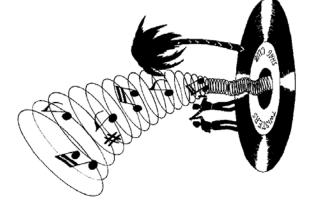
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### The President's Letter

Hi shagging friends,

June was another great month for TSC. The golf outing and social was very well attended. Weather was wonderful, food was fantastic, and the memories will last for a long time. Many thanks to all those who played golf or brought



some goodies to eat, or just had a good time. We all had a blast.

By the time you read this we will be heading to Winston Salem Shag Club's Oldies Party. We've had a lot of fun at this event over the years, and I am sure there will be plenty of good times on this trip. Don't forget to take some notes or just jot down a little "memory" afterwards and send it in for the next issue so we can all share in your particular view of the best part of the adventure.

On Friday night, July 5<sup>th</sup> we'll honor Independence Day at the Days Inn. Most people just call it "the fourth of July", but it is so much more than that. It is the anniversary of the publication of the declaration of independence from Great Britain in 1776. I hope you will be at Big Shotz wearing red, white and blue (or some combination of those colors) that night. Roger Holcomb will be our DJ to help us celebrate. We need to understand and recognize that despite the many, sometimes overwhelming problems in the USA, we are still a wonderful country filled with great people.

The following weekend is the ACSC Summer Workshop Meeting in Atlanta. Peggy and I will be there, possibly with one other member. Then Junior SOS is the  $17^{\text{th}}-21^{\text{st}}$  at the beach. So we will miss those two Fridays. But I encourage you to make the extra effort to come out to the Days Inn and carry on with friends while we make this sacrifice.  $\bigcirc$  If you are also going to Junior SOS, please let me know. Whether you are taking a child or grandchild to expose them to shagging, or just going to watch and support the overall effort, you will have fun and you will not be alone. This event has been growing for many years. I am very proud or the role our club and some of our members have played in the continued perpetuation of our music and dance through the young folks in the Junior Shag Association, Junior SOS, and the Ellen Taylor Foundation. Many people may not realize that I actually created the JSA web site and managed it for them at no cost for many years. TSC also continues to pay the monthly hosting fees to help ensure a non-stop Internet exposure of their organization and shagging for those under age 21.

It looks like the multi-club Friday/Saturday party we had hoped to have at the Days Inn late in August may not happen. We got motel rates and were trying to make more plans, but the owners at Big Shotz delayed our progress. In fairness, they've been dealing with the birth of their daughter and other issues. But this should have been resolved quicker. If anything changes, or another opportunity arises, we will let you know.

Next up on the Social calendar is our Frozen Fantasy Party. This is probably one of our most successful and fun yearly events. As we go to press, we are realizing that one of our desired locations (Jimmy and Dean's house) is not going to be ready in time due to significant landscaping and other challenges resulting from their recent move. But their location may be our choice for next year. In the mean time, we are looking for a potential location. Can you be our host? Kathy Thompson and the Social Committee along with several other volunteers are ready to get moving. We just need a spot to party. So if you have even think you might be willing to host the fun, please let me know today! Even if you have questions or reservations, at least give us the opportunity of discussing the overall plan with you before you decide it wouldn't work. Thanks!

Ashley and Tobitha continue to do a great job on Tuesdays. We have a lot of interest in our classes. The Beginner II class is incorporating a lot of new steps you may not know. So consider taking a class or getting your friends, neighbors and coworkers to come out and try shagging next month. We will have a "graduation celebration" for current students at Big Shotz on Friday night, July 26<sup>th</sup>. Please try to be there and encourage the new shaggers.

Last but not least, plans for what I think should be our best Fall Cyclone ever are included in this issue. I am excited! A lot of planning, effort, discussion and cooperation have lead to what I think has the potential to be one of the best shag events ever held.

