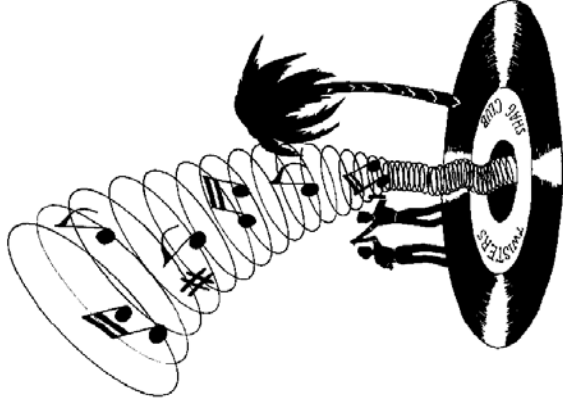


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All info must be submitted by the 15th of the preceding month.

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The President's Letter

Hello everyone,

I am writing my letter for this issue having just returned from my first ACSC Workshop Meeting as President of TSC. All I can say is, "Wow".



One thing I did take away from the workshop is that getting members to engage in conversation is tough. I would like to take this chance to say, please ask questions, engage in conversation and share your thoughts and ideas with us in TSC. I can't say I will have an answer for everything. But I can say that I will try my best to find the answer if I don't know it. I believe the first step towards making things better is communication. So let's all try to communicate better. Let me know what you're thinking. (Be nice.)

A lot of hard work goes into hosting a big event like the ACSC Workshop. Our club knows. We have hosted four Workshops. And our 24th annual Fall Cyclone will be here later this year. We have a great club and one of the best events is the shag world because of you! So let's all make this year's Cyclone even better!

Right now, it's time for us to party and have a great time. We've got a lot of fun events coming in the next few months. First is our Frozen Fantasy party. It will be on Saturday, August 16th. Cathy and Scott have agreed, without much arm-twisting, to host the party again. Look for more details in this newsletter and make your plans to come have fun. Bring a friend or two and plan to have a great time. The Frozen Fantasy is one of our most requested, most enjoyed events. It is fun for everyone, especially the judges. Remember, there will be cash prizes for the best entries.

We are already making plans for an SOS kickoff party on September 5th at the Finish Line Lounge. Have any ideas on how to make it better than last year? Let us know.

We are also planning to host a Halloween party on Friday October 31st. Again, if you have any ideas to make it better, let us know.

Now, back to the Cyclone. We all need to work together to make this the best, most successful party ever. Invite a friend or twenty. Post a flyer, like us on Facebook... anything you can do to spread the word can make all the difference. Just join in and participate.

Finally, there are several other club events also listed in this newsletter. Pick one or several and report back on your experiences. Who knows, we may learn some new ideas to make our club events even better than they already are.

Thanks, and remember to “Have Fun!”

Dean

S is for **S**moothness on the dance floor.

H is for **H**appy times with friends

A is for **A**lways dancing like no one is watching

G is for **G**reat memories.

Club Meeting Night

Our monthly meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 5th at Fat Boys in Mooresville. Social hour starts at 7pm. Come early to eat, too. The business meeting will start at 8pm.

John Grice has submitted an application to join TSC. John was a member for many years, moved away, and is now back to be part of the Fun Bunch again. Come out and welcome him back to TSC.

Debbie Hardick won \$79 the TSC Treasure Chest in July. Don't miss your chance to win at the meeting this month.

Monthly Thought - Author Unknown

At the heart of most gossip lies envy; with envy, the natural tendency is to spoil what someone else has.

And It Just Keeps Getting Better...

By Marylee Kreamer

What a great night at The Finish Line at Victory Lanes last Friday! It was a “fun bunch” with about 150 strong! I think the word is definitely out that this is the place to be for both singles and couples whether you dance or just want to enjoy the social scene.

Farrell took requests and played to the crowd while The Finish Line crew gave us the quality food, drinks, and service for which they’re so well known. Kathy had the floor over-flowing with those who had newly mastered the line dance to Blurred Lines. And Barry took on the challenge of proving that real men can learn to cha cha!

Members made their rounds and welcomed the newcomers. So many folks did an amazing job of “meet and greet”! And we don’t limit our outreach to just those who show up to hang out at The Finish Line. Even a couple of the Chopstix late night bowling gang walked through and said “Hey” to their favorite Twisters members.

