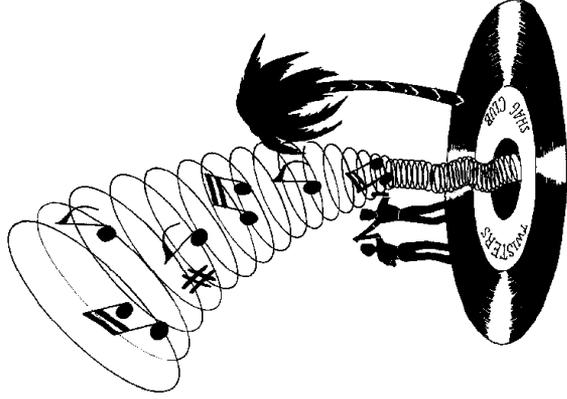


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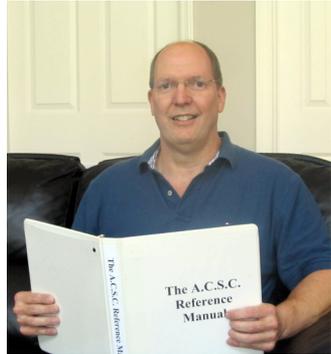
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**November
2012**

The President's Letter

Hi shagging friends,

Our November meeting will be held this coming Sunday, October 28th at Fat Boys. Social starts at 4pm. Meeting at 5pm. PLEASE be there!



After a year filled with fun events it's almost time for the granddaddy of all shag parties; The Fall Cyclone. Over the past 22 years TSC members have taken great pride in hosting this event. Mention the Fall Cyclone anywhere you go in the shag world and chances are you will get responses like, "best party I've ever attended" and "better than SOS" or "we go every year". It's the only event that has been this big and been consistently successful for more than two decades. I think I know why that is.

First off, the Fall Cyclone gives guests "more bang for the buck". Despite costing more to put on than most any other party, the Cyclone gives guests free meals and free adult beverages all weekend, free workshops, full shuttle bus service, etc., all for the same price as other weekend parties charge for not nearly as much.

Secondly, we attempt to improve our event every year using feedback from guests as well as from our own members (including those who meet after the party to critique our own efforts). Our party has evolved over the years and guests appreciate the fact that we continue to make positive changes when there's an opportunity.

Third is promotion. Have you seen any pictures of the 2012 Fall SOS Fun Monday event? It looks like everyone in the crowd is holding a Fall Cyclone hand fan! From SOS date cards to lighted badges to radio spots to flyers and emails, we share our party information in many ways (some unique and groundbreaking).

Fourth, we make every effort to make our guests happy and to ensure they have a pleasurable experience.

Extensive planning goes into our event to make sure we can deal with anything. We have detailed discussions with our participating hotels, caterers, shuttle drivers and other paid staff as well as with our own members to ensure we are prepared. We try to predict anything a guest would want, and then exceed those expectations!

Fun! Some events seem to crawl along. But we know people go to a party to have fun, not rest and relax or take a nap. The Cyclone is an energetic event that includes a lot of upbeat music, and we keep things going without a lot of unnecessary interruptions. In addition to making sure our guests have fun, it is obvious to everyone who attends that even though our members are hosting on the party, they are having a good time, too. As one TSC member says, “The Cyclone is the most fun you will ever have while working.”

Effort! Many clubs complain that they can only get a few members to help with their efforts. But TSC members understand that, “You’ve got to put something into the bank to be able to take something out of it.” Our members know that our event can only be successful if we *all* support it, and we know that the Cyclone is a reflection of each one of us. Furthermore, we don’t do things half way. We are proud of what we do and it shows.

Members! Without a doubt this club has some of the best members in the shag world. Decades of accomplishments in every aspect of club activities, SOS, the ACSC and the shag world clearly indicate that this club is great. But this club’s “awesomeness” is a direct reflection of great members like you that enjoy having fun.

On a related note, a fellow TSC member recently told me that someone outside our club had claimed that there is no way TSC can put on a successful Cyclone this year because “TSC only has 90 members”. But what is more important, quantity or quality?