The participation by lounges and other businesses at the beach, along with radio stations and Internet broadcasting organizations is unparalleled. There will be a few new DJ's, a new live miniperformance, a beverage recipe contest, a whole new breakfast menu and a lot more surprises at this Cyclone. Excitement will be building fast. But your effort will be the make-or-break piece in this effort. I ask that each of you take some of our promo cards and flyers with you to each and every shag event you attend over the next few months to share with shaggers everywhere. Doing so could provide us with an advanced sell-out! That would reduce our work effort at the party and reduce a lot of other committee work and planning. So let's get it done. It's easy and fun to talk to people about Cyclone, and the advanced publicity could save us a lot of work in November while also ensuring a better financial impact on our treasury (and the ability to have more fun next year).

That's it for now. Thanks for all you do and for being there to have fun with me and the rest of TSC.

Hope to see you on the dance floor, soon.

#### Mike

### **Club Meeting Night**

Our monthly meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 2nd at Fat Boys Restaurant in Mooresville. Social hour starts at 7pm. The business meeting begins at 8pm. We have applications from Deana Carlyle as well as Chad and Ashley Farlow to vote on. Please come out and make them feel welcome.

Congratulations go to Nancy Brody who won \$61 in the Treasure Chest last month. Don't miss your chance to win on Tuesday.

# We're bringing the best of the beach inland for the 23rd annual Fall Cyclone!

We're tickled to have so many special guests joining us and being involved in this year's event. So let your imagination run wild as we welcome guests to the Cyclone early Friday evening (6pm this year) aboard the Spanish Galleon with some high-energy fun. As the evening progresses we'll head over to Ducks where David Shaw will party with us until the wee hours of the morning.

Saturday morning some of the shag worlds best dancers and instructors will help you enhance your skills. Then, it's off to the O.D. Pavilion where H. Lee Brown and friends will have you convinced you are beachfront enjoying the fresh salt air and music.

Rick Strickland and Lesa Hudson will drop by later that afternoon for a mini-performance plus we will have our first ever "Cyclone" beverage recipe contest with shag world celebrity judges. Next, cruise into the evening with William Green, the Myricks or other friends from Swillies Hideaway. Just like that dance floor at Swillies, our old hardwood is perfect for a big shag party. Then, "You haven't been to the Cyclone until you see Fat Harold" or his fun team and we'll party into the wee hours of Saturday night with them, culminated by some special late night festivities. WOW!

Before you set sail on Sunday, come by for a shrimp & grits breakfast cooked by captain Milford Powell and friends from the Pirate's Cove. (Alternate food will be available for those with seafood allergies.) We'll even have the junior shag team there to debut their new, exciting routine. You won't believe your eyes.

If your shag shoes are worn, let Mike Parnell and the Shoe Center fulfill your needs at our party. And don't worry about being hungry or thirsty at this event, either. It's all free, and it's all non-stop.

Of course this is just a taste of what's in store for you at the 2013 Fall Cyclone. Start making your plans today. Tickets are already selling fast, and this is a party you don't want to miss.

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# Dance Lessons By Nancy Massengill

A new set of Dance Lessons began on June 11. We have 39 students in beginner and 39 students in the intermediate class. I believe that word gets around that Ashley and Tobitha are doing a wonderful job with classes. Students seem to be learning a lot of really cool moves along with the basic shag step and other basic social dancing steps. Hats off to them!

I would also like to thank those members who have signed up for dance committee and come to help in the classes. Please bear in mind that if you signed up to help with this committee that it includes partnering with students as needed, helping with sign-ins of students, setting up the room for the lessons and resetting the room once those lessons are completed. Thanks go to all who have helped. Special thanks go to Ken, Marylee, Scott, and Cathy for setting up each week and for extra help in signups.

There will be a graduation party at Big Shotz on Friday, July 26<sup>th</sup>. Then, the next sets of lessons will start on Tuesday, August 13<sup>th</sup>. Cost for the six-week session is only \$35 per person and includes one full buffet dinner at Fat Boys. Make plans now to invite your friends, family and coworkers, or consider taking a class yourself. It will be fun and you will learn something!