Don’t be the one to miss out on a good time! “The Fun Bunch” wants to see YOU on Fridays at The Finish Line!

Dance Lessons

By Nancy Massengill

Our latest class has now their first three weeks of lessons. Things are moving along smoothly. Ashley and Tobitha are excellent instructors as evidenced by how quickly the students “catch on” to the new steps. Some really great moves are being taught in the Beginner II class. If you haven’t been to a workshop or class in a while, think about giving the Beginner II class a whirl when the next set starts. I feel sure you will enjoy yourself.

Thanks once again to Scott and Cathy Fletcher for setting up the room and Ken Kreamer for being there each week to help with reset. These are the things that keep our lessons on track!

TSC Frozen Fantasy Party 2014

By Hope Wray

This year's Frozen Fantasy Party will be held at Scott and Cathy Fletchers home. Hotdogs, hamburgers and snacks will be provided.

Bring that special drink, shooter, dessert or jello shooter for a chance to go down in history (at least with our club). Also bring along your favorite lawn chair and enjoy the music, etc. You can even bring your swimsuit and take a dip in the lake.

I am sure it will be a hit event. The Fletcher's are wonderful host!

Time: 2-9 pm August 16th Saturday

Place: 20508 Rio Oro Drive, Cornelius NC 28031

Got questions? Need directions or want to come by water? Please call or text me at 828-291-6865 for more information.

Anyone who would like to come early to help set up, or can help clean up afterwards, please let me know in advance. Thanks!

Have You Seen All The Photos?

Hundreds of new photos from our 2014 activities have been added to our web site. If you haven't seen them, take a look. Thanks go to Charlie Binder and Ray Clark for the fine job they do! Remember, you don't have to be on their committee to turn in photos.

By the way, are you a Facebook member? Be sure to "Like" the TSC page! Sometimes we have photos and other items there, too.

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

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Is This Our Fate?

Submitted By Susan Dahl

To help save the economy, the Government will announce next month that the Immigration Department will start deporting seniors (instead of illegals) in order to lower Social Security and Medicare costs. They figure older people are easier to catch and will not remember how to get back home. I started to cry when I thought of you. Then it dawned on me... oh, shoot... I'll see you on the bus.



Comfortable As An Old Shoe

By Gordon And Rita Barnes

We started taking dance classes again last week. These past few months we have traveled, sold our home, moved and started new patterns for our new downsized lifestyle. We evaluated what to release (let go of) in furniture and 25 years of collecting. In this simpler life we have chosen, we could not and *would not* let go of dancing and mingling with our Twister's buddies. Walking into dance class or visiting The Finish Line on a Friday night is like stepping into friendship and fun. Some things fit like a comfortable old shoe. The Twister's atmosphere stimulates camaraderie, fun and reminds us life is for LIVING. We'll be seeing you!

Having Lots Of Fun

By Rich And Debbie Hardick

Deb and I just finished a great vacation on the Outer Banks. The weather was great. Every morning I was out on the beach at 6:00 with my pole in the water. I caught a few small fish and a few black tip sharks. They were just small ones, but I am sure mom was lurking around. But we missed our first Beginner II shag class. We have had so much fun since taking the lessons and dancing every Friday. We can't wait to learn new moves. I've been on the Internet every day looking at various people shagging. I have also enjoyed two golf outings with shag members and especially the 50's night in Winston-Salem. can't wait till the frozen fantasy, SOS and our own big event, the Fall Cyclone. It's going to be fun.

A Small Piece Of History

Ever been to the pier at Cherry Grove or "The Shack"? Chances are you might have seen this photo or postcard. But did you know that it includes a well-known TSC member? Can you spot him/her?



Our First SOS

By Cindy Rea

It was August of 1980-something and we had just finished our “umpteenth” shag lesson, still not sure how to pivot, still trying to learn it, still feeling like we did not dance well enough to “be seen” on the floor. By September, all of our shag friends were telling us how much fun we would have at SOS and that we had to go! After hearing this, we knew that we could not wait any longer and decided to go to our very first SOS. We went on the first weekend.

Well, needless to say we had a ball! We danced. We saw people from all over. We saw people we knew, and made new friends. Best of all, we still see many of those same friends, today!

