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# **Twister's Shag Club**

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Our shag club is known as the "Fun Bunch", and it our goal to have fun, first and foremost. We try to include shag news, and party flyers from other clubs in this newsletter. All info must be received by the 15th of the preceding month to be included. We offer \$20 subscriptions to the TSC News for non-members.

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Next TSC Meeting: Tuesday Dec 4<sup>th</sup>

## **The President's Letter**

Hello Fun Bunch,

Thank You! Thank You! Thank You! You did it again. You made the Fall Cyclone fantastic. I was just amazed all weekend to see how much you cared about the success of our event. It was awesome the way all of you worked together so well. You worked hard, made history and had fun doing it. What a great group of people. You sure do make me proud to be your President. Anyone would want to hold an office for this club!

I also want to thank all the shag clubs whose members came to the Fall Cyclone. We were just delighted to see everyone come through the doors on Friday night ready to party with us. I speak for all of TSC when I say "thank you" for making our party such a success. We all look forward to seeing you next year.

We have some exciting things coming up. It just doesn't stop with the Cyclone. One thing we have worked hard for all year is the day care that we support. I want to take some time and focus on the day care and try and give you some insight of being a parent who struggles every day to provide food and clothing for their child. You never know *why* someone can't provide for their child. There could be lots of reasons beyond their control.

There was a time in my life when I signed for a coworker I trusted so they could get a car. My children were 8 and 10 at the time. We were just like everyone else making the best of what we had. After several months my coworker moved out of state. He said he would take care of paying for his car. Well guess what? He didn't. I was responsible for paying for the car. I found out that the payments were three months behind and that money had to be paid within five days. There was also another 16 months of payments to go.

This happened the first week of December, 1979. It wiped me out. I didn't mind how it affected me. But when I looked into the eyes of my innocent children and had to tell them I couldn't get them anything for Christmas, it felt like my heart had been torn out.

My children smiled and told me it was OK. I will never forget that. But like I said, bad things can happened to anyone that can put them in a financial bind.

Every year at our December meeting we pass the hat around to collect money used to buy Christmas presents for each of the 45 kids at a local day care for underprivileged children. Each child's parent (or parents) is trying their best to provide for their child. In fact, the tuition at the day care is based on what parents have the ability to pay. *Most* of our members stop and take this effort seriously. But I am asking *all* of you to participate this year. Please dig deep in your pockets and give generously. Think about what things cost these days and let your heart be your guide when you make a donation. Your kindness will be returned ten fold. Thank you for helping these kids have a happy Christmas.

Our New Year's Eve party will be at the American Legion in Cornelius. Clyde Waller will DJ. Our New Year's party is so much fun we really have a good time. Let's ring out the old and bring in the new year together as a group. Member's will be charged \$15 and guests \$25. TSC members have until December 8 to sign up before we sell to non-members. We always sell out for the New Year's Party, so if you want to join the fun you will need to sign up at the meeting. It will be first paid, first served. And there will be no refunds. We'll have more details at the December club meeting.

The nominating committee for 2008 officers will be getting together soon. If you are interested in being on the committee to nominate an officer or interested in running for an office, please let me know. The nominating committee will meet in January and nominate officers for the coming year. We will vote in February. This is a great time for members with good opinions and great ideas to step up to the plate and be a part of this process.

Finally, please see the next page for information about shag nights at Havana in December (similar to what they did last year).

I sincerely hope you and your families have a blessed and safe holiday. See you soon on the dance floor. See you soon!

Kathy

## **Special Note About Havana Social Club**

As you might imagine, Havana Social Club has a full lineup of private holiday parties booked at their facility in December (just like last year). For this reason, the 7th will be our only opportunity to meet there for shagging on a Friday night in December. That's OK. After all, it's a very busy time of year for company parties, family gatherings, etc. and many of us are pretty busy, too.

The TSC Board has suggested that Friday, the 7<sup>th</sup> be our unofficial Christmas party. So, come out, have some fun, share holiday wishes with your fellow members, and shag the night away.