### **Upcoming Birthdays**

Wayland Massengill	07/01	Dick Bigham	07/26
Mitchell Cagle	07/04		
Marcia Long	07/11	Dean Melton	08/13
Barbara Zimmerman	07/16	Martha Baker	08/22
Jimmy Melton	07/24	Ken Culpepper	08/30
Stephanie O'Kelly	07/25		

### **Upcoming DJ Schedule For "The Inn"**

July 5: Roger Holcomb	July 19: Clyde Waller
July 12: Farrell Watts	July 26: Butch Metcalf

## **New Member Profile**

By Wilma Laws

We welcome two new members; Hope and Barry Wray of Maiden.

Hope enjoys scrapbooking, reading, and now shagging.

Barry is a home brewer, plays poker, and has added shagging to that list.

Hope and Barry have four children; two girls and two boys, and six grandchildren. They became interested in learning how to shag after going to a class reunion at the O.D. Arcade.

Later, when the couple saw an ad in a Mooresville news publication about TSC they decided to check it out. They have always enjoyed watching shaggers and wanted to learn the dance, and get involved in a shag club.

Hope and Barry are really enjoying TSC. They have found everyone to be so friendly, and helpful in learning the dance steps.

They are looking forward to more good times with "The Fun Bunch", and we are happy to have them!

### Personal Messages And More

- Happy Birthday "Skippy". Love, Dean
- Happy Birthday Wayland. Love, Nancy
- Belated Birthday wishes to Iris. Love, Kathy Strantz
- Happy Birthday to Barbara Zimmerman. Love, Kathy Strantz
- Dick Bigham, here's to a healthy, happy year! May your troubles be LESS! May your BLESSINGS be more! May nothing but HAPPINESS come through the door! Love, Kathy Strantz

### What's Happening In The Shag World (GoShagging.com Has More Items And Details)

June 29: Bus Trip To Winston-Salem. Invite a friend! Even if you find out you can go at the last minute, join us.

# July 2: TSC monthly meeting at Fat Boys. Social and eating time starts at 7pm. The meeting starts at 8pm

July 12-14: ACSC Summer Workshop in Atlanta, GA

# July 16-21: Junior SOS at North Myrtle Beach, SC. See www.juniorshaggers.com for more information.

# July 27: Frozen Fantasy Party. Location to be announced. If you have or know a potential location, let us know ASAP.

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 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 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.

#### 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 for more information.

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 while you can!

December 31: New Year's Eve Party hosted by Twister's Shag Club. Details to be announced later this year.



### **Competitive Shaggers Association Contest**

By Peggy Cavin

Ashley and Tobitha Stewart were the event host for the CSA contest at Swillies Hideaway on June 7 & 8, 2013. The contestants were some of the best dancers around.

The event started on Friday night at 9:00 PM. We had bought two seats right at the dance floor for the weekend and had a bird's eye view of all dancers. I was in awe of the performances both days.

Jerry Burrage did an excellent job with the music. There were drawings all weekend for prizes. Twister's even donated one Cyclone ticket to be given away in exchange for promotion. As luck would have it, a long-time attendee won the ticket!

The event was well planned and Swillies staff did a great job with the whole weekend. Plus, the dancers were awesome to watch.

Plan to be there next year at this event.

### The Penguin Shuffle

By Marylee Kreamer

It's interesting to me that some of the most memorable nights at The Inn occur on evenings when some event in the shag world pulls many of our regulars away on a Friday night. Why is that? We love and enjoy every regular and miss them when they're not around. But maybe their absence makes things just different enough that we break out of our normal patterns. The latest example of this phenomenon was the Friday night of Grand Nationals. Our area was being well represented in the competition in Atlanta by Ashley and Tobitha Stewart and the Junior Shag Team of the Carolinas including Kaylee Bravo and Kolten Ellis. They had a fan club cheering them on which included a number of Twisters members. This made for light attendance at The Inn.