Something about shagging brings out the “friendly” in everyone. Bob and I were going to go out early and grab a bite to eat at a club on Saturday. We decided to walk around first, then decide where to eat. If you can imagine, Bob actually wanted to talk to everyone instead of getting supper. So... some three hours later we were finally ready to go to Duck’s Too to eat a burger (recommended by a junk-food connoisseur).

Whew! I was so very glad to finally eat. After all, it was 9:00. But guess what? We were just about to go into Duck’s Too and out walks someone that graduated with me from Olympic. So we did what shaggers do; we hugged really big and said how great it was to see each other. Bob mentioned to him, that he looked very familiar. It turned out that this fellow knew Bob from his high school, too, only they had gone to summer school together. This was great news for Bob, very bad news for my supper! They talked for another 45 minutes. We finally did get our burger, and it was really delicious!

Because (or despite) all of that, we were hooked. We went the next weekend and have not looked back since. We are still enjoying the entire 10 days and then some. We will keep going to SOS for as long as possible because of the wonderful friends we have met and the friends we have yet to meet.



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THE FALL CYCLONE

Our 2014 Party Recognizes The Beach Shaggers Hall Of Fame, Keepers Of The Dance, The Competitive Shaggers Association, The Local ACSC Shag Clubs And Others Who Help Perpetuate Our Dance And Lifestyle.

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

Fri DJs: Buck Crumpton & Billy Waldrop, Clyde Waller & Farrell Watts. **Sat:** Larry Edwards & Butch Metcalf, Jeff Foster & Roger Holcomb, Eddie Anderson & Betty Brown. **Sun:** Dana Grubb

★ Everyone's Hilarious Friend Cooter Douglas Will Be There ★

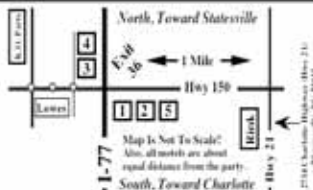
* Shag World Celebrities Will Also Judge The 2nd Annual Cyclone Beverage Recipe Contest *

* The Award-Winning Junior Shag Dance Team Will Even Be There On Sunday! *

NEW: Thursday Kickoff Party At The Finish Line Lounge With DJ Frank Price! Free Admission With Cyclone Ticket

Hours: Thursday 7pm-1am Friday 6pm-1am Saturday 9:30am-1am (Workshops at 10, 11 and 12) Sunday 9am-1pm
 For more information about this party, regular updates and much more please visit www.GoShagging.com
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NOTE 1: You must mention the Fall Cyclone shag party to get these rates.

NOTE 2: As with other "special events", any reservation cancelled less than 14 days in advance will result in a one-night charge.

✂ PLEASE do not drink & drive! Our shuttle buses will be making non-stop trips to and from the rink Friday & Saturday.

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The 2014 Fall Cyclone

Plans have recently been finalized for the 2014 Fall Cyclone. Flyer packages were given to all of our fellow shag clubs at the ACSC meeting in July. (Fellow shag clubs reading this should get our info and our flyers to your members ASAP. They will thank you.)

Excitement is high, and there is good reason for that. This has all the makings of being our best party, ever. That's saying a lot when you realize that we have hosted a total of 27 major, annual events (23 Fall Cyclone Parties and four of the best ACSC Winter Workshop parties ever held). We've also won four Carolina Beach Music (Cammy) Awards for best Shag Club Party. We have a reputation for outstanding events and awesome value that we take a lot of pride in. Thanks to you, our parties get better every year!

We've added a Thursday night kickoff party at the Finish Line Lounge to the event this year. That will be nice for the people who come into town early, and it shouldn't require additional effort on our part since it will take the place of our normal Friday night that week. Adding a kickoff party also keeps us in line with, or ahead of other big shag parties. It's a win-win for everyone.

Comedian and long-time friend of shaggers Cooter Douglas is coming this year. There will also be members of the Shaggers Hall Of Fame and Keepers of the Dance there. We've got a group coming from the best lounges at Ocean Drive. FM and Internet Radio stations are participating. The Shoe Center will be back, again. Tom Bare and Lynn's Speakeasy (a great Charlotte facility) are even part of our 2014 event.

