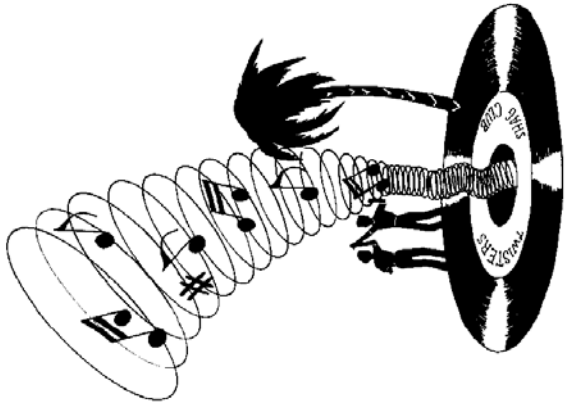


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The President's Letter

Hello Fun Bunch,

It may be the “dog days of summer” but it’s only a few short weeks until SOS. I’m ready! If you are new to shagging or to SOS check out my article called SOS 101 in this newsletter. You can learn about SOS history at <http://www.shagdance.com/soshistory>.

We still have a few Fun Monday raffle tickets to sell. Make sure to pick up a couple at our August meeting. Remember, proceeds from the raffle pays for Fun Sunday and Fun Monday. Any leftover funds are given to charity. If you enjoy these events, please help them to continue by purchasing the raffle tickets. You can win a lot of cash, and you do not have to be a shagger or be present to win.

The weekend of July 11, Mike, Peggy, Dennis and I attended the Association of Carolina Shag Club (ACSC) Summer Workshop in Greenville, SC. This is one of the two mandatory meetings member shag clubs must attend. The Monroe Shag Club entertained us with their version of The Wizard of Shag. This was the theme of their winning float in the Spring SOS Parade. The only bad part of participating in the parade is you don’t get to see the floats. But, there is a video every year.

The big news coming out of the meeting for TSC is that we were awarded the bid for the 2010 Winter Workshop. This is the fourth time in as many opportunities over the last fifteen years that TSC has been given this honor. I want to thank Mike for the absolutely super flyer he created for us to hand out as part of our bid.

The ACSC and SOS have a very good relationship with the law enforcement departments at the beach. We have been asked to remind our club members that SC does not allow open containers. Their laws are still in effect during Fun Sunday and Fun Monday. There is a \$350 fine for having alcohol on the street. Remember, these events are enjoyed by many people some who are not shaggers or not of drinking age.

Last year after Fun Monday the contents of many coolers were dumped on the street and litter became a huge issue. Due to these and other past problems, coolers will not be allowed this year.

We still have a month of summer to enjoy and as usual our calendar is full. Our annual Frozen Fantasy party is August 9. Pull out those special recipes and whip up a prize-winning concoction.

Don’t forget Fat Boys on Tuesday, and Havana each Friday night.

See ya on the dance floor.

Frankie

2008 Fall Cyclone Information

By the time you get this newsletter, information will be available about our 2008 Fall Cyclone. We will need help mailing flyers, and we will start work slot sign-ups very soon, too. Your club needs to have committee chairs in place ASAP. Please contact Mike Rink if you are willing to serve. You don’t have to be a long-time member to chair a committee. We can provide you will the info about your committee to get you prepared for the big event.

Shag Club Meeting News

The July meeting was held with 66 members and four guests present. The Treasure Chest of \$66 was won by Celia Hunter. Congratulations go to her (our Frozen Fantasy Party host).

The next business meeting will be on August 5th at Fat Boys Restaurant (I-77, exit 36) in Mooresville. Music starts at 7pm. Members are encouraged to come early and enjoy the delicious buffet. The business meeting begins at 8:00 PM.

Charlene Bianculli, Fred Corrie, Lorraine Corrie, Barbara Merrell, Dave Ozga, Krista Ozga, Rebecca Rogers, Lorinda Schwartz and Yvonne Sherman have all put in applications to join TSC. Each will need to be at our meeting to be voted in. Come out and meet these folks and welcome them into “The Fun Bunch”.

The Points Confusion

Ever since TSC initiated its groundbreaking benefit and reward program, there have been questions about the “points system”. A few of the concerns have come from individuals who missed out on explanations about the program given by the Board, printed in the newsletter, or displayed at meetings when the program was first put into place. We’ve added a lot of new members who may not know all about “points”, too. In addition, like anything new there have been some challenges getting the program started and working the way it was designed. After all, the electronics that can make the program easier for members to use, and easier for the club to manage have not even been obtained yet.

Finally, in an effort to make sure everyone understands the program and how it works, the Board recently spent a lot of extra time talking about points in meetings. Unfortunately, this may have actually caused some additional misinterpretation.

In short, the Points System is all about offering all TSC members additional membership benefits! In fact, the System is designed to give every member an additional \$5 reward just for participating in the committees they sign up for every year.

No club gives more to its members than TSC and the Point System gives you the opportunity for even more benefits. You can trade in points for everything from party admission to TSC shirts and other apparel items, or use them to renew your membership. This year high point totals will even earn some members the first Cyclone signup opportunities. (See Cyclone article in this issue for details.)

Each member is in control of how many points they have or earn. If you aren’t interested in points or the additional benefits, that is your choice. But if you are interested, or if you are just someone who puts forth a lot of effort for TSC and deserves a few pats on the back, the point system does that. It is really that simple!

With a little tweaking and some additional equipment the point system will be much easier and better for everyone. In the mean time, if you have any more questions about “points”, please ask.

Get Ready For The Frozen Fantasy Party

Saturday, August 9 is the date for one of our best events of the year. It’s the big Frozen Fantasy Party. It will be at the home of Celia Hunter and Mike Turbeville (directions below). The party will start at 3pm, and last until.