Apparently that person doesn’t know much about our club members or their dedication. I would compare our group to other organizations with two or three times as many members. There has yet to be a challenge TSC didn’t meet. So don’t bet against our members. They will pull together and make things happen.

Obviously the success of this party will have a lot of impact on what the club can do, and what it can do for you next year. So no matter what you have signed up to do or how much you are going to be available October 21 through November 5 (from the beginnings of setting up, to the end of tearing down and cleaning up) I encourage you do “a little something extra” to make sure this year’s party is as good or better than past events. Consider coming earlier, staying later, or working an extra “slot”. Every contribution will make it a little easier on your fellow club members (some of which may already be working longer and harder than you realize).

Quick Cyclone update: The first two hotels on our flyer (The Fairfield and the Holiday Inn) are sold out. But all of the others still have plenty of rooms. We also have plenty of tickets left and will be selling tickets at the door. Please continue to help promote the event and encourage guests to attend. Remember, every ticket you help sell improves your club’s treasury! There is still time to share flyers, forward emails, make Facebook posts, hand out flyers and do other things to encourage more guests to attend. You can really help TSC succeed with a big, final push.

Spreading our music and dance is always important, and it helps our club grow. Along that line, shag lessons are going well. We have a great group taking Beginner I and Beginner II classes. We continue to need members (especially guys) to come out and help and dance with our students. So please come when you can. And to everyone who has been helping, “Thank you”.

Remember, we will not have a Tuesday “break” during this set of lessons since there is not a Tuesday club meeting in November. So this set of lessons will finish more quickly. Then, there will be a graduation celebration for all the shag lesson students on Friday, November 16th. Let’s all make them feel welcome.

Some of you may have heard that our “home” is now under new management. (How many times has that happened to shaggers in this area over the last 25 years?) The Smokin’ Guns lounge name will be changed to “Big Shotz” in the near future. The new owners are planning a new, improved menu and other enhancements.

They have been having a food special every Friday, and there is a weekly special on Michelob Ultra, house brand drinks, etc. They are working on some other things that should make the lounge better for all shaggers. And as we go to press, the lounge is also planning a “grand re-opening celebration” for us sometime in November. More info will be provided when that is finalized.

Note: The only Friday there will not be a shag DJ at “Big Shotz” will be November 2 (due to our Fall Cyclone).

Finally, we are considering a New Year’s Eve Party for Dec 31st. We did not have one last year due to lack of support. It was the only time in 20+ years we haven’t had some type of NYE celebration. If you want a party this year, it is going to take commitment (especially from Social Committee members). So please give us your thoughts on this in the very near future.

That’s it for now. It’s time to “blow away” our guests with another big Fall Cyclone Party!

Mike

Club Meeting Night

Our monthly meeting will be held on SUNDAY, October 28th at Fat Boys Restaurant (I-77, Exit 36) in Mooresville. Social hour starts at 4pm. The business meeting will begin at 5pm.

Celia Hunter won the Treasure Chest of \$50 at the last meeting. Don’t miss your chance to win this month.

Dance Lessons

Once again, there is a real need for male members to come partner with female students in our Beginner I and II classes. We appreciate all the help from those of you who have been coming to help with set up, assisting students, and then teardown. Thank you for all your support. We will have a graduation party Friday, November 16th at Big Shotz. Hope to see you there, too!

New Member Profile

By Tommy And Wilma Laws

We welcome Stanley Tyndall to Twisters Shag Club. Stanley lives in Troutman and is know as an “avid” shagger.

Stanley has always loved dancing. It is his favorite “hobby”. There is always a new shag step to learn and/or share with someone.

Stanley heard about Twisters Shag Club through friends and decided this would be another way to continue dancing and meeting new people.

Stanley has two children and five grandchildren.

Welcome Stanley, we are looking forward to having you in TSC!

Another New Member Profile

By Tommy And Wilma Laws

We welcome Don Zimmerman from Turnersburg, NC (this is about ten miles north of Statesville) to the "Fun Bunch".

Don became interested in shagging when his wife "indicated" to him that they needed to learn the NC and SC Shag Dance.