We have assembled one of the best groups of DJ's, ever. Having more good dancers and these DJ's playing awesome music will really get this party rocking. We get excited just talking about it.

Speaking of dancing, there will be three free workshops from some of the shag world's best pro dancers. These workshops would normally cost a lot of money, But, we give them away. Wow!

As you read this article, you have about three months to help your club promote, promote and promote some more.

We sold out last year, and are looking for another sell-out this time. It makes things easier for our club when we know in advance how many people are coming, and we don't have to deal with ticket sales at the door. So please do all you can to help publicize our event! Take flyers to all shag events and shag nights you attend, and encourage everyone to come... and get tickets early. We don't want anyone to be left out. But only so many can come.

If you don't have a flyer in your hand, or are just sharing conversation, tell people to visit www.FallCyclone.com. That's the best source of accurate, updated information. In fact, guests can even order tickets online. Of course, handing them a flyer can be even more convincing. So take some to hand out. We have plenty!

If you have been in the club for a few years, you know all about the Cyclone and you know how important it is to TSC. In fact, every member has committed to support the Cyclone and help make it a success (part of the membership application and renewal forms). Simply put, TSC depends on the Cyclone to survive. It's that simple. That is why so much emphasis is placed on the success of this event and your full support of the Cyclone is so important. Still, don't let all the serious conversations about the party over the next few months scare you. The Fall Cyclone is also the most fun you will have all year.

So, let's get started and make our 2014 event the best one we have every hosted. We have the best club, and the best members. Let's show everyone that we also continue to host the best party!

Finally, if you want to chair or co-chair a committee, please let Mike know immediately so you can be part of the final planning process. Just because you were a chair last year does not mean you are already "on the list". And if you haven't ever been a chair, don't let that scare you. Everything you need to know has been documented in years past. It helps us get better each year! Thank you in advance for being the best of the best!

Check Out Things At O.D.

There's a new addition to the Pirate's Cove Lounge offering food on Main Street! And Becky always has some great art and other collectables in her store. Her latest print done for Junior SOS is shown, here. Be sure to check out both places when you are at OD.



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Max capacity TBD (at least 175)

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Freddie Gilbert, SSC Treasurer

140 Scarlet Tanager Rd., Troutman, NC 28166

For more information, please contact:

Jim Horton, SSC President

hortonjr@bellsouth.net

704-872-6927

Area Hotels:

What's Happening In The Shag World

GoShagging.com and our Facebook page also have info.

Aug 1, 2: Keepers Of The Dance Fundraiser for the HOF in NMB.

Aug 5: TSC Monthly Meeting at Fat Boys.

Aug 7 - 10: Shag-A-Ganza in Jekyll Island, GA. Hosted by Golden Isles Shag Club. 912-267-6671 or kmclawhorn@att.net for info.

Aug 9: Shagging Under the Palmettos with the Holiday Band. Hosted by The Beaufort Shag Club. 843-521-3745 or bundys1972@gmail.com for more info.

Aug 16: Frozen Fantasy Party. More details are in this issue.

Aug 22-23: Runway Boogie hosted by Beckley Shag Club. 304-573-1965, karen@beckleyshagclub.com or www.beckleyshagclub.com

Aug 22-23: The Columbia Invitational. pirute69@yahoo.com or (803) 608-4044 or visit www.columbiashagclub.net for more info.

Aug 23: Summer Sizzler (the old - Reject Party) hosted by the Statesville Shag Club. 704-872-6927 or hortonjr@bellsouth.net

Aug 31: Sandkicker Megafest hosted by Sandy Beach Shag Club. Email johncarpenter@sandybeachshagclub or call 803-760-2947 or visit www.sandybeachshagclub.com for more info.

Sept 5: SOS Kickoff Party at The Finish Line Lounge

Sept 12-21: Fall SOS at North Myrtle Beach

Oct 10, 11: Shag Attack / Hall Of Fame Inductions

Oct 31: Halloween Party at The Finish Line Lounge

Nov (6) 7-9: The Fall Cyclone. See www.FallCyclone.com.

Personal Message Page

Happy Belated Birthday to the love of my life.
You are my love, my life, my strength.
I hope your birthday is as special as you are.

Love always,
Dean

Happy Belated Birthday Dick Bigham
Thank you for the laughter,
The good times that we share!
And even though this greeting is late,
I want you to know I care!