Butch Metcalf will be our DJ for the evening.

As we go to press, we are looking at doing some special food and other goodies that evening. We may also have a raffle to benefit our local day care for needy kids. (It would also be a good time to bring and collect monetary donations, too.)

Finally, we will celebrate all of the December member birthdays that night. Don't miss out on all the fun!

## **December Shag Club Meeting**

Our monthly meeting will be at Fat Boys on Tuesday night, December 4<sup>th</sup>. Music and socializing will start at 7pm. Come out and enjoy a great all-you-can-eat buffet. Total price including drink and tip is only \$6.99. You just can't beat that deal.

The meeting will start at 8pm. We'll have more music, dancing and socializing after the meeting.

Susan Godfrey missed out on \$108 in last month's Treasure Chest drawing. So, someone will have a chance to really win a big amount of holiday spending money this month.

Join all your fellow members and catch up on the latest news, too!

## **<u>Club Member News And Information</u>**

- Rodney Broyhill, Barbara Cella, Bob Cella, Paul Scaglione, and Linda Waugh have submitted applications to join TSC. Each will need to be at our meeting to be voted on. Come out and meet them!
- Twister's Shag Club would like to extend its sympathy to Sabra Eubanks on the death of her mother.
- Twister's Shag Club will begin selling 2008 SOS Membership cards at the December meeting. We may or may not have them in hand by then. They are \$25 for members, and \$30 for guests.

## Shag Nights At Havana Social Club

By Sherry Eason

Our club is truly blessed to have such a lovely place to meet and hang out, dance and have fun. There is a large, clean (not sticky) dance floor and a generous amount of seating. I know my husband and I did not really enjoy our former "home" location. It was small, crowded and smoky.

We go to Havana every week we are in town. If we don't use and practice all the new shag steps we keep learning, we forget them.

We really feel like the employees appreciate their relationship with Twister's. It is a wonderful home for us. And, our DJ's do a great job of fulfilling requests for specific songs and line dances.

When you get tired of dancing, you can sit down and get to know others. Come join the fun at Havana, no membership required!

If anyone has suggestions on what we can do to make Havana even better, let Mike know. He meets with the Havana management on a regular basis and our feedback is important.

Our club is very fortunate to have shag nights at Havana. Let's keep our relationship with them strong and mutually beneficial. Show up on Friday to have fun, support your club and Havana, too.

## **Did You Leave A Jacket At The Cyclone?**

By Sherry Eason

I have two men's jackets and one woman's jacket that I brought home after the Cyclone. One is a man's gray tweed sport coat. One is a man's navy windbreaker with blue and white trim, and the other is a woman's cream-colored fleece jacket with a hood. Email me at momeason@hotmail.com if you think any of these are yours. Otherwise, I will donate them to Goodwill.

# A Letter To Twister's Shag Club From Guest Diane Shehane

When my daughter and son-in-law (Jennifer and John Finney) first invited me to the Fall Cyclone, I thought it sounded like fun but I had no idea! It definitely blew me away! All the great, friendly people (especially your members) the music, drinks, food, I could go on and on.

Friday night was so much fun, I couldn't wait to get back on Saturday morning. Each day just got better and better.

With Sunday's Fantastic Shakers, more great dancing, even the conga line, I'm still smiling. I'm counting the days until next year's Fall Cyclone!

#### More Fall Cyclone 17 By Bill Blanton

What a great party! I would like to give a big "atta-boy" to all our committee chairs and co-chairs for their hard work and long hours, making sure the Fall Cyclone is *the* party to attend in the shag world. I was told over and over by our guests how they wished their clubs had the "get down and get it done" attitude that our club members have.

Robin and I are so proud to be a member of Twister's Shag Club. It is the number one shag club. No doubt about it!