The house is on the lake and they have a nice dock. Swimming, boating, skiing and other water activities are encouraged. Bring your boat if you wish. There is plenty of space to park it. They also hope to have a volleyball net and other outdoor games set up. We plan to have a DJ, too. So you might get to dance on the deck. Inside, you can play pool or play some other arcade games.

At about 5:30 there will be a full meal, courtesy of the club. Soft drinks and water will be provided. BYOB... or just enjoy some of whatever Frozen Fantasy you choose to bring. *Bring a lawn chair.*

Speaking of the Frozen Fantasies, we hope you will bring your favorite frozen drink, shooter, jello shooter, ice cream, cake or other creation for our contest. Make sure it has a “punch” to it. We’ll have several categories, and give away some nice prizes for the best entries in each one. We will have some refrigerator/freezer space available in case a few of your items need to be kept cool.

By land: From I-77 exit 36, go west on 150 a couple miles. Turn on McCrary road (beside Lumber Depot). Go to the end of the road and turn right onto Riverwood. Go about ½ mile. The house is on the left at 305 Riverwood. It has white columns. *Please pull into the natural area to park.* You can also park at 307 Riverwood.

By water: Market 12, the end of Kiser Island. Go North. At marker 16 look straight ahead. You will see the water tower at 12 o’clock. Go toward 1 o’clock toward MC1 and MC2. McCrary Creek Island on the right. Bear left then right. The dock is two-level. The house has a sun deck with white railing.

Don’t miss one of the most fun events of the year! If you have more questions or get lost, call Mike and Celia at 704-664-2639.

Dance Lessons

By Nancy Massengill

Our last set of lessons ended on June 24. Door prizes were won on Graduation Night by George White, Dave Ozga, Allen Annas, Delores Graham, Wayland Massengill, Charlene Bianculli, and Pauline Hucks.

The students and members of Twisters also enjoyed a variety of special cakes (thanks to Vickie Allen).

Line Dance Lessons were held on July 8. Many thanks go to Kathy Thompson and her helpers for teaching the Swamp Thing and Tush Push and other pointers!! We had 27 people attend that night.

New shag lessons started on July 15. We have 85 students in Beginner I, 22 students in Beginner II, and 8 students in Beginner III. Thanks to all members who are coming to help with set up, assisting with the lessons, partnering with students, and resetting the room at Fat Boys. Graduation night will be August 26. Join us!

A New, Dangerous Virus

Submitted By Pat Bouknight

The Center for Disease Control has issued a medical alert about a highly contagious, potentially dangerous virus that is transmitted orally, by hand, and even electronically.

This virus is called Weary Overload Recreational Killer (WORK). If you receive WORK from your boss, any of your colleagues or anyone else via any means whatsoever, do not touch it. This virus will wipe out your private life completely.

If you come into contact with WORK you should immediately leave the premises. Take two good friends to the nearest grocery store and purchase one or both of the antidotes; Work Isolating Neutralizer Extract (WINE) or Bothersome Employer Elimination Rebooter (BEER). Take the antidote repeatedly until WORK has been completely eliminated from your system.

New Member Profiles

By Tommy & Wilma Laws

Linda Ortiz

We want to welcome Linda Ortiz to TSC.

Linda has chosen to make Statesville her home and to remain close to her family since she retired. She is an avid cyclist. Her other hobbies are playing tennis, working in the yard, exercising at the YMCA and of course dancing.

Several years ago she took shagging lessons through Mitchell College. So, she was somewhat familiar with the dance when her friend Lynn Bullard told her about Twisters Shag Club and the lessons we offer. She decided to try it and began to really enjoy dancing. It also gave her the opportunity to meet new people. She also looks forward to going to Havana on Friday nights.

Linda is enjoying the many activities that Twister's offers and even found herself playing in TSC's golf outing at Fox Den. We are happy to have Linda in the Fun Bunch!

Georgia Abernathy

We are happy to welcome Georgia Abernathy to the "Fun Bunch". Georgia is the daughter of our very own Sharon Abernathy.

Georgia lives in the Charlotte area and is busy pursuing her career in architecture. Her hobbies are gardening, drawing, and now shagging.

She had been encouraged by her mom to go to the beach for Spring SOS, and to take some dance lessons prior to SOS. Georgia took Beginner I and II and began to enjoy the dancing and music.

The friendliness of the TSC members was a big deciding factor for her to become a member. She is meeting a lot of new people and looks forward to being involved in the club.

SOS 101

By Frankie Johnson

For ten days in the spring and again in the fall, lovers of the Shag and Beach Music migrate to Ocean Drive to dance, renew old friendships, make new friends and relive their youth.

Since we have so many new members in our club, I thought it would be appropriate to publish an SOS Guide. Many of these have been written about by others, but here is my version:

1. **Make your reservations now.** Rooms and condos are normally rented quickly for SOS. Many people make reservations for the next SOS before they leave the beach. This year may be different due to gas prices. But if you want to be in walking distance of the clubs, make your reservations now.
2. **Buy your SOS card at the next TSC meeting.** Cards are sold at the beach. But you receive a discount if you buy your card through our club, and you get the two mail-out issues of the *Carefree Times* sent to your home during the year. (See #3.)
3. **Pick up a copy of the SOS Carefree Times as soon as you get to the beach.** They are available at all the participating lounges, and at the SOS Company Store. This is the best way to find out all about the SOS events. Now, read your copy of the *Carefree Times*. Pay attention to the ads for the participating clubs. The ads will include DJ Schedules, Shag Workshop Schedules and special activities including free food!
4. **Visit all of the participating lounges.** Don't just stay in one place. Visit each club several times. If you don't see someone you know, meet someone new. (It's also a great chance to give them a flyer for our Fall Cyclone.) Watch the different dance styles and pay attention to the various types of music. Remember the DJs and crowds change about every four hours.
5. **Please remember your dance etiquette.** The clubs will be crowded. Never carry a drink on the dance floor. When dancing, stay in your slot. Dance the boards – always face the walls never the corners of the buildings. This is not the time or place to execute the new step you just made up that takes up half the dance floor.
6. **Take a beach chair and go to Fun Sunday and Fun Monday.** Look for details in the *Carefree Times*. Different streets are closed off for each event. If you want a prime spot, go early. Check out the vendors and the food on Fun Monday. Do not take a cooler and remember that South Carolina has an open container law. (*Buy your ticket for the reverse raffle at the next TSC meeting. The raffle helps to pay for both events.*)
7. **Stop by Judy's House of Oldies.** It's one of the landmarks. Check out the latest music, instructional DVDs and shag shoes.
8. **Go in Beach Memories and check out Becky's latest art.** Her prints are all wonderful, whether you are buying the latest one, or one of her classics. Pick up one of the books about the Shag and learn the colorful history of the dance. I recommend either *Shag, The Legendary Dance of the South* by Bo Bryan or *Shagging in the Carolinas* by 'Fessa John Hook. The history of the shag is also a history lesson on the culture of our country.
9. **Learn a new shag step.** Several of the very best instructors conduct workshops at SOS. There are workshops for every level of dancer. Most workshops are ten dollars a person and sometimes the instructors offer special prices on their instructional DVDs. Workshops schedules are usually published in the *Carefree Times*.
10. **Go to a Shag Contest.** On Tuesday the O.D. Arcade hosts the *Rookies Revenge* contest (started by a member of our club years ago). This is a "for fun only" mixed doubles contest. You won't see any pro shaggers in this, but it will be entertaining. On Thursday afternoon they host the *Smoothies Contest*. It is for the serious shaggers. You will see smooth, fancy footwork.
11. **Stop by the SOS Company Store.** You can purchase official SOS T-Shirts and other SOS logo items.
12. **Go by the OD Pavilion at some point during your stay.** This is as close as it gets to "the way it was" when the Shag was born. No, I'm not that old! The Shag was well established by the time I became a teenager but I spent many wonderful nights dancing at the old pavilions along the coast of the Carolinas.
13. **Enjoy the organized activities and events hosted by your club at SOS.** We have three parties and a golf outing. Wear your TSC club shirts or buttons proudly to these events.
14. **Most of all... have fun!**

A Policy We Should All Follow

From www.Rotary.org

It can be easy to get off track in a social club and forget what is really important, or what we should do to help the group succeed. The Rotary has something called "The Four-Way Test". The test, which has been translated into more than 100 languages, asks the following questions:

Of the things we think, say or do...

- Is it the TRUTH?
- Is it FAIR to all concerned?
- Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
- Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

We can be a better club if everything we say or do passes this test.

Something Interesting

By Pat Bouknight

Anyone that is a member of Twister's Shag Club knows how we look forward each month to our "Little Red Book." We are interested in what is happening, and what already happened at other events, especially if we were not able to make it to that particular party.

It's great advertisement for TSC for other people to read the newsletter to get them interested in the shag world. You never know who will pick up the book and start reading it.

For the past several months our newsletter seal has been broken and the pages ruffled as if the book had been read by someone other than us before we got it in our mail. So there may be some "TSC want-to-be members" out there waiting for next month's issue. If so, I would like to invite them to join us at Havana or at Fat Boys for shag lessons. You may be surprised at all the fun you will have and the new friends you will make.

How many of you receive your newsletter with a broken seal?

The 2009 SOS Parade

If you have an idea that might be good for an entry in the 2009 parade next spring, Please contact Chuck Willingham. Chuck's email is chuckscustomtrim@charter.net.

July 4th Celebrations

By Frankie Johnson

Well, it was late afternoon on July 4, and Dennis and I were fortunate enough to have two fun-filled events on the same evening. We were planning to go from Event #1 (cookout & fireworks) to Event #2 (Havana). So we loaded fireworks and lawn chairs and fireworks and food and fireworks and drinks for the first one, and decided we would definitely need to make a quick stop at home between the two. (The fireworks took up a lot of room.)

What a good decision that was! From the heat of the summer's day, the rain showers and thunderstorms, and various outdoor activities, we had major freshening up to do before we could go anywhere else. We actually even thought about not going to Havana for about one-tenth of a second, but dismissed that idea immediately knowing how much fun we always have with the Fun Bunch. We also did not want to miss the first Club Tour weekend party with shagtour.com.

Dennis showered off an enormous amount of fireworks residue. We took care of our dog between tasks, grabbed our homemade brownies and we headed straight to Havana where the crowd was in full swing. Mike Rink was playing the best music ever, and club photographers seemed to be having lots of fun taking pictures throughout the evening.

Not only did we see many friends, but also we saw new faces doing great shagging. There was an abundance of food to satisfy the late night munchies. We shagged. We line-danced. We shagged. We ate. We shagged. We talked. It was the perfect finish to a wonderful holiday.

Fall Cyclone Info Just For TSC Members

As noted on your application, and in your membership handbook, supporting the Fall Cyclone is an expectation of all members. It's our most important event during the whole year. We all "work" at the Fall Cyclone, but it is also the most fun you will have all year. Plus, in return for helping, you get:

1. A Fall Cyclone ticket for only \$35 (Save \$40 off full price)
2. A free Fall Cyclone staff T-shirt
3. Free food during a one or more gatherings prior to the party

To qualify for all these special member benefits you must either:

- **Sign up to be the chairperson of an individual committee or**
- **Sign up to work at least 5 work slots (explanation to follow)**

We need to know immediately if you might be willing to Chair a committee. Don't worry about your Cyclone experience level. We have documented most everything you will need to know. So contact Mike Rink ASAP if you might be interested. (Thanks!)