Kathy S.

Happy Birthday to Madam President, my queen, my wife.
I hope this is a very happy one.

LOVE Always,
Jimmy

Long-time TSC members may remember Kay Howard who was active in our club for many year. Kay recently had a heart attack and had several stints put in. We understand she is doing better.

If you would like to send her a card, her information follows:

Kay Howard
6723 Love Point Road
Denver, NC 28037

Upcoming Birthdays

Dean Melton	08/13	Mike Rink	09/16
Martha Baker	08/22	Vickie Abernathy	09/17
Ken Culpepper	08/30	Kathy Thompson	09/24
Bill Millman	09/04	Alma Brown	09/27

Statesville's Golf Outing For Hospice

Submitted by Wilma Laws

I had seen an advertisement for a Captain's Choice Golf Outing that was being sponsored by the Statesville Shag Club to benefit Hospice in the Statesville Record & Landmark Newspaper.

Tommy has recovered from his back surgery of about one year ago and he had wanted to get back on the golf course, I asked him if he would be interested in playing in the tournament. After thinking about it about three (or less) minutes, he said he would be interested if there were still spaces available. I checked with Steve Davidson (SSC) and he said there were still spaces available.

On the following Friday night at The Finish Line Ken Kreamer had heard about the tournament and was checking to see if anyone was interested in playing (not knowing that TL had already signed up). So from there Rich, Nancy, Ken and Tommy became a foursome.

Tommy's Take on The Game: On the day of the Tournament the players arrived preparing for the shot gun start. A very large crowd had shown up to play. SSC Representatives were there to get everyone signed up and paired up. A bag of snacks, beverages, etc., was given to each player in a very proficient manner.

As the day ensued it became quite sunny and very "hot" on the golf course. Ken had a brand new driver that he was anxious to get started with. Now keep in mind that this course is very narrow and "hilly" (that is putting it mildly). As we played the hills seemed to become a little steeper in some areas with one in particular being so high that Ken had to get out of the golf cart so it would pull TL and the cart up the hill, leaving Ken to walk that one! One little trip backward on one hill made the day a little more interesting! Nancy and Rich found the course challenging also, but they were trouper and hung in there. As the afternoon passed it became so hot and the heat was wearing on everyone we took a vote. Do we want to continue or do we want to call it a day and go in the club house, eat the lunch that had been provided for the golfers and go home. It was unanimous. Everyone said, "Let's go eat and go home"!

It was a great day of fellowship with the TSC and SSC golfers raising money for a great cause, with so many of our families and friends needing the services of Hospice. Thank you Statesville Shag Club for a job well done.

Hopefully, next year we will get the word about the Tournament earlier and more participants will be available to play.



UPTOWN SOUND

@ Romare Bearden Park

Free Music Presented by
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july	9th	— The Swingin' Medallions (Beach Music)
	16th	— From the Top (Swing/Big Band Music)
	23th	— The Entertainers (Rock/Beach Music)
	30th	— Jim Quick & Coastline (Rock/Beach Music)
august	6th	— Band of Oz (Carolina Beach Music)
	13th	— The Fantastic Shakers (Carolina Beach Music)
	20th	— A Sign of the Times (Big Band/Jazz)
	27th	— On The Border (The Ultimate Eagles Tribute Band)



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Ramblings From the Road

By Wayland Massengill

An interesting thing happened as July 4th approached. The chairman, CEO, owner, and all around GRAND POOBAH of Smith Transport announced that the company was sponsoring NASCAR driver Mike Wallace in the Firecracker 200 Nationwide race as a tribute to his drivers. I had known since joining our company that Barry Smith was a supporter of Mike and other teams (including Stewart Haas Racing, at one point) in NASCAR a long time. He and Mike have been friends for 25 years or more. As an employee and racing fan, I thought it was pretty cool that our company logo was going to be on the racetrack, and Mike Wallace being a great restrictor plate racer, gave me high hopes. He brought home a top 10 finish coming from a lap down, doing a great job.

My bride Nancy, with her "she knows everybody" contacts, called a friend who has a husband on a pit crew and got a few pictures of the car taken to remember the event. We hope to get Mike to sign one for us. All in all, I felt honored that the boss made this gesture on behalf of us and consider it further proof that if I have to drive a commercial vehicle for a living, I'm with the right firm.