# No Longer A Fall Cyclone Virgin By Wayland Massengill

Holy cow! What an experience. I can truly say I have never, even in my military experience in Washington, DC, met such a wonderful crowd of interesting people. Them being friendly, sociable and intelligent probably made the difference.

I spoke to countless folks from all kinds of places and the common denominator was fun! A lady from Martinsville, VA explained that she had been coming here for seven years, and had a blast every time. "It just gets better", she said. Then there was what I considered the ultimate testimonial from a gentleman from Pittsburg who said he had been to the parties offered by most of the Shag clubs, and there have been some good ones. However, TSC's Fall Cyclone is the best!

I personally had the best time just being a social butterfly (Hospitality duty) and talking to people. In my and my wife's tender three-month experience with Twister's Shag Club, we have not even considered the possibility of meeting someone we wouldn't like. What a great group of people. Thanks for having us!

## **More Cyclone Impressions**

By Kathy Kerr

Wow! What a party! What more can we say about our first ever Cyclone? You all were absolutely right. We couldn't begin to imagine how totally awesome it would be! The smooth running, top-notch organization of the event, the new acquaintances, the friendliness, the time spent partying and enjoying lots of company (even during our scheduled shifts), the hot dog lunch, the weekend raffle, the workshops, the fast-moving Saturday night buffet, cooking breakfast before daylight, and the Fantastic Shakers all gave us special memories and lots of stories to tell. Hopefully, we cleared up a couple of steps in Ellen Taylor's workshop. And we watched Jason and Holly as much as possible while serving hot dogs. It was especially fun to meet the twin blonds!

## Fall Cyclone 17

By Peggy Cavin

We've just completed our seventeenth-year of successful Cyclones! They seem to be getting better and better each year. This is partially due to our guests who, over the years, have given good constructive criticism and to a team of wonderful Twisters Club members. We appreciate all comments, the "good, the bad and the ugly", during the Cyclone because it has helped us bring our guests a better Cyclone each year.

Never be afraid speak up and tell us your concerns; this helps make a better party the next year. We appreciate all comments whether you are a member or one of our guests. The party chairs always have that final meeting after the Cyclone to discuss all the issues that came up during the weekend while still fresh on their minds. We discuss the comments told to us by our guests and we also discuss comments overheard by our members.

Our 100+ members who worked this year's Cyclone proved they are indeed hard working, dedicated people who work together to bring you the best party ever. Thank you for working your slots and covering where needed. We, as The Fun Bunch, are indeed a great, hard working team!

This year when the doors opened on Friday night and our guests started pouring into the rink, I heard a loud roar from our members welcoming our guests. The excitement had built up and we were ready to show our guests a fun-filled weekend.

Cyclone weekend goes quickly. When we all gather after the last guest leaves on Sunday to have our shag club picture taken, it is then that we realize that all our hard work has paid off. Another great Cyclone has come and gone.

## Get Your 2008 SOS Membership Card

A 2008 card will be required to get into Mid-Winter and/or SOS!

#### **Cyclone Thoughts From A First-Timer**

By Roger Trexler

This was the first Cyclone that I have attended and I have one word to describe it and that is "awesome". I am sorry now that I missed the other 16.

The Cyclone was really more than I ever expected and I am so glad I was a part of this great event. I had many people tell me that it would be a great party *and* it would be a lot of work. I really didn't have any idea of what to expect. What I experienced was the best group of people that I have worked and partied with.

When I arrived on Thursday night for set up, I was surprised how everything was well organized and ran like clockwork. Everyone was working and happy to be there.

On Friday afternoon when all the work was completed, you could feel the excitement building for all the members. When the doors opened at 8 p.m. everyone was there to welcome our guests and make sure they had a good time. It was really a great feeling to see all the guests come through the front door. You could tell our guests were just as excited to be there as we were to see them.

I don't every recall seeing such a large group of individuals working together and having so much fun. Being a new member, it gave me a chance to get to know a lot of fine people. I really enjoyed watching everyone's enthusiasm.

