two. We do miss each and every one of you and hope to be shagging again soon.

Be Blessed!

To Twister's Shag Club

From Mary Carson

A quick note from the Winston Salem Shag Club to thank you all for attending our Oldies Party recently. We hope you had a good time and will return next year for another night of fun.

We look forward to seeing you at your Fall Cyclone.

Thanks a bunch!

What's Happening In The Shag World

(GoShagging.com Has More Items And Details)

August 2. 3: Meet Me in the Middle for a Sand Flea Reunion hosted by the Carolina Shag Club. DJs: Billy Waldrep, John Wilson, Joanne Johnson, Nick Columbus, David Graham, John Campbell & Jeff Ward; \$50 until June 30, then \$55. Free workshop with Jeff & Dede Ward. 864-361-9810 or kathycole1@charter.net for more information.

August 6: TSC monthly meeting at Fat Boys. Social and eating time starts at 7pm. The business meeting starts at 8pm

August 9-10: Runway Boogie hosted by the Beckley Area Shag DJ Ed Timberlake. Workshop by Charlie and Jackie and Ellen. Email shagbasc@suddenlink.net or call 304-573-1965 or visit www.beckleyshagclub.com for more information.

August 10: Frozen Fantasy Party. See article in this issue for more information and plan to have some fun.

August 15-17: Shag Tracks 19 hosted by Choo Choo Shag Club. \$65-\$70. Guest DJ's, Shag workshops, 50/50 drawings. It is a BYOB event. We provide set ups. Free beer and wine while it lasts, duck races, pool parties, and poolside shooter parties. Thursday: Big Hospitality Welcome party with lots of food, adult beverages, beer and dancing at the hotel inside and poolside. Visit www.choochooshagclub.com or contact rmkellar@aol.com for more information.

August 15-17: Shag-A-Ganza hosted by Golden Isles Shag Club. \$70 before July 15th. DJ's Jerry Munson, Jimmy Lucree and Wayne Bennett. GoldenIslesShagclub.com or 912-634-3359 or ragate@bellsouth.net for more information.

August 24: Summer Sizzler hosted by Statesville Shag Club. \$35. DJs Gene Hensley and Gene Sistare. See Flyer for more info.

September 1: Sandkicker DJ Meafest hosted by Sandy Beach Shag Club. \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door. 803 760 2947 or johncarpenter@sandybeachshagclub.com for more info.

September 6: SOS Kickoff Party hosted by TSC at Big Shotz Lounge. DJ Clyde Waller. \$3. It's a tacky hat and/or tacky shirt event! Start planning your outfit now, and come have fun.

September 13-23: Fall SOS at North Myrtle Beach, SC.

October 8-13: Shag-A-Rama 2013 hosted by Beach Shaggers of Birmingham. \$70 thru June 9, \$75 thru Sept. 10, then \$80. DJ's Billy Waldrep and Jim Agee. Workshops by Sam and Lisa West. 256-353-5549 or bigjoh7@aol.com or www.beachshaggers.com.

November 1-3: The Fall Cyclone. We're bringing the best of the beach inland this time. Details for this four-time CBMA award winning "Event Of The Year" are available at www.FallCylone.com. Get your tickets now!



Wanted! By Susan Dahl

Wanted: A 65 year old, or older man who can still walk and dance! He must like sports, except wrestling. He must also like college football and basketball. He must be in good health, and be able to walk up the ramp to the second level of the Bank of America Stadium. If you need to take the elevator, forget it!

He also will have to attend my church - New Perth Associate Reformed Presbyterian in Troutman, and occasionally First ARP Church in Statesville, when I play hand bells there.

He will also be nice to my "yappy" little dogs, even if he doesn't like them. This man friend will have to be a night person, as I rarely go to bed before midnight, and won't tolerate a 6:00 A.M. riser who is "bright-eyed and bushy tailed" that early. I get up at 8 - 8:30 and may not be cheery until 10.