Nothing To Write About

By Susan Dahl

I know this is hard to believe, but I have nothing to say that is interesting. I have been working in and outside my house, getting rid of "stuff", painting, etc. I occasionally go to Lynn's on Thursday, but not as much, lately.

I do love going to The Finish Line, even though sometimes I socialize more than dance. Every week there are more people I haven't seen in months or years.

I was so happy to see Beverly and Jim Forrester a couple of weeks ago. I am so sorry they will not be at Cyclone, but when they get finished taking care of their grandchild in Florida next January, they will be back. I was also happy to see Kendra and Gerald. Dean and Nancy Yancy showed up a couple of weeks ago, too. I was so busy Meeting and Greeting that I didn't even get a chance to talk to them.

There are a lot of newcomers at the Singles table and I was glad to meet them. Gerald showed up (a single from Troutman) and I made sure he danced with all the ladies. He went down the line and I watched and then questioned him. Then, Jim Ritchie (Arlene's brother) is always good to dance with all the women more than once. John and James, who has only taken one lesson help out, too.

There are men from Hickory who dance with us. Plus Jamie Clontz, and other married men are willing to dance with all the ladies. But we are getting more single men. I hope that continues.

I have been closing up the Finish Line with various groups. Last Friday it was Barry, Hope, Wild Bill and myself. The week before it was Celia, Mike, Kathy and Jorge, Dustin and Stephanie. We all have "a blast" from 11:30 to after 12:30.

Well, that's all, folks! I will see you on the dance floor very soon. I am... "One of the Fun Bunch"!

He Is Finally Home!

By Nancy Massengill

Wayland and I want to extend our gratitude to our shag friends for the support and prayers for our son, Sgt. Wayland Massengill, III ("Trey") and Sgt. First Class Explosives K-9 Moris during their deployment in Afghanistan. It is with great relief that we post this picture taken June 20. First off the plane in Hawaii. I might add that this picture made the front page of the newspaper that day also! K-9 Moris is now retired and is officially a Massengill. Trey is now on a block of leave, winding down from deployment. He and Moris are enjoying being home with Mom and the kids.



ACSC Summer Workshop

By Bill and Diane Millman

Whew! We just got back from Augusta, GA. What a weekend, dancing, eating, swimming, and enjoying a few shooters! Upon our arrival at the Mariott on the Savannah River on Friday night, there was a welcome reception. We met a lot of shaggers from everywhere. From there, we went to the ballroom to sign in and buy some tickets for a chance win some really nice prizes.

We had a great dinner in the hotel restaurant, then on to dancing in a beautiful, huge ballroom. Dancing... that's the whole point of a going to a party, Shag dancing... nothing better. We talked to people from everywhere that all had the same thing in common - shag dancing. We heard lots of fond memories from when they were kids on the beach just having fun to now with lessons - 1 and 2, 3 and 4, rock step. They told us of their clubs and we told them of ours and of course we told as many as possible about the Fall Cyclone. Many had been there many times before and some were excited to come this year. And we heard lots of stories about the fun times at the Cyclone.

Saturday morning there was a continental breakfast. Then Bill and I thought we would be learning new steps in a workshop . I have to say this is where we were disappointed. We assumed, wrongly, that a "Workshop" was all a dance workshop. We had our dancing shoes, all ready to dance the soles off. But that was not to be.

We did, however, take the one and only great workshop class available from Charlie and Jackie. They are: 1. Great dancers, 2. Great teachers, 3. Fun! We learned a variation of the bellyroll we would be happy to share with you.

In the afternoon at the pool, there he was - Murl. What a D.J. There is no other like him. It was hotter than blazes but Murl made it so you just had to stay to see what he would do next. His wife surprised us and him, with his birthday dance. OMG, no pictures please! Fun afternoon!

In the evening we had a hotel catered dinner in the dance ballroom. Great food. With nothing left to do, we danced and danced, and danced the night away.

Kudos to the host club, CSRA Shag Club, for a job well planned and well done. To the hotel staff for fine service, thank you.

Oh, did I mention Bill and I each won wonderful prizes? I won a framed print of a well-photographed church steeple in Charleston. Very nice! Bill won the golf bag! Great weekend ending!