I just can't believe how one club could have so many dedicated members. They were all willing to help in any way and answer any questions I had. I really appreciated all the help I got from everyone. It was a complete club effort and I am sure everyone is as proud to be a member as I am. Twister's Shag Club is definitely The Fun Bunch but it is also A *Great* Bunch!

It Is Your Turn To Send In Something For The Next Edition Of The TSC News. Please help!

## The Drive In ATM Machine

Submitted By Pat Bouknight

Male Procedure: Drive up to the machine. Put down car window. Insert card into machine. Enter PIN. Enter amount of cash wanted. Retrieve card, cash and receipt. Put window up. Drive off.

Female Procedure:

- 1. Drive up to cash machine.
- 2. Reverse and back up the required distance to align car window with the machine.
- 3. Set parking brake. Put the window down.
- 4. Find handbag, remove all contents on to passenger seat to locate card.
- 5. Tell person on cell phone you will call them back and hang up.
- 6. Attempt to insert card into machine.
- 7. Open car door to allow easier access to machine due to its excessive distance from the car.
- 8. Insert card.
- 9. Re-insert card the right way.
- 10. Dig through handbag to find diary with your PIN written on the inside back page.
- 11. Enter PIN.
- 12. Press cancel and re-enter correct PIN.
- 13. Enter amount of cash required.
- 14. Check makeup in rear view mirror.
- 15. Retrieve cash and receipt.
- 16. Empty handbag again to locate wallet and place cash inside.
- 17. Write debit amount in check register and place receipt in back of checkbook.
- 18. Re-check makeup.
- 19. Drive forward 2 feet.
- 20. Reverse back to cash machine.
- 21. Retrieve card.
- 22. Re-empty hand bag, locate card holder, and place card into the slot provided!
- 23. Give dirty look to irate male driver waiting behind you.
- 24. Redial person on cell phone.
- 25. Drive for 2 to 3 miles. Then... release parking brake.

## 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.

Dec 1: York Shag Club Monthly Party. \$5 guests. DJ Roger Holcomb. 1-803-831-8817 or marrshag@bellsouth.net for info.

Dec 1: Christmas Party hosted by ShagAtlanta. \$60 advance, \$70 at the door. DJ's Billy Waldrep, Jerry Munson, Jessie Griffin, Jim Agee and the Craig Woolard Band. www.shagatlanta.com or 770-614-1346 or Indcayce@bellsouth.net for info.

Dec 1: Thankmus Party hosted by Palmetto Shag Club. \$25. DJ Gene Hensley. More info at www.palmettoshagclub.com. 803-796-6106 or npowell09@aol.com.

Dec 1: 2007 Holiday Party in hosted by Chester Shag Club. \$10. DJ Murl Augustine. 803-581-1384 or cameron\_1946@yahoo.com.

#### Dec 4: TSC Monthly meeting and dance at Fat Boys.

Dec 8: Christmas Party hosted by Beckley Area Shag Club. \$30. DJ Mike Rink. Includes dinner, beer, soft drinks, etc. Email kcallahan@anqet.com or call Karen at 800-294-0855 for info.

Dec. 8: Christmas Party hosted by Gaston Shaggers. \$6. DJ Gene Hensley. 704-827-1770 or patsyfuller@carolina.rr.com for info.

Dec 8: Christmas Party hosted by Charlotte Shag Club. 704-510-1743 or patti.miller@cms.k12.nc.us for info.

Dec 8: Sandy Beach Shag Club Monthly Party at the Elks Lodge. 7:30-11pm. DJ Kyle Beam. acoley@charter.net for more info.

Dec 15: Christmas Dinner and Dance in Wilkesboro, NC. Hosted by Brushy Mountain Shag Club. \$6. DJ Gene Hensley. 336-921-4205 or roosta\_nc@charter.net for info.