If this male has a job, that is OK. But don't come in at 5:00 and ask, "What's for supper", because I will answer, "What are you fixing?" I do cook, and cook what I like. I go to the YMCA 3-4 evenings a week, and do not get home until around 7:30, and on Thursday may go right to Lynn's to dance after going to the Y.

I will not put up with a couch potato. You will move, move; and eat... mainly good food. There is more, but I will not get that personal. That about does it and I am sure 99.5% of the men don't meet my criteria list, and wouldn't want to.

Now, please don't ask me anymore why I don't have a boyfriend. I don't want one! Who would want to be my boyfriend?

The "Wanted" ad above is a joke! I just couldn't pass this up. © Here is really what I want:

WANTED: Any empty wine bottles, any color, but must be regular size. I have a project going that I use wine bottles. Thanks! See you on the dance floor!

Fun With Twister's Shag Club

By Deana Carlyle

One of the many awesome perks of being part of Twisters Shag Club is that there is always an activity going on to get the members involved. Everyone that is a member of Twisters should take a bus trip and just see how much closer you will become with friends and what a great time you will have being part of a great club.

I am a returning member of Twisters and I say returning only because I have been away from this area and now Have moved back. I have also gotten my sister Janice Bivins involved, too, and she hopes to be voted in soon.

I recently had a friend from Phoenix come for a visit so of course I had to take her to visit my favorite people in TSC. On June 29th there was a bus trip to Winston Salem. So wow, this is great. We all dress in our best imitation poodle skirts, blue jeans cuffed up, our ponytails, (if you have enough hair) and T-shirts. Off we go to meet the bus. Oh my goodness there was more food, drinks, shooters, laughs and entertainment than one stomach could handle. Mike was our MC for the evening and he announced we were on Virgin Bus Lines.

I was thinking I would like to contribute an article for the newsletter. I am not much of a writer but my 10-year-old granddaughter is. So Natalie asked me to tell her about the trip and she would write the article for me. I agreed thinking this would be pretty easy. The only stipulation was I could not read it until after she left my house to go home.

This is a reprint of her article.

Twister's Shag Club by Mimi Dena Carlyle - especially just me!

I did not enjoy the last five years of no Twisters Shag Club. We went to Salem on a bus. Kathy Thompson said "sit down, there ain't a virgin on this bus, get over it!" I love Twisters!

Junior SOS 2013

By Peggy Cavin

Mike and I attended the ACSC Workshop in Atlanta. It was a great party and we had lots of fun with our friends from other clubs. Sunday afternoon, we hit the road for a six-hour drive to Ocean Drive for Junior SOS.

Junior SOS is a week much like SOS but it is for kids under 21 years of age. There are a lot of activities for the kids including dance contests, an ice cream social, social dancing, and more. This year they even had a handicapped contest where they were teamed up with the Keepers of the Dance recipients for a fun afternoon. Another afternoon there was a hotdog lunch held at the new North Myrtle Beach Museum. There was even a ceremony to open a Time Capsule that juniors in the year 1998 sealed. The capsule contained a pair of shag shoes, pictures and letters written from juniors from that year as well as other memorabilia. Sunday morning, the OD Shag Club hosted a brunch to send all the wonderful kids and their parents off on a safe trip home until next year at this time.

During the week, preliminary contests were held at Fat Harold's, Ducks, the Pavilion, and Swillies. Winners were chosen from each of these contests to dance in the final contest on Saturday night in the Ballroom of the Ocean Drive Resort. It was good to see so many adults and kids come out to support all of the contestants.

The little ones, some 5 and 6 years old were so cute and they executed steps better than some of the adults. Young minds learn quick and young bodies are more able to be twisted in all directions. The older juniors were awesome and really put on a show. I vaguely remember doing something like their twists and turns umpteen years ago, but my body won't let me any more. ©

There were hundreds of kids registered for Junior SOS this year and it was great to see the all of the official lime green Junior SOS shirts around town all week.