Take a look at the list of committees and start thinking about which ones you would like to work. You may have to be flexible with your committees and work times when you sign up since many slots will already be taken when it is your turn.


When you finish signing up, you will be given a form indicating that you have completed the sign-up process. Just give the Treasurer that form along with your cash or check whenever you are ready to buy your ticket. Tickets will be distributed at the time of purchase, or soon after on another Tuesday or Friday night.

If you have any questions about the sign-up process, please ask in advance so we can answer them before you are "on the clock".

Finally, working five slots is the minimum to qualify for special member benefits. But, if you can do more, please do. There are 25 hours of actual party time. There will be plenty of time to have fun at the party, even if you do more than the minimum to help. Your fellow members, and your club will greatly appreciate everything you do to make this our best party, ever. Thank you!

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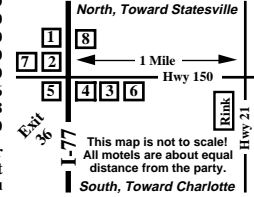
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| (#1) Hampton Inn & Suites | \$119 | 704-660-7700 |  |
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| (#3) Holiday Inn Express & Suites | \$89 | 704-662-6900 | |
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| (#5) Sleep Inn & Suites | \$75 | 704-799-7070 | |
| (#6) Ramada Limited | \$72 | 704-664-6556 | |
| (#7) Super 8 | \$70 | 704-662-6188 | |
| (#8) Days Inn | \$68 | 704-664-6100 | |

NOTE 1: To get these discounts and a room within our block (which includes our shuttle pass), you must contact the hotels using these numbers and tell them up front you are attending *the shag party* when making a reservation.

NOTE 2: Any reservation cancelled less than **14 DAYS** in advance will result in a one-night charge!

NOTE 3: Each hotel will fill up on a different date. For regularly updated facts about room (or ticket) availability, motel photos, and for many other party details, visit: www.GoShagging.com

Don't drink & drive! Shuttle buses make non-stop trips to and from the rink Friday and Saturday.

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Fall Cyclone Committees

This is intended to give you a *general* idea of what the basic job functions are at the Fall Cyclone. It is not intended to be a complete list of duties or functions. Each area Chairperson can provide you with more complete instructions before or at the party.

BAR:

Keep the bar stocked with supplies
Help guests fix drinks. Hand out bottled water.
Sell canned beer, or margaritas.

BREAKFAST:

(Different tasks require you to be there at different times.)
Help with setup and teardown of breakfast area
Help cook eggs, meat, potatoes, etc.
Keep food line and supplies stocked
Help serve food

CLEAN-UP:

(Note: There will be professional cleaners doing cleanup Friday and Saturday night, and Sunday after the party. They will also be on hand during the party to handle spills, etc. These are not the primary functions of this Committee.)

Help clean off table and empty trash cans as required.
Put full bags of trash on the trash trailer as needed.

LUNCH (Saturday):

Help set up serving area, and tear it down when done
Help keep food trays stocked with hotdogs and buns
Help serve hotdogs to guests.

MUNCHIES:

Keep chips, pretzels, popcorn, and other munchies stocked
Put out donuts at the appropriate time and keep stocked
Make coffee at appropriate times (directions supplied)

REGISTRATION:

Validate tickets, and prepare armbands for guests.
Help ensure anyone entering the party has an armband and that it has not been cut, altered or re-used.

NOTE: *This year we will have designated "Armband Managers" who will put the armbands on guests.*

HOSPITALITY:

Work hospitality booth
Circulate within the building and greet and talk to guests
Ask people to dance who aren't participating in the party

RAFFLE:

Sell raffle tickets from the raffle booth, or out on the floor
Help tear tickets and put them in the barrel for the drawing

SETUP:

(Note: these tasks will be performed on Thursday night and Friday-day. The building must be ready by 6 pm Friday.)

Bring items from storage building to rink (next door)
Help prepare the building for the party as directed
Setup tables and chairs
Cover tables with plastic
Setup trash containers
Hang signs, banners, etc.

SHIRT SALES:

Sell shirts at the designated area

TEARDOWN:

(This job is performed on Sunday afternoon at 2pm.).
Restore building (chairs, tables, etc.) to the same condition it was in when we arrived, or better
Collect signs and banners (roll, don't fold or tape banners)
Bring all TSC owned items to the front for packing
Transfer all supplies to the storage building (next door)

What's Happening In The Shag World

GoShagging.com Has More Items And Details!

Note: Party flyers & club mail can be viewed at monthly meetings.

Aug 5: TSC Meeting. Social 7pm, Meeting 8pm.

Aug 9: Frozen Fantasy Party. Details are in this newsletter.

Aug 14-16: Shag Tracks in Chattanooga, TN. Hosted by Choo Choo Shag Club. \$55-\$60. DJs Bill Waldrep, Tootie Brown, David Sessoms, Morris Varnell, Mike Hall and Ken Hughes. 423-334-2882 or rmkellar@aol.com for more info.

Aug 15-16: Runway Boogie hosted by Beckley Area Shag Club. \$50. DJ's Judy Collins & Butch Metcalf with The Holiday Band. Workshops by Charlie & Jackie & Ellen Taylor. 800-294-0855.