Dec 15: Annual Christmas Member Appreciation Dinner & Dance hosted by Lancaster Shag Club. \$15. DJ Gene Sistare. Prime Rib dinner, spotlight dancers, cash bar, smoke free dance floor 50/50 drawing and more. 803-286-5694 or double\_517@yahoo.com. Dec 15: Christmas Party hosted by Burlington Shag Club. \$10. DJ David Sessoms. Heavy hors d'ouvres, 50/50, \$500 cash raffle, etc. 919-563-9269 or email jswest@mebtel.net for more information.

#### Dec 31: New Year's Eve Party hosted by Twister's Shag Club. DJ Clyde Waller. Ring in the new year with your friends.

Jan 17-20: Mid-Winter at North Myrtle Beach

Feb 8: Valentine's Day Party hosted by Twister's Shag Club. More details to be announced on www.goshagging.com.

Feb 22-24: ACSC Winter Workshop

April 18-27 - SOS Spring Safari

July 11-13: ACSC Summer Workshop

July 18-20: Junior SOS

Sept 12-21: Fall Migration.

Know of a new event? Send TSC@goshagging.com the details!

### **This Month's Birthdays**

Phyllis Brown	12/01	Jan Wiseman
Nancy Massengill	12/01	Claire Erckman
Pam Siege	12/04	Roger Hammond
Donna Edwards	12/06	Bob Cella
Dorance Greer	12/06	Dan Musgrove
Glenda James	12/07	Gil Algier
Karl Weiss	12/07	Janice Gantt
Shirley Meldau	12/08	Buzz Holshouser
Brenda Hatley	12/11	

Next	Month's	Birthdays

Laura Lemmond	01/01
Pat Metcalf	01/03
Robin Nantz	01/14
Peggy Cavin	01/19
Tim Johnson	01/20

Malcolm Kello	01/21
Wilma Laws	01/23
Tom Stone	01/26
Pat Bouknight	01/29
Howard Smith	01/29

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12/26

12/27

12/29

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#### Happy 31<sup>st</sup> Anniversary Geoff!

I love you more today!

Pam

#### Happy Birthday Glenda!

Love, Pam and Doug

#### 2003 Honda Accord EX For Sale

Excellent condition. Silver exterior. Grey cloth interior. 73,000 miles. Asking \$13,500 OBO. Call John at 704-795-0079.

#### **1977** Chevrolet Corvette For Sale

Totally restored. New silver (original color) paint job. New tires. Black leather interior. T-Tops. 70,000 miles. Asking \$19,500 OBO. Call John at 704-795-0079. For more info and photos go to www.77vt.com

#### 2004 Suzuki JR 80 Dirt Bike

Yellow and White with black seat. Good condition. Call 704-857-0217

## **MERRY CHRISTMAS...**

to all the members of Twister's Shag Club, the staff at Havana Social Club, North Myrtle Beach lounge owners and their staffs, the DJ's we use for our shag nights and events, our fellow shag clubs, and our fellow shaggers. We wish each of you the very best this holiday season.

#### **Our First Fall Cyclone**

By Jennifer Finney

John and I joined Twister's Shag Club around this time last year, but could not attend the Cyclone because we were out of town. It was amazing how much hoopla we heard about the Fall Cyclone. We heard things like, "It's the best party ever" and "I can't believe you're gonna miss the Cyclone!"

Last year after the party, when John and I were taking lessons and coming to the monthly meetings, everyone was so proud and excited to talk about the event. So, we were really excited to go this year.

Still, we tried not to build it up too much in our minds so we wouldn't be let down if it sucked!

Well, the only thing that "sucked" was that we didn't know about Twister's Shag Club and the Cyclone sooner!

When we first were given our work shifts we were a little worried about how much we would have to work. But just like we were told, time flew by and everything we did was not really "working". We were having fun. We sold raffle tickets and registered people Friday night until about 10:30. After that we danced and mingled and drank as much as we wanted. My mom, aunt and her husband were our guests so we tried to make sure they were having fun!

I got them the "ask me to shag" stickers to wear and they danced the night away.