Don heard about Twisters Shag Club from his wife Barbara (who is already a member of TSC). She wanted him to join so he could become even more fun to have around!

After retiring last month from a lifetime of driving a tractor trailer he will now have more time to dance and really have some fun!

Don and his wife have three children, and nine grandchildren.

We look forward to having Don in Twisters Shag Club and look forward to seeing him on the dance floor soon.

Kickoff Party And Fall SOS Memories

By Susan Dahl

The SOS Kickoff Party at Days Inn was a "Hoot"! The Handicap dance was fun, fun, fun for everyone! What great prizes: The Carefree Times print for the four winners, and \$10 for all those who participated. Thanks Twisters.

Now for SOS. I lived through another with only 5 1/2 or 6 hrs. sleep every night. I am way too old for this and can't believe I am not sick or dead. Every SOS is different, and there is so much to cram into eight days. Arlene, Kay, Sharon, Jane, Deborah, Jerri, and myself lucked out, and got into Ocean Bay Resort. I always wondered why those who stayed there, kept coming back. It is a super place! I finally worked the Lazy River into the schedule on the last day, and can't wait to go in next SOS.

One of the best times was Rock Hill's Party right on the beach at Ocean Bay. Fifty Shag Clubs were represented. Kathy Thompson and I were there for Twisters, and maybe others. They provided adult beverages, and snacks free. Frank Price was the DJ. Saw and partied with lots of shag friends. Was glad to see old friends at Twisters' parties, and our new members, too.

I love our new members! A special "Thanks" to Tom Stone for getting Stanley interested in joining TSC. He's another single man!

Gospel Hour is another one of my favorites at Pirates Cove, with the shrimp & grits and great gospel music. Thanks to Clyde for spinning good tunes at Gospel Hour, our Pre-SOS and our party at The Pirates Cove.

One last note (and I'm sure you're glad for that), the Final Vinyl Party was another one of the best! Hated to see it end, but maybe Ken will move to a new place with a few acres.

I have to go now. I am "one of the Fun Bunch who saw all the fun she could take in September".

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

Sunday Oct 28: Special monthly meeting at Fat Boys.

Nov 2-4: Fall Cyclone 22 in Mooresville, NC. The Fairfield and the Holiday Inn are sold out. But all other hotels have plenty of rooms, and there are plenty of tickets. Get yours today!

Upcoming Birthdays

Tommy Laws	11/03	Greg Long	11/26
Melissa Pethel	11/05	C.D. Osborne	11/26
Cathy Fletcher	11/09	Phyllis Brown	12/01
Vickie Orange	11/13	Nancy Massengill	12/01
Walter Smith	11/17	Robert Parker	12/02
Nancy Brody	11/19	Ken Kreamer	12/03
Jim Forrester	11/22	Dan Musgrove	12/27

**I would like to wish my husband a
happy two-year anniversary (10/10/10).**

David, you're my best friend. And best of all, you're my
husband. Yeah!

Donna

Dear Fun Bunch Friends,

Thanks so much for the many cards, phone calls, emails, and Facebook postings I received from you after my recent bypass surgery. I sincerely appreciated each one! Every one served to cheer me up! I look forward to getting back to shagging fun!

Dale Abernathy

Sandy Beach Party

By Tommy And Wilma Laws

We went to the Sandy Beach SOS Kickoff Party in September of 2011 and had such a good time we decided to go again this year. The party is the first Sunday in September with Labor Day following on Monday.

They had twelve DJ's playing throughout the afternoon. The party started around 3:00 PM and ended at 11:00 PM. They had a cash bar and served a meal of hot dogs, hamburgers, etc., at 6:30. This year I think they had about 225 people attending. It was a good size party. The Sandy Beach Club has one of the nicest facilities to party in, a great floor, and plenty of dancing space and seating.

We were joined by Ken and Marylee and Jackie and Dave which made the evening more enjoyable (I understand this is Dave's home shag club). Hope to put this on our calendar for next year!