The JSA Board Members and volunteers put on one heck of a week for the juniors. The dance instructors were awesome and made the workshop fun for these kids, too

Mike and I and Twister's Shag Club have been supporting the Junior Shag Association and Junior SOS for decades. And we are looking forward to going back to Junior SOS next year. If you have never gone, please plan to go next time. I guarantee you will never miss another one. These kids will be helping the shag to survive long after we can't do it any more.

Ramblings From The... By Wayland Massengill

I was having my last drink for the night when she walked in. She had a very alert gait to her stride as she made her way in my direction. Long blond hair with splashes of contrasting shades flowed in the breeze of her pace. She has a slim, straight nose above a beautiful slight smile. A proud chest on a short, compact slender body. Legs that reach the floor and dainty, well shaped feet with unpainted nails. Very regal.

She makes her way across the room and stops right in front of me, turning loose a pair of deep brown eyes on me, the kind that talk to you without words being said. She cocks her head slightly to one side and her mouth opens partly, but she remains silent. Then it hits me. She wants me.

I rise from my chair and stand before her and reach to touch her face. She doesn't move. My hands slide down her face, caressing her ears and letting my fingers tease the hollows of her throat. She tilts her head back for more. My hands go to her chest eliciting a change of breathing from her. Her eyes close. I stroke the entire length of her body with firm hands and she becomes nearly breathless. Her eyes open, the brown disappearing and becoming darker. Smoldering. Impatient. She takes a step away from me and levels a gaze into my eyes... sounds coming from deep inside her.

She wants me to take her. She wants me to take her now! So I grab the leash and take my dog out to do her business. I get no respect.

Can I Shag?

By Mimi Hooker

I sat at a table as close to the dance floor as I could get. This dance they call "shag" intrigued me and I watched closely as if I were a judge having to give the best score to the best performer.

The music was particularly catchy and I found myself toe tapping and reminiscing about old times at the beach. Couples started toward the dance floor... 5-6-7-8, and it all looked so smooth and easy. Yea, right. How do the ladies do that footwork?

Then my mind took over and started playing games: "Look what kind of steps they do. You can't do that. What are you thinking? You're the person that walks into walls at a darkened movie theater spilling popcorn and drinks for crying out loud! You simply can't do that."

This very thought process, the very one that froze me to my seat at the table, held me prisoner and reminded me of a story I heard some time ago.

A college professor was doing a study on mindset and how things change so drastically from childhood to adulthood. He went into a Kindergarten class and began asking the students some questions and noting their responses. The first question he asked was, "How many of you can sing?" All hands shot up in the air. "Well, What song is your favorite?" "Row, Row, Row Your Boat", they said. "But we like Mary Had a Little Lamb, too. Want us to sing it?"

Then the professor said, "Can you play music?" "Sure!" they said with enthusiasm. "What about spelling? " All in unison said, "D-O-G. Yes, we can spell!"

"What about arithmetic?" he asked. "We're going to learn that soon," they said. The professor said, "What about drawing?" All hands went into the air again. "Yes, we can draw!" "Well, can you draw a fire truck in a jungle with a monkey and a banana tree?" "Sure. How big do you want it", they asked?

The same professor went into his college classroom and began asking the same questions. He asked, "Can you sing? " Not one hand went in the air. He was greeted with silence. Then slowly responses came ranging from "No" to "I can't".

"Well, can you play music?" Responses ranged from "I can't carry a note" to "Never tried it".

"What about spelling", he continued? "As long as we have spell check, spelling is fine." students said. "Tell me about your experiences with math", he said. "Math is hard and it's all I can do to get through the classes," most students said.

There was a murmur throughout the class. The professor queried, "Well what about drawing"? Students said, "That is well beyond our area of expertise."

So what happened between Kindergarten and College? Good question. The joy of living, trying something new and fun had been programmed out of the older group by outside influences and a mindset that says "I can't" and "No way I can do that" (unlike "The Little Engine that Could").

This applies to anything we do... and for me, at this particular time, it was shagging. I can't, was the mantra.