The one thing I kept hearing over and over from all of the guests was how extremely friendly everyone in Twister's was.

On Saturday, Ellen Taylor amazed me with how she can dance the man or the woman's part with so much ease. Jason and Holly also had a good workshop. They are my favorite dancers to watch. John and I also participated in the last workshop with Don Bunn, which was wonderful. We learned several new steps. We were able to go home and rest for several hours before coming back Saturday night. Overall that was the best night for us. All the pros were up near the DJ booth dancing. That was so much fun to watch! I don't think I've ever danced with so many different men in my life! What a blast. My mom also danced her heart out.

We returned around 10:30 on Sunday to eat an awesome breakfast. I told my mom and John that I bet we probably wouldn't get to dance that much on Sunday. I was so wrong.

The Fantastic shakers were great and everyone was unbelievably still ready to party and dance.

John usually needs lots of liquid courage to get up in front of others, but by the end of the weekend he was dancing almost completely sober with no one else on the floor.

We are both so proud to say we are members of Twister's Shag Club. We have only been able to attend one SOS at the beach, but we both agreed this was so much *more* fun. You don't have to stand in line for a drink, you can pour your own, there's lots of room on the dance floor, the food is great, and you're still close to your own home.

It's so much fun to be a part of something that is so successful. We just cannot wait until next year!

Fall Cyclone 17 By Robin Nantz

Thanks! Thanks! Thanks!

A big "thank you" to all the committee chairs and Mike Rink for making this Cyclone another memorable experience! I just wanted you all to know that all your countless phone calls to vendors, etc., sleepless nights, and back-breaking work was appreciated! Your efforts showed in party attendance and fellow shaggers delight! Our "mammoth" party couldn't have been executed without you!

### Line Dance Classes

By Sherry Eason

On three recent Tuesday nights, I was at Fat Boys brushing up on my line dance skills. We were working on the dances that TSC members do frequently at our parties and on Fridays at Havana. Kathy Thompson was teaching the classes and she was great.

The first Tuesday we learned "The Tush Push" and had a quick lesson on "The Swamp Thing".

The next Tuesday, we had another session on "The Tush Push". I think we will have a lot of new line dancers on the floor for this one at our next party. By the way, I don't think I have ever Tush Pushed as much as a I did at the Cyclone this year. It was every DJ's favorite line dance. It is a lot of fun!

The final Tuesday, we had a longer class and we were ambitious. We learned "The Swamp Thing" and "Hey, Let's Party". The class did great. These are not beginner line dances, but you guys stuck with it.

So in these three classes taught by Kathy Thompson, participants learned three great line dances that our DJ's will play for us often. So, come out to Havana and practice on Friday night. Ask the DJ to play a song for any line dance you want to try. Lots of us will join you on the floor. By the way, the name of the song for the dance "Hey, Let's Party" is "Last Night" . There are several songs for the "Tush Push", my favorite being a James Brown medley. The song for "The Swamp Thing" is named "The Swamp Thing".

Many thanks to Kathy Thompson for her time and expertise in teaching these classes. And as always, thanks to our faithful Tuesday night DJ, Eddie Teeter!

## **Don't Miss The Christmas Celebration**

It will be Friday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at Havana Social Club!

## **Easy For You To Say?**

Submitted By James Thorndyke

#### Things That Are Difficult To Say When Drunk

- 1. Innovative
- 2. Preliminary
- 3. Proliferation
- 4. Cinnamon

#### Things That Are Very Difficult To Say When Drunk

- 1. Specificity
- 2. Anti-constitutionalistically
- 3. Passive-aggressive disorder
- 4. Transubstantiate

#### Things That Are Downright Impossible To Say When Drunk

- 1. Thanks, but I don't want to have sex.
- 2. Nope, no more booze for me!
- 3. Sorry, but you're not really my type.
- 4. Taco Bell? No thanks, I'm not hungry.
- 5. Good evening, officer. Isn't it a lovely evening?
- 6. Oh, I couldn't! No one wants to hear me sing karaoke.
- 7. I'm not interested in fighting you.
- 8. Thank you, but I won't make any attempt to dance, I have no coordination. I'd hate to look like a fool!
- 9. Where is the nearest bathroom? I refuse to pee in this parking lot or on the side of the road.
- 10. I need to be going home now. After all, I have to go to work in the morning.