Swing and Shag Beach Bash, And More

By Peggy Cavin

Mike and I recently had the pleasure of attending the Ft. Lauderdale Swing And Shag Bash Party for the first time. We had a lot of fun with those folks, and it was a great event!

We headed south immediately after the July shag club meeting and pulled into the Hilton Ft. Lauderdale Marina Hotel early the next morning (a couple days before the party actually started). Friends Ashley and Tobitha, and Dana and Jennifer were already there to enjoy the first part of the week with us. Our host Michelle DeRosa made sure we had everything we needed... and more.

During the day, we explored downtown Ft. Lauderdale. It is a beautiful place. We ate at a little restaurant called Casa Blanca one afternoon. Another day we ate at H2O restaurant. Great food! Then Mike, who loves hamburgers, found an out of the way little restaurant which advertised the best hamburgers in Ft. Lauderdale. I'm not a hamburger lover but I can truthfully say it was a great burger. He said it was the best, ever.

One afternoon, we were riding around town and found an actual record store. Of course Mike found some treasures.

The dancers were outstanding. I have a new appreciation for Swing dancers. They are so much fun to watch. When they were finalizing plans for the contest they realized they were going to be one couple short of the six needed in the Non-Pro Shag Division. Tobitha talked a very reluctant Mike into participating. He was paired with swing dancer Kay March-Adorno. Mike taught her one mirror step, and they spent about 20 minutes practicing together. There was some pretty good competition that night. But Mike and Kay won first place! I was very proud of them.

We left Ft. Lauderdale and headed South to the end of the United States. Yes, I mean Key West! I'd never been and wanted to travel US-1 across the bridges and through each and every Key. There were lots of bridges, beautiful water, two-lane roads and traveling at 45 mph. What a trip.

Our hotel, the Hyatt at Sunset Harbor, was only a block away from Duval Street. Perfect!! The sunsets were just as they claimed; absolutely breathtaking. We left on foot each morning and explored the entire town up until the sun went down. On the second day, we purchased a trolley pass. It was a great addition. We'd walk till we couldn't walk anymore and then catch the trolley back to the hotel at the end of the day. We visited the most southern hotel, the most southern restaurant, and the most southern spot of the US, only 90 miles from Cuba. At night we'd hit the pool. (It never got under 82 degrees at night.) Of course there was a little bar-hopping, too. We visited Sloppy Joes and Hogsbreath bar, and waved to family and friends from both of their webcams.

We visited the Mel Fisher Museum, just around the corner from our hotel. Never heard of Mel Fisher? He and his team of divers discovered the Spanish shipwreck Atocha which sank off the coast of the Florida Keys in 1622. After searching for 16 years, it was discovered in 1985. It was the richest treasure ever found. I got caught up in the story of the shipwreck. We even spoke to one of the divers who was on the dive team which discovered the wreck. After hearing her story and seeing the gold, silver, and emeralds in the museum, I had to have part of history. I ended up with a beautiful, centuries old silver coin to wear on a necklace.

We left Key West and drove 750 miles north to Augusta to attend the ACSC Summer Workshop hosted by the CSRA Shag Club. Dean and Jimmy met us there. More dancing and more friends to have fun with for the weekend. Saturday's pool party after the ACSC meeting was crazy with DJ "Wild Thang" Murl Augustine!

Still traveling, we left Augusta and headed to Ocean Drive to attend Jr. SOS 2014. Over 1200 adults and juniors registered for the weekend. The kids were awesome to watch. There were contests, workshops and other activities for the kids all week long. It was great. We were proud to help out a little bit again this year.

We finally made it home after traveling 2400 miles in 18 days. I had a mountain of clothes to wash and a lot of sleep to catch up on. But we got home in time to attend my Dad's 90th Birthday! I wouldn't have missed that for the world!



Bus Trip To Winston's Oldies Party

By Kathy Strantz

- O** - Oh what a night! Fun trip, oldies music, great food, great fun.
- L** - Lots of poodle skirts. Saddle shoes, pink ladies, soda jerks!
- D** - Danced the night away with DJ Murl Augustine!
- I** - I can't believe all the food!
- E** - Even Elvis showed up!
- S** - Shooters... shagging while supporting other shag clubs!

Thanks for the memories!