Then a terrifying moment came. I was asked to dance. So with a dry mouth and yes, an "I think I can" mindset, I tried. Now I know I can! Well... I'm getting better at it! ©

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My First Road Trip With TSC

By Randy... I mean... Barry Wray

After working for 17 years as a NASCAR Weekly Racing Official, which practically tied up every Saturday night from March to November, I found myself asking my wife, "What are we going to do this weekend?" She had seen an ad in one of the local papers for shagging lessons and was determined to get me off of the couch.

Lessons on Tuesday nights lead to us joining the Twisters Shag Club a few months ago. Our first group outing was the golf tournament. We both had fun. But the bus trip to Winston-Salem was going to be the first road trip for us newbie's. We arrived at Fat Boy's about an hour early which lead to the opportunity to test some of the jello shooters Hope had made. You know I had to take one for the team. Didn't want anybody getting hurt.

So the bus arrives and we proceed to exit the truck to gather up the cooler and containers of liquid courage. I hear to my right, "Nice costume Randy!" What tha? It was my newly found pal Jerome busting my chops. Ya see, back when we joined the shag club, apparently Wilma wasn't too fond of my doctor-like handwriting and had a little trouble deciphering my first name. She took a stab at Randy instead of Barry. So for the first month, my name was Randy. Anyway, so we get onto the bus and the comments continue about what a nice costume I have. What costume? Should I tell them that I wear this to work during the week? Oh yea, and the hounds tooth fedora was a birthday present my wife got me in honor of the best college football coaches to play the game, Bear Bryant. We both bleed 'Bama red. It's typically my winter hat, but it seemed to fit the occasion. So we find us a seat near the back, much like in church, and before the bus is even out of the parking lot the jello shooters are flowing up and down the aisle.

Well the entire hour drive to Winston-Salem is indeed a marathon as there is no shortage of adult beverages to partake upon. As we arrive at the gym where the events are to take place we quickly gather beside of the bus for a group picture thanks in part to our bus driver/photographer Michael Jordan.

So we arrive inside to find that our hosts underestimated the attendance of the TSC and a few more tables are added. It was at this point I noticed these thimble size plastic shot glasses being passed about with a ruby red color concoction. Hmmm, looks like we are taking communion. Where is the dry crunchy bread chip to go with it? Maybe we are getting ready to repent for the sins were about to commit? I quickly found out that what we had here was what they call a Woo-Woo. A Woo-Woo? Really? Well the Woo-Woo was really tasty. I soon found out that the base in this leaded fuel was Crown Royal. Well, one led to two, to three and so on. By the end of the night, heck I felt I was covered for forgiveness for at least the next six months.

So here I am pounding down one home brew after another as Hope sails away with her Sailor Jerry's. I have to give two thumbs up to Tom who had the courage to try every one of the different beers I had made. He admitted that some weren't his cup of tea, but he drank each one the same. By sunset the liquid courage had set in and I was brave enough to get up on that dance floor in front of the crowd. All of a sudden all of those extra twists and turns that Ashley had taught me vanished from my brain. What do I lead with next? With several male and female turns in the books, I decide to lead up in the center with her hand toward her forehead for both of us to turn. Apparently the spiced rum had kicked in on my honey as well as she took this lead as an opportunity to punch me in the face with my own hand. What da' ____ was that? Well that's going to require a few more beers to ease the embarrassment.

No other injuries to report on the night but Kathy and Ken both found the slick spot right from the free through circle, throwing in some Michael Jackson moves on the recovery. As the evening came to a close it was time to rejoin M.J. back on the bus.

It was indeed a very good night and we both enjoyed ourselves tremendously. A few more Woo-Woo's on the bus ride home just to make sure everyone was cleansed before we arrived back in Mooresville. With the first of what I anticipate will be many road trips in the book, I now look to the future to see what will lie ahead. Until then, simply put... Roll Tide!

Winston-Salem Oldies Party

By Peggy Cavin

The bus pulled up at our first stop at 4:45 PM in Cornelius. We met the driver, Michael Jordan. The first people arrived at the Savings And Loan in Cornelius dressed in their oldies attire with coolers in hand. Fourteen TSC members with a couple guests boarded the bus and the fun began.