# Shag-A-Rama 2007 By Audrey Brock

Recently, Judie Walters and I headed for Panama City Beach, Fla. The 9-hour drive was not bad. The sun was shinning and the traffic was not bad except through Atlanta. We saw several people we knew when we checked in at the Boardwalk Billy Resort. We unloaded the car, fixed us a drink and sat down on our balcony overlooking the beautiful white sand beach.

After dashing out for dinner, we dressed and joined the Birmingham Shag Club for their Shag-A-Rama party. Everyone was so friendly, we quickly felt at home. We danced all evening. My first partner looked down at me and said, "You're a shagger aren't you?" I asked him where he was from and he said Arkansas.

I finally sat down for a minute and someone came up behind me and asked me to dance. I looked down as I got up and saw brogans, socks, and shorts. I thought, "He's no shagger". Sure enough, he wasn't. But we had a good time anyway.

Most of the party was outside in the large pavilion known as The Hangout. Some of the events were in the ballroom. There were over 500 people there from Atlanta, Florida, Louisiana, Alabama and Ohio with a few from North and South Carolina. The group included lots of good dancers. Some were shaggers, some were boppers and some were doing the swing.

The hospitality room served a continental breakfast plus grits every morning and snacks at 11 PM. Lunch was served Friday and dinner Saturday with free beer every afternoon.

Friday morning, Judie and I set up her display for Grand View Resort in North Myrtle Beach, SC. It was fun talking to all the different people. One couple from Louisiana wanted to know if NMB was in Florida

A lot of people went to "Miss Nukies". We went to Spinnakers and Paradise Café, a world famous beach club.

Saturday after breakfast at the hospitality room, Judie and I hit the beach for an hour before we started working. The weather was great, perfect for The Hangout, with a breeze off the ocean.

Saturday evening Judy Vick, Judie Walters and I were talking when two young men came up to us. Chad Duford grew up in Myrtle Beach and Chris Wilkerson was from McDonough, Georgia. Chad wanted us to show Chris how to shag. They were helicopter pilots just back from Iraq. Chad was like a little boy so excited to see people shagging.

They gave out lots of door prizes all weekend. They also had a "split the kitty" Friday and Saturday. Late evening everyone gathered to watch the sun set over the Gulf. From our balcony at night the sand looked like snow it was so white.

It was a great weekend and I am ready to go back!

### **Our First Fall Cyclone!**

By Tim and May Johnson

Our first glimpse of Fall Cyclone was at "set up" on Thursday. We were impressed! Pictures and diagrams of past years showed where everything should be! Work schedules for the weekend were mapped out on grids. The guys were even installing new toilets for the event, and replacing some tile in the floor!

Food and music were like clockwork!

The only thing more amazing was the fun! Wonderful dancing, workshops, and new friends were the highlights of this event!

As new members (one month) we were amazed and look forward to being a part of future functions, especially the Fall Cyclone!

We met folks from many places who have been attending for years, and now we, too, have it on our calendar for next year! We are truly *The* Fun Bunch!

## **Committee Support Updates**

Have you done anything to help your committees? If not, you need to hurry. Committee support is a club expectation, and is required for membership renewal. Listed below are club member names, and the committees each person signed up to support. Next month we will publish the number of "points" you have accumulated so far this club year. If you want to know where you stand before then, call Sharon Abernethy at 828-428-9625 or email her at rcaska@twave.net. Remember, each member should have a minimum of 50 points during the year just for supporting their chosen committees. Plus, the points you accumulate are valuable!

#### If you have any questions about this program, contact us now!

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