My first indication that it was going to be an interesting evening was as I walked past the deck and noticed a group of strangers playing corn hole. They really didn't look like shaggers.

As I passed, I saw enough logos on "Sunday best" t-shirts to realize that these were out-of-town NASCAR fans that had no tickets for the Friday night Coca-Cola 600 events at the Speedway. Corn hole was looking like more fun to them than what was going on inside. But, as it turned out, it was not those race fans that supplied the entertainment that evening. Seated at a table in front of the flat screen TV was a group of about eight Pittsburgh hockey fans watching their Penguins play Ottawa. They all had on their jerseys and their eyes were glued to the screen (most of the time.) Every once in a while, one or the other of them would glance over their shoulder at the action on the dance floor with obvious disdain.

I'm sure some of my fellow shaggers were looking at the Pittsburgh hockey fans with their backs to us and were secretly hoping to steal their prime location chairs when they got up to hit the men's room. You could feel the tension building in the room. But here comes my husband to the rescue! He steps up to the Penguin table with a tray full of shooters! My first thought was "He's not going to waste those pricey shots on those rude interlopers, is he?" Well, that's exactly what he planned to do. After looking Ken up and down with obvious suspicion, the group started listening to him explain how they were going to do a little cheer as they knocked back the booze. After a couple rounds, Ken was their new best friend. He wished them luck with the game and proceeded onto the floor to do the Electric Slide. The next thing we knew, one of the Penguins was on the floor joining in the line dance. He wasn't half bad! His buddies were amazed, to say the least. They completely forgot about the game.

At the end of the Electric Slide he said that he could really bust a move if the DJ would play The Cupid Shuffle. Not a problem! Ken signaled to Roger Holcomb to tee it up and *we were off!* This guy did *not* disappoint and the shaggers were cheering him on! By this time his friends had moved past the shock and awe and had managed to dig out their iPhones. Almost before the end of the song, videos were being up-loaded to YouTube so that their friends and family back in Pittsburgh could see just how much fun it is when you hang out with *The Fun Bunch* in North Carolina!

### A New (To Me) Super Event

By Susan Dahl

My friend Jeri Munksgard reserved a room early for The Grand Nationals Dance Championships in Atlanta. She had an extra, empty bed, so I had to think about it. Then, all these people I knew, Shag and West Coast Swingers, were going with some of them competing. I couldn't pass it up. Jeri and I left for Atlanta after her work on Thursday afternoon.

What an experience! If we did nothing but watch the competitions, it would be worth it. However, there were workshops, social dancing, and socializing. Ashley and Tobitha, Chad and Ashley, and their daughter competed in different events. A load of Swingers from the dance class competed, so it was busy, busy, busy, making sure we saw all the competitions. Everyone did real well, and Ashley's Junior Shag Team won.

There was something going on every minute. They even had Professionals compete, who were excellent. Ellen, Sam, and Charlie and Jackie were in attendance.

On Saturday night there was a '60's party with costumes and contest. Mike and Peggy plus Ashley and Tobitha all joined in the parade. It was a "Hoot" and fun was had by all.

Claire went with three of her other friends, but met us at different events. Robert Parker came on Friday and Kathy Thompson came with her daughter and granddaughter Saturday. Robert, Claire and Jeri were singing all the 60's tunes, without missing a beat. The one perk was we walked right in to competitions, dancing, etc. with our drinks from the rooms.

Saturday night I took Chocolate Cake and Apple Pie, both being in liquid form. What a fun-filled Memorial Day weekend.

We are already making plans for next year and as I always say, "If I'm alive." That's no joke, folks! See you on the dance floor!

### Vengeful Ghost Sighting at Golf Outing

Wayland Massengill

A breeze whispers through the hardwoods and pines that line Mallard Head Golf Course. The sound is reminiscent of soft voices carrying over a distance that can be recognized as speech, yet unintelligible as to its meaning.