Aug 16: Vinyl Party hosted by Clyde Waller and Ken McGee at The Junkyard (K&C Salvage) on Hwy 49 in Harrisburg. Only \$5. Fourteen DJs play inside and out. Food available. 704-455-2526.

August 16: Monthly Party hosted by Gaston Shaggers. \$6 guests. DJ Gene Hensley. 704-827-1770 or patsyfuller@carolina.rr.com

Aug 16: Monthly party hosted by Brushy Mountain Shag Club. \$6. DJ Eddie Teeter. 336-838-4144 or hauser013@aol.com.

Aug 16: Shaggin' For Dollars Dance hosted by the Monroe Shag Club. DJs Ray Scott & Gene Sistare. 704-764-8808 or webmaster@monroeshagclub.com for more info.

Aug 16: Dancing with the Stars hosted by The Raleigh Shag Club. \$8. DJ Jenny Farmer. 919-691-4332 or gammy1965@msn.com.

Aug 21-24: Beach Music Festival hosted by Charleston/Islanders Shag Clubs. \$60. DJs Pat Patterson, Ray Scott, Butch Halpin and 16 bands. 743-814-0577 or mysticlady@mindspring.com for more.

Aug 23: Super Summer Jackpot Party in Southern Pines, NC. Hosted by the Moore Area Shag Society. \$10. DJs Lanny Elmore and Robbie Farrell. 910-673-2547 or rogeracster@nc.rr.com

August 23: Winston-Salem's Pool Party and Meet The Area Clubs Event. \$5 - \$15. DJs Tim Phelps & Ed Timberlake. 336-765-6670.

August 23: Summer Sizzler hosted by Statesville Shag Club. \$25 - \$30. DJs Gene Hensley & Larry "Big Fish" Calhoun.

Aug 23: DJ Throwdown hosted by the Chester Shag Club \$5. DJs: Buck Crumpton, Bobby Vaughn, Jeff Foster and David O'Quinn.

Aug 29-31: Labor Day Dance Party hosted by the Daytona Beach Shag Club, \$50-\$60. 386-341-7900. FrankAnderson@cfl.rr.com.

Aug 30: Salisbury Shag Club 20th Anniversary. \$5. DJ John Hook. Special guests staff members from WRDX 106.5fm. 704-209-1125 or cbarger@carolina.rr.com or www.keeponshagging.com

Aug 30: Bopper's Shag Club's Battle of the DJ's at Thoroughbreds. \$5. 704-334-8234 or mpittsenbarger@carolina.rr.com

Sept 5: TSC's SOS Kickoff Party

Sept. 6: Pre SOS Party hosted by Gaston Shaggers. \$6. DJ Walter Upchurch. 704-827-1770 or patsyfuller@carolina.rr.com.

Sept 7: Sandy Beach Shag Club Monthly Party. DJ Steve Coley. 828-438-8906 or rsmorley55@hotmail for more information.

Sept 12-21: SOS Fall Migration

Oct 4: Monthly Party - Brushy Mountain Shag Club. 336-838-4144

Oct 4: Meet The Area Shag Clubs Party. 336-288-3651.

Oct 7-12: Shag-A-Rama Party. 205-427-0168.

Oct 11: TSC's Lake Cruise

Oct 17-18: Fall Bash in Johnson City, TN. 423-956-1572

Oct 17-19: Geechee Blast in Charleston. 843-971-6730

Oct 18: Halloween Costume Party in Lancaster. 803-286-5694.

Oct 18: Flashback 2008 in Charlotte. 704/510-1743.

Nov 7-9: The Fall Cyclone. Details and a flyer are in this issue, and posted on www.goshagging.com. Get your tickets before they are all gone. This party always sells out.

Dec 31: TSC's New Year's Eve Party.

This Month's Birthdays

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| Mary Frawley | 08/02 |
| Terry Turbyfill | 08/04 |
| Margaret Honeycutt | 08/07 |
| Edward Carter | 08/12 |
| Dean Melton | 08/13 |
| Rochelle Firestone | 08/15 |
| Brenda Weisner | 08/15 |
| Lynn Bullard | 08/22 |
| Sandra Holmes | 08/23 |

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| Barbara Merrell | 08/24 |
| David Kelly | 08/25 |
| Ed Alexander | 08/27 |
| Janice Musgrove | 08/28 |
| Irby Bouknight | 08/29 |
| Jackie Holshouser | 08/29 |
| Ken Culpepper | 08/30 |
| Kim Riley | 08/30 |
| Roger Trexler | 08/31 |

Next Month's Birthdays

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| Susan Godfrey | 09/02 |
| Ralph Gettings | 09/03 |
| Mike Felts | 09/05 |
| Brian Holt | 09/06 |
| John Finney | 09/08 |
| Rhonda Hill | 09/08 |
| Leigh Ann Holt | 09/08 |
| Debbie Blackburn | 09/09 |
| Edie Kello | 09/09 |

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| Dean Hajnos | 09/14 |
| Mike Rink | 09/16 |
| Ann Horton | 09/17 |
| Randy Godfrey | 09/19 |
| Bill Randall | 09/20 |
| Kathy Thompson | 09/24 |
| Alan Keir | 09/27 |
| Diane Brandon | 09/28 |
| Betsy Weiss | 09/29 |

Get Well Soon Pete Riley!

(Pete recently had emergency surgery for a retinal tear.)

Happy ??th Birthday To My Rare Find!

Love, Jimmy

Happy Birthday to Roger, the love of my life!

Kathy

Buy And Help Sell Fun Monday Tickets

Attention TSC Members. Your help is needed. Have you purchased your Fun Monday raffle tickets? If not, please do ASAP. If you have bought one, you can always get another one or two!