Social Dance Etiquette

From The Internet, Submitted By Diane Millman

Asking for a Dance - When asking someone to dance, a person should judge first if the person they want to dance with is available or if he or she is engaged in conversation with other people. If the potential partner is in a group but likely would enjoy dancing at that moment, it's good to walk toward that person and give them solid eye contact before asking to avoid a situation where multiple people believe they have just been asked for a dance.

Partners - When engaged in a social dance environment, a person should try to dance with a wide range of partners rather than with just a select few. A dancer also should make an effort to dance with partners at all dance levels, as this improves the social dynamics of a dance. Dance etiquette actually rules against asking the same partner for more than two consecutive dances.

Declining to Dance - A person should avoid declining a dance if possible, especially to avoid hurting beginners or shy individuals. One of the biggest errors in social dancing is refusing a dance invitation because of a desire to dance with someone else. The most graceful ways to decline a dance include explaining that you don't know the dance, need to take a break or have already promised the dance to someone else. It's also proper etiquette, after declining a dance, to offer to dance with the proposer, later.

On the Floor - When heading onto the dance floor, dancers should look at the existing line of dance and be careful to stay out of the way of couples who are already dancing. In fact, if too many dancers are on the floor, it's best to leave from time to time to allow others the opportunity to dance. During a dance, a person should smile, offer eye contact and be personable with his or her partner, according to AustinSwingSyndicate.org. At the end of a dance, people should thank their partners. Their partners should respond by also saying thank you instead of "you're welcome" to avoid making the other person feel as though they danced with him or her as a favor. It's also wise to compliment a partner if he or she had any strong point.

Editor's Note: Most long-time members know that Walter Smith's articles aren't always about shagging. ☺ The following falls into that category. Honestly, it really wasn't written for the newsletter.

This is a note he sent to his co-workers after a discussion about best vehicle brands. I decided to include it, here. Thanks, "Hoss".

Ford Versus The World

By Walter Smith

The gauntlet was thrown down at our last meeting relative to Ford versus "The Others". I just want to weigh in on this issue.

Here is a picture of the odometer on my 2003 Ford Expedition. The vehicle was purchased new in November of 2003.



I have driven it to and from work and to most of the cowboy shoots and shag dance events that I attend. Now before you say, "Well, that's just highway mileage", let it be known that I traverse I-77 almost every morning.

From Exit 28 (Cornelius) to Exit 23 (Huntersville) usually takes from 30 to 45 minutes. That's hardly "highway miles".

They say a picture is worth a thousand words (or 380,959 miles, in this instance). True, but...

Here's the breakdown of the component systems on my vehicle:

- Engine (5.4 Liter Triton V-8) – Original with one set of replacement "coil packs". Never "tuned up". Oil and filter changed every 5,000 miles

- Suspension – Original
- Cooling System including hoses – Original
- Computer System – Original
- Exhaust System – Original
- Serpentine Belt – Replaced at 340K because the dealer said “It just can’t last that long!”
- Fuel System – Original
- Brakes – Original except as follows:
 - Front brake pads – 4 replacement sets
 - Rear brake pads – 1 replacement set
 - Front calipers – 1 replacement set
 - Rear calipers – Original
 - Rotors – 2 replacement sets
- Tires (Firestone Destination LE)
 - Front – 6 Sets
 - Rear – 5 Sets
- Miscellaneous Electronics – Original except for the master window control
- On-board GPS – Original

This vehicle has left me “stranded” exactly one time. The problem turned out to be I’d worn out the ignition key. A replacement key from the dealer resolved the issue.

I know that saying all the above will undoubtedly “jinx” me, but I couldn’t let Andrew Nelson get the last word.

Anybody want to proffer up a photo of an odometer on another vehicle? By the way, my previous car was a 1995 Ford Explorer. I gave it to one of my children after I put 286,000 miles on it!

Well there you go... empirical proof. Ford is the way to go! I think it was Lee Iacocca (former CEO of Chrysler) that said, “If you can find a better car, buy it!” Sorry Lee, I think you meant a Ford!

Editor’s Note: Walter told me today that when he did the math he realized that, based on his average gas mileage and the average cost of fuel since purchase, at 380,000 miles he has now spent more on gas than he paid for the vehicle when it was new. Wow!

**Allow yourself to be a beginner.
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