The Brothers Culpepper, Nancy and I are on a long par five hole that bends to the right. We are doing well. At the turn with about two hundred yards to the green. The breeze stops. Not a sound can be heard. Only the involuntary increase of our heart rates and the feel of a chill on our skin are apparent. Shrugging the discomfort, I take my shot and am gratified with absolutely crushing a two iron that just dies in the still air about two yards short of the putting surface. A good chance for a up and down par, but nothing better.

That is when It appeared. An apparition that seemingly floated from nowhere was suddenly at the location of my ball. It was draped in a white-like shroud that slightly darkened near the bottom, with a crown of dark, no, a soulless black material that appeared to mostly conceal what I thought was horns. It drifted in place with it's lower portion billowing as if a strong wind, even cyclonic air was swirling where is legs should have been. We all cried out at the sight, yet not truly comprehending what we were seeing, continued to approach. We got as close as a hundred yards, and the ghastly sight seemed to sense our proximity and disappeared on what could only be described as a chariot straight from the depths of hell, driven by one of Satan's storm troopers.

When we gathered ourselves together and arrived at the sight of my ball, we found it to be a smoldering ash of plastic pounded into the ground. We will never be the same. The sound of any air moving whatsoever sends an uncontrollable shiver down my spine. I shudder at the thought of trying to play that course again.

Well, maybe next time there can be steps taken. Steps to insure that supernatural events can't take place. Steps that... just steps.

### **Twister's June Golf Outing**

By Peggy Cavin

Six teams came together on Saturday, June 15th for more fun than anyone could handle at Mallard Head Golf Course in Mooresville. Tee times started at 12:30 but we started gathering at 11AM for a social hour before the teams headed out for a day of hot sun, little wind, some missed shots and some great shots.

Chicken sandwiches, BBQ sandwiches and meatloaf sandwiches were made on site by Jack for us to eat before the golf started. The meatloaf sandwich was a big hit with everyone. TSC provided beverages for everyone during lunch.

I was on the first team to leave the tee box at 12:30. The day started off when Mike drove off in the cart and my golf bag fell off the back. A roar of laughter went up and it didn't stop all day. You have to understand that we are not pros, but wannabes.

Everyone tried his or her best that day. Even if no team came in first, it didn't matter, we were all winners and had a great time.

Club VP Scott Fletcher and guest Milton McNeill were the other part of my team. The first nine, we were even par. About number nine, the sun was really beating down with no wind at all. It made for a hot time! We were standing on the 9th green near a steep grass bunker when all of a sudden Milton disappeared.

Milton was standing on the edge of the bunker, lost his balance, and I turned just in time to see him rolling over at least two times going downhill into the bunker.

Scott was on the other side of the green from us and asked, "Where'd Milton go?". Well, you had to have been there. I laughed the whole back nine about that situation. Milton was a good sport about it. There were lots of carryings on with our group the rest of the day. All in all, we managed to finish up 18 holes that day without losing anyone or anything else! I'm sure there are other hilarious episodes that will be mentioned somewhere else in the newsletter. Come on, Ken, tell us about your team! Did you really shoot that low score?

Everyone looks forward to our Captain's Choice tournaments. No one is pressured unless you are me and all three of your partners have hit bad shots on a par 3 and look at you to say, "It's up to you to get us there". The hole was down a hill and over what looked like a marsh. But I managed to hit my best shot of the day and saved our team! It felt good, especially not having been able to play golf in at least two years. I almost got my old game back. Or was it, I hadn't settled into my old bad habits yet?

When we got back to the clubhouse, Twister's had catered a feast of hamburgers, hot dogs, and grilled chicken set up with all the trimmings. Plus, our members brought out wonderful desserts to sample. Other members and guests came about 5:30 PM to enjoy dinner. Kathy and Hope rode around taking pictures of all the teams and went in early to set up food. Thanks ladies for all you did! Can't wait to the pictures on our web site.

Hope those of you who didn't come out and play golf with us will do so next time. The Fun Bunch does have a good time, no matter what sport we go after!