We are also in need of a few people who will help us sell a few of these \$10 raffle tickets. Anyone can win (whether or not they are a shag club member) one of the big cash prizes. Plus, just buying a ticket helps ensure the continuation of the Fun Sunday and Fun Monday events during SOS. The sale of tickets also helps support a children's charity. So, let's get all of these tickets sold, soon.

TSC has 100 tickets to sell. Anything you can do to help us reach our goal will be greatly appreciated. Thanks!

The Turntable Treasures Vinyl Party

By Peggy Cavin

The Turntable Treasures Vinyl Party and Fundraiser was held on July 25, 2008 at the Havana Social Club. It was another great party. There were over 150 attendees who danced up until closing time. We had four great DJs; Joanne Johnson, Mike Rink, Clyde Waller, and Farrell Watts. They all brought the best of the best vinyl. I think they tried to out-do each other. At one point, all four DJs were in the booth at the same time. I wasn't sure who was actually playing the music.

There were a lot of familiar faces as well as some new ones who came out to help us support needy kids and the Junior shaggers. We had a great 50/50. We were able to collect a sizable amount to donate to the kids.

As usual, our committee people put out some terrific food for us to enjoy. Thank you to all who brought a food or dessert item. There was plenty and no one went away hungry that night.

"Thank you" to all the shaggers and shag clubs who came out to support us. It was a great night of fun.

Bus Trip Transformation

By Pat Bouknight

Wow, what a bus trip we had to Winston. Can you tell that we have been back out with the club? I have something to write about!

The bus was full of people neatly dressed in their 50's and 60's attire. There were smiles, food items, shooters (over 300 for starters), and lots of energy.

Tanglewood is such beautiful place that some of us had to get out and walk around the golf course during the party. Food continuously flowed from the kitchen. When the food ran out, they started sending out box tops of shooters from the kitchen.

The place was packed with people. There were lines to get on and off the dance floor. What fun! You got to talk to everyone as you passed by. As the evening progressed I started noticing a change in the appearance of people. Maybe it was because I was the driver to get us home that night. Certain members completely gave out of energy and resorted to wait (pass out) on the bus. (Everyone on the bus knows which two members did this.)

As 11:30pm approached, I sat on the bus watching everyone load for the trip home. Sunglasses were off, shirttails were out, some had lost part of their attire altogether, and hair styles were a little miffed. You could tell that everyone had a great time, but that seat on the bus was going to feel good.

In years past we all sang songs on our return trip. Kathy Thompson tried to keep the party going, but the energy was gone. That's why Twisters is known as the "Fun Bunch". We don't give out until after we leave the party.

September Issue Coming Soon

Get your articles, personal wishes and other items turned in soon. The September issue deadline is Wednesday, August 20th.

Winston-Salem Oldies Party

By Peggy Cavin

Twister's Shag Club took a full busload to the Winston-Salem party on June 28th at Tanglewood Park. Many members were dressed in their 50's and 60's attire. This party is always one of our favorites. We had a night full of fun dancing and socializing with friends. I'm not sure of the exact attendance, but they had a packed house including our busload and another bus from the Burlington Shag Club. There is never a dull moment when Burlington and Twister's get together. Mary and Brenda in their poodle skirts danced and pranced around all night long making everyone laugh. We loved their mascot for the party and it was quite a conversation piece. Thanks guys for sharing the evening and tons of laughter.

Winston folks always put on one heck of a party. When we arrived we were met with open arms. They never fail to show everyone a good time. And as usual, the food was outstanding. There were no thoughts of dieting that night. My diet and several others were put on hold. Who could pass up such great food? I even dared to venture to the dessert table!

Roy Childress was the DJ and he played all the songs of the 60's era helping guests relive the high school days that we all remember... well most of us. Ha ha.

Kathy Thompson was our host on the bus and she did a great job making sure everyone had something to munch on and drink along the way. Thanks, Kathy! And, Roger, you hung in there as I did. What do they call us? The hanger-ons? Hey, weren't we the last ones on the bus? Hanger-ons, indeed.

If you didn't make the bus this time, you missed out. Plan on being there next year. We'll have more and more members coming out to ride the "Fun Bus". I've packed my "Leverne" shirt, scarf, white glasses, black and white saddle oxfords, class ring and pink flamingo earrings in a safe place until next June.

"Thank you" Winston-Salem for all the fun and great hospitality!

SOS Observations

By Pete Riley

On our trips to SOS I have time to observe people walking up and down the street while my wife visits all the shops. One of the things I notice are all the different kinds of shoes people wear.

Shaggers are easy to spot. The men wear some sort of loafer; penny loafers, some with tassels, some with a band. Colors vary; black, tan, and brown or cordovan. Some wear socks, some don't.

Women's shoes are a different world. Some ballet, mostly flat heels, some with a slight heel, some about an inch high which seem to be the max height. A favorite are those see-through shoes with fancy shoestrings but no tongue. I have no idea why they are that way. The capper of all shoes are the ones that have lights that blink on and off. Now if they could just get them to blink in time with a good beach song.

Some of the shaggers carry their shagging shoes in a bag like bowling shoes. They walk around in tennis shoes, only putting their dancing shoes on when they are on the dance floor.

I wonder what I can keep my eyes peeled for next time!

Lord, They're Finally Together

Submitted By Tim Davis

She married and had 13 children. Her husband died. She married again and had 7 more children. Again, her husband died. But, she remarried and this time had 5 more children.

She finally died after having 25 children. Standing before her coffin, the preacher prayed for her. He thanked the Lord for this very loving woman and said, "Lord, they're finally together."

One mourner leaned over and quietly asked her friend, "Do you think he means her first, second or third husband?"

The friend replied, "I think he means her legs."