Halfway to our second stop at Fat Boys in Mooresville, one of our members called. She had been sitting waiting for half an hour and the bus hadn't showed up in Cornelius yet. Turn out she was sitting at the wrong building. She raced to catch us!

Fourteen more happy TSC members boarded and off we went to our last stop; JR's in Statesville. There, we waited on the "left behind" member who showed up after eight more people boarded the bus at our last stop.

The driver had exited the bus to go into JR's while waiting on our last member. She showed up while the driver was gone so Wayland and I tried to open the bus door for her to climb aboard.

Now this task wasn't as easy as it was made to look when the driver did it. After hitting all switches and buttons, we finally got the door open. Our driver returned and we were all set to head to Winston and the party. The bus moved several hundred feet rather slowly. I heard the driver mutter something under his breath and the bus came to a halt. We didn't realize it but we had hit the button that lowered the front end of the bus. We weren't going anywhere until the hydraulics refilled and raised the bus back up. Several minutes later we got back on our way.

Our social director, Kathy Thompson, had everything and everyone under control as we hit the interstate again. Shooters, brownies and chicken salad sandwiches were passed up and down the aisle. Nancy had made 72 sandwiches that were devoured in a short period. The music was playing and the laughter continued until we reached the old gymnasium.

When we arrived, the group picture was taken and a line of 50's and 60's dressed, cooler toting partygoers entered the gym. The party had started. The Fun Bunch had arrived.

The food that the Winston members had prepared was great. Mike Harding kept the floor full of happy "teenagers" the whole night. There was a half-and-half and a hundred other prizes to be given away. The night went fast!

We left the party around 11:30 pm for the hour-long ride home. The party never quit. The shooters, brownies and sing-a-longs added to the trip back. We were having such a good time. After letting off people at exit 50 and 36, I looked up and saw the exit 28 sign fly by. Yep, we missed our last drop off. I don't think anyone would have noticed. The bus driver and I decided we wouldn't say anything. Well, our VP, Scott, announced to everyone he saw Bob Evans. The secret was out. But it didn't take long to get off at exit 25 and get back to exit 28.

After the last of the personal coolers, club coolers and other items were taken off the bus six of us headed to Waffle House to finish up the night with our favorite waitress, Stephanie. Fun day, fun night, fun party with the Fun Bunch!

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Friday Night Dilemma

By Ken Kreamer

Recently Marylee had one of those dreadful summer colds... congestion, headache, and a cough that never stops. Probably got it from me. We were on the fence as to whether it was wise to make the bus trip to Winston, but that's a trip we knew we just couldn't miss. Though we don't regret the decision (the trip was fantastic), Marylee paid the price to the extent we were faced with a new decision the following Friday; Can we afford to go to "The Inn"?

She limped in from a long workday and collapsed on the bed to say "I don't think I can make it tonight, but you can go". Here's where all the difficult questions start racing through my brain:

- Is she serious?
- Would she be upset if I left her for all our friends at The Inn?
- What if she needed something while I was out?
- Would we be missed by our friends?
- Would I be missed by the hot bartender?

It didn't matter. I told her I would stay home with her. She took her medicine, and within 20 minutes she was out like a light! As she slept, the above questions rolled through my brain again, but with one new one: Do I dare sneak out? Not a chance! I might get caught sneaking back in.

Fast-forward three hours. I've been watching her sleep (and some of the worst TV shows) for three hours. As I look at the clock, I realize why my stomach is growling. This is the time we are usually on our way to The Waffle House.

Oh no, another whole new set of questions:

- Do I dare sneak out to eat?
- Is there any food in the house (that's a joke, not a question)?
- Will Doug (my personal omelet maker) miss me?
- Can I fall asleep without eating?
- Is it too late to order out?

Marylee, there was only one answer that made sense. By the way, Doug says hi, and he hopes you're feeling better!



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