### **Golf Outing**

By Scott Fletcher

Saturday morning, the sun is out, a nice warm summer breeze, cold beer, good friends, and a golf club in my hand. It doesn't get any better than this. I can only think of one thing that I like to do better than this. The Captain's choice golf outing was fantastic. Man, I had a good time and can't wait till we do it again! I didn't play that well but I was pleased with the way I played not having played but once in 15 years. We were able to use some of my shots. One thing is for sure I need to practice before the next outing. Afterwards the food was good and the desserts were awesome. I am looking forward to playing at the beach during SOS.

## **Clean Up Day at the Rink**

By Peggy Cavin

Saturday June 22, 2013 was set aside for the big clean up day at the Skating Rink. Over the years, the back parking lot had grown up with weeds, small trees, blackberry vines, etc. We planned to get together by 9:00. Hoping that there would be lots of help, Mike and I arrived at the rink about 8:45 to find Ken Kreamer and Scott Fletcher already hard at work on the heavy brush. It wasn't supposed to be too hot that day, but by the time others arrived the sun was really beaming down on us.

It took us three good hours to get done with what we'd planned to do. It was a rush to get finished since the Mooresville Trash Dump closes the gates at noon and that would leave us nowhere to take our limbs, brush, etc. As it would happen, we were on our next to last trip to the dump when our trailer developed a flat tire! No problem, we pumped it up and off they went. But shortly after the gates were closed and we had to dispose of a few limbs elsewhere.

Thank goodness for the chainsaws, gas powered hedge clippers, rakes, and other garden tools that made the hard job a little easier. The brush was so thick that we had someone using a chainsaw while others with rakes pulled away the brush.

There were several small trees that were cut down. I had just walked a couple feet to pick up a rake when I heard the word, "timber" uttered by Jerome. I felt the limbs and leaves of a small tree slide down my back. It reminded me of what sometimes happens in golf. No one ever hollers "fore" until they have made sure the ball is actually going to hit someone!!

There was the usual Twister's members teamwork going on that day. Nancy Messengill drove her pick-up around the edges while Mike and Ken cut high limbs and branches. Mitch drove the car and trailer around while everyone else piled brush high in the trailer Mitch and Berry made what seemed like at least 15 trips to the dump before noon. Cotton, for those who don't know, is the owner of the rink. He is elderly and is on dialysis. But he and his wife came by to check on us and were surprised at all we had accomplished in such a short time. He was also very grateful for our efforts.

Thanks to Scott, Ken, Jerome, Berry, Mitch, Nancy, Deana, Hope, Mike and myself, we completed what we sat out to do. We were definitely whipped puppies by the time we all sat down to eat lunch. But it was all worth the effort and we were glad to help!

#### The Roanoke Party By Ray Clark

Roanoke Valley had their annual Derby Day Party. I left Mocksville at 1:30pm and arrived in Roanoke at approximately 3;42pm. When I checked in at the motel I had left my credit card at home. Luckily I had enough cash to pay for the room. What a party. I met the President of Roanoke Shag Club Norman Smith and his wife Pat. Great people. Mike DJ'ed the party and provided great music all night.

On the Posse Trip included Walter and Frances Smith, Scott and Kathy Fletcher, Ken and Marylee Kramer, Nancy Massengill, Jimmy and Dean Melton, Mike and Peggy and myself. Walt gave several demonstrations on how members of Twisters Members drink shooters. Walt did a great job and members of Roanoke Shag club really enjoyed it.

After the party we got a van to Billy's Barn. I got to watch a girl at the table were I was sitting pull up her shirt and put her fingers in her blue jeans and pull on them. Mike Rink had more hair on his head then she did below her waist.

Billy's Barn provided a Van for us to go to I-Hop. The Van was about out of gas. The driver stopped for gas and thanks to Ken using his credit card helping the driver with gas, we got back on the road. Unfortunately I-Hop was closed and we headed back to the motel. Still, it was a great trip.



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