Queenie's Medical Moments

By Pam Siege, RN

This is an e-mail I received from a nurse I work with. This is an episode as told by a patient in the ER.

Female Heart Attacks

I was aware that female heart attacks are different, but this brings it into reality. Women and heart attacks (Myocardial infarction)!

Did you know that women rarely have the same symptoms that men have when experiencing a heart attack: like, the sudden stabbing pain in the chest, the cold sweat, grabbing the chest?

Here is the story of one woman's experience with a heart attack.

"I had a completely unexpected heart attack at about 10:30 PM with no prior exertion, no prior emotional trauma that one would suspect might've brought it on. I was sitting all snugly and warm on a cold evening with my purring cat in my lap, reading an interesting story my friend had sent me. I was actually thinking, "ahhh, this is the life", all cozy and warm in my soft, cushy Lazy Boy with my feet propped up.

A moment later, I felt that awful sensation of indigestion, like when you've been in a hurry and grabbed a bite of sandwich and washed it down with a dash of water. That hurried bite seems to feel like you've swallowed a golf ball going down the esophagus in slow motion and it is most uncomfortable. This was my initial sensation. The only trouble was that I hadn't taken a bite of anything since about 5:00 p.m.

After that, it seemed to subside. The next sensation was like little squeezing motions that seemed to be racing up my spine (in hindsight, it was probably my aorta spasming), gaining speed as they continued racing up and under my sternum (breast bone). This fascinating process continued on into my throat and branched out into both jaws. Aha! Now I stopped puzzling about what was happening. We all have read and/or heard about pain in the jaws being one of the signals of an MI happening.

Amazing Weekend With Ellen And Carl

By John And Jennifer Finney

I said aloud to myself and the cat, 'Dear God, I think I'm having a heart attack!' I lowered the foot rest dumping the cat from my lap. I started to take a step and fell on the floor instead. I pulled myself up with the arms of the chair, walked slowly into the next room and dialed the Paramedics. I told them I thought I was having a heart attack due to the pressure building under the sternum and radiating into my jaws. I didn't feel hysterical or afraid, just stating the facts. They said they were sending the Paramedics over immediately, and asked if the front door was near to me. If so, I was to unbolt the door and then lie down on the floor where they could see me when they came in.

I then laid down on the floor as instructed and lost consciousness, as I don't remember the medics coming in, their examination, lifting me onto a gurney or getting me into their ambulance, or hearing the call they made to St. Jude ER on the way. But I did briefly awaken when we arrived and saw that the Cardiologist was already there in his surgical blues and cap, helping the medics pull my stretcher out of the ambulance. He was bending over me asking questions. Later, I had to have two stents put into my heart.

It is said that many more women than men die of their first (and last) MI because they didn't know they were having one. They commonly mistake it as indigestion, take some Maalox or other anti-heartburn preparation and go to bed hoping they'll feel better in the morning when they wake up... which doesn't happen.

1. Call the Paramedics. Ladies, time is of the essence! Do not try to drive yourself to the ER.
2. Don't assume it couldn't be a heart attack because you have a normal cholesterol count
3. MIs are usually caused by long-term stress and inflammation in the body, which dumps all sorts of deadly hormones into your system to sludge things up in there.

Women and men please read and pay attention. Pass this information on. It could save someone's life!

Bless our hearts... really... bless our hearts!

John and I had the privilege of spending a weekend with Ellen and Carl Taylor at their home on Edisto Beach. What an amazing couple! We learned so much about the history of the Carolina shag and how much it means to them. We needed a tape recorder for all of the wonderful stories about all of the original dance spots at north and south Myrtle Beach such as the Pad, Ducks, Fat Jack's and the Pavilion.

Carl remembers when he was sixteen on the beach sleeping in his car. He recalled a bunch of kids running to see what he thought was a fight. He stood on a bench and right in the middle of the crowd was Jo Jo Putnam putting on a show dancing the shag. That's how he became so enthralled with this magnificent dance.

We heard stories about shag legends such as Harry Driver, Shad and Brenda Alberty, Norfleet Jones and Sheila Bodie, Doug Perry and Susan Neal, Jackie McGee and Charlie Womble and Fat Harold Bessent and Clarice Reavis. These were just a few of the famous names mentioned of the many talented dancers. When we weren't listening to great shag stories, we were entertained by Captain Carl's tales of over twenty-five years of fishing and shrimping expeditions.

One of the main things that stood out for the trip was Ellen's unbelievable cooking. Shrimp and grits, coconut pineapple cake, beach muffins, and goulash were just some of the great recipes. Now we all know that Ellen is a great dancer, but let us tell you, she is one great cook!

One thing Ellen reinforced to us about the shag was how important it is to have a truly good technique with your basic steps before you move on to anything harder. To me what makes Ellen such a great instructor is her honesty and her tactfulness in telling you what you need to hear to make you a better dancer. I'm so excited to say that Ellen just finished producing two new DVD's that will be hopefully ready for release in the fall.

We also learned just how much passion Ellen has for the Junior shaggers. She is so involved in instructing and supporting them in so many ways. I saw it in her face how rewarding it was for her. This made us feel very proud to be a part of a great shag club that contributes to charity organizations such as the Ellen Taylor Foundation and the Junior Shag Association. Ellen and Carl both spoke very highly of the support Twister's Shag Club provides.

I had no idea what wonderful memories I had in store for me on this weekend trip. Ellen and Carl are the most amazing, loving, giving couple. John and I took away some great advice from their almost fifty years of marriage. There is no doubt that shag dancing has helped keep them healthy, young and energetic.

Turntable Treasures Party Thanks

The following members helped make our Turntable Treasures Party a success. Some brought food, some helped with registration, some helped with the raffle, and some helped set up or clean up. If we missed your name, we're sorry. Here is the list we have as we go to press:

Georgia Abernathy, Sharon Abernathy, Wanda Alexander, Vickie Allen, Pat Bouknight, Allen Brown, Phyllis Brown, Peggy Cavin, Ray Clark, Susan Dahl, Claire Erckman, Frank Gettings & Yvonne, Donna Hord, Kay Howard, Celia Hunter, Frankie Johnson, Al Keir, David Kelly, Dennis Kerr, Kathy Kerr, Ellen Kidda, Tommy Laws, Wilma Laws, Nancy Massengill, Frank Melchor, Shirley Meldau, Dean Melton, Jimmy Melton, Mike Rink, Joanne Sloop, Khris Sloop, Teresa Sloop, Tom Stone, Kathy Thompson, Roger Trexler, Marilyn Wagner and Robert Wagner.

Junior SOS 2008

By Peggy Cavin

The 2008 Junior SOS was the best so far with over 600 kids registering. The kids started coming in as early as Tuesday of that week and stayed through Sunday participating in the many dance workshops provided by several groups of instructors. Some of the instructors this year included Sam & Lisa, Charlie & Jackie, Jason & Holly, and many other well-known shaggers... some of which are still juniors themselves.

The first event they participate in is to go out to the Myrtle Beach Manor and dance for the senior citizens. Then, during the week there are free workshops, pizza, hot dogs and more provided by different shag clubs and organizations. There are various dance contests also, with the big night coming on Saturday at Ducks when "professional" level junior shaggers dance in a contest. Our own Mike Rink always DJ's during this event.

Twisters Shag Club has a long history of supporting junior shaggers and the Junior Shaggers Association. Mike and TSC registered and set up the Junior Shag Association website, and he managed & updated their site for several years. TSC continues to support the juniors throughout the year by doing several events where we raise money for the juniors and by paying the monthly fees to keep their web site going.

The Juniors, from age 6 to 21 come from all over to enjoy their special days at the beach. The adults watch in amazement as these little ones hit the floor.

Oh, to be able to move the way they do. It is certainly a treat to watch these kids and we wonder why we didn't start dancing earlier. Their young minds pick up these steps so quickly that it's quite astonishing to watch.

By noon on Sunday, Ocean Drive is like a ghost town. The kids are gone, the streets are bare and the clubs are closed. What a difference these kids make on Ocean Drive while they are there.

I'll use the phrase "breath of fresh air". That is exactly what these kids are. Each year some brand new kids come to Junior SOS to join other kids who will eventually keep this dance alive. Thank goodness for these youngsters and their youngsters who will carry this great dance on for decades.

Bus Trip To Tanglewood

By Khris Sloop

Teresa and I arrived at Fat Boys around 5:00 on a hot Saturday afternoon. We joined Dean and Dori in the shadow of a tractor-trailer in an attempt to stay a little cooler as we waited on the bus to arrive. As others began to show up, we broke out a few of the shooters I had made to get a head start on the party. The bus arrived shortly thereafter and it was "All aboard!" Soon after, it began raining shooters and shots of all flavors as well as some munchies. The ride was cool, smooth and relaxing with an emphasis on the relaxing.

We arrived at Tanglewood safely and got together for a group picture before filing into "The Barn". The Winston Shag Club knows how to feed folks and party. If you went hungry, then you had a problem. Hot dogs, chicken, potato salad, deserts. You name it and it was probably there. After eating dinner, the jello shots, liquid shots, and beer (alcohol in general) began to flow and more fun began.

The dance floor stayed full every song played. We are taught to dance in a slot and boy you really needed to do that here. As the night wore on, I sampled some of Walter's "Royal Flush" shots. Those are awesome, so I felt the need to have more than one! I think at one point Teresa may have danced on a chair, or so I've heard. But I do not recall witnessing it. She is hoping there were not any pictures of that show, although I think it would be good blackmail stuff if I/we ever needed it.

The bus loaded up at 11:30 and headed back to the house. As far as I know everyone, arrived back to their respective homes safely. I would highly recommend that when this rolls around next year that you get your ticket early!

More About The TSC Reward System

By Frankie Johnson

At the last business meeting I tried to help members understand the benefits of our "Points System". From the feedback I received, I caused more confusion and didn't help at all. You had very good questions and valid concerns. So, let me try again.

The points systems was developed in 2006 and implemented in 2007 as a way to reward members for working for TSC. We are an extremely active club and it takes everyone doing a little work to support all of the events we enjoy. A committee was formed that developed the criteria for earning points.

Club members have always been required to sign up for, and support two committees per year. **This new system was designed to give members who just support their chosen committees 50 points per year (*which translates into \$5 worth of new benefits*).**

Over the past eighteen months the system has evolved further and a point value has been assigned to almost any task that benefits TSC. Any member who completes one of those tasks can now earn points and extra rewards. (*You don't have to do anything more to earn any extra points. It's just an option.*) Points can be used to "purchase" items like shirts or throw blankets, or they can be used to "pay" for membership dues and some events. Ten points equals one dollar in value.

One thing that everyone wants is a "first shot" at the Fall Cyclone work slot sign-ups. Several suggestions have been made as to how the order should be picked. The best way has been a drawing. Last year the board reviewed the points system and tried to find a way the points would be even more beneficial to members. The board thought it would be a huge benefit to the members if we also use let them use their points to get an early Fall Cyclone sign up spot.

Some people assumed that if they used their points to purchase an item or attend an event, that this would mean they were hurting their chances for an early signup position. That is not the case. **The signup order is based on the total points you have earned. It does not matter how many points you may have "spent".**