Fall SOS

By Nancy Massengill

Well, we are back from Fall SOS. We actually were able to go for the entire week this year and had a great time. We managed to golf twice, go to the driving range, the flea market and just relax for a change. We went up to Ocean Isle Beach one day and were quite in shock at the number of houses/buildings that are no longer on the end of the island toward Holden Beach. We hadn't been up that way in a couple of years and were somewhat devastated to see that several of the houses are gone and that there are a great number that are sandbagged underneath with the high tide coming almost all the way under them. Such a complete shame!

I had heard some time ago that they were no longer doing any beach enhancement projects along that end and it is very apparent that they aren't. One of the drawbacks of owning oceanfront property is that everyone knows Mother Ocean really owns the sandy shore and can repossess it at any time she feels the need.

Who is Sam West?

By Peggy Cavin

One of the funniest things I have witnessed in a long time happened at this Fall SOS. We have four new members who have recently joined the club and are finding out what the shag world is all about. None of them had been around shag very much, before.

We encouraged them to come to SOS. As any long-time shagger would tell you, you cannot grasp what SOS is really about unless you observe for yourself. We knew that Dustin and Trevor's middle name is "party animal" and they would fit right in to the bar hopping until the wee hours of the morning. Closing down the bars and finishing the night visiting Dottie for a late night breakfast at Plantation house? No problem for them! We also knew they had no idea what they would be in the middle of for 10 days! The The Fun Bunch could show them the ropes. (Where was Bob Rea when we needed him? Sorry Bob, but we took the task on for you.)

On Fun Monday, TSC members helped pass out flyers, fans, and business cards about the Fall Cyclone. It wasn't long until Dustin had really gotten into all the excitement of the day, the shaggers, the bands and into the Fall Cyclone mode. Dustin's laugh is catchy and he had a ball chatting with everyone and hearing all the nice comments about our Fall Cyclone. I don't think he has never met a stranger. He came back saying, "I didn't have to mention the party. Everyone was telling me how great it was and that they had been before and would be there this year."

The excitement continued into the night as we headed to Pirate's Cove. Okay, here is where the real story begins. Dustin was again all into passing out flyers and asking everyone to come to our party. Mike sent him over to give Butch McCalf a flyer just to see how Dustin would react since Dustin didn't know Butch or know that he was one of the DJ's at this year's Cyclone. But on his way over, Dustin encountered someone else at the bar and asked him, "What are you doing on November 2nd?" Before the guy could really respond, Dustin said, "You're coming to the Fall Cyclone."

After handing this guy a flyer and a business card and bending his ear about the Fall Cyclone, Dustin walked back over to our group. Mike was laughing. He told Dustin that he had been talking to Sam West, a National Shag Dance Champion. With a big grin, Dustin walked back over and told Sam that he heard he was the National Champion and told Sam to, "Show me something". Rather than just laughing at Dustin, Sam actually showed Dustin a few fancy shag steps. Never one to be outdone, Dustin's response was, "That's pretty good but bet I can moon-walk better than you!" Sam probably thought he had been set up by Mike, but soon realized Dustin really had not known who he was! Sam got a good laugh out of Dustin and his persistence. Dustin found a new friend that night and somewhere there are pictures to prove it.

All in all, it was a fun SOS. I believe that it was one of the biggest ever. Now, it's time to get ready for the Fall Cyclone going! But maybe while you are there you can ask Dustin to show you a moon-walk or two!

Fall Cyclone Thoughts

By Kathy Strantz

With the Fall Cyclone days away, this is a perfect time to thank Richard and Dianne Harrington for all the wonderful breakfasts they chaired on Sunday mornings at Cyclone. I was blessed to be one of the lucky servers who danced while we served. Ellen Taylor joined us last year in the serving line, too! Great fun, great food!

Also many thanks to the 6am crew who helped with the food preparation!

Thanks go to Iris and Charlie for great coffee, and to Roger who chaired the bar all the years I've been a member!

Thanks to all the members of the Fun Bunch, the DJ's and the visitors who help make the weekend fun and memorable! Please Mike, get some pizza's for setup without pepperoni! Susan and I give it to Mike and he does not need anything to clog his arteries!

Ramblings From the Road

Wayland Massengill

Wassup, my peeps? (Don't worry Dick, Howard will explain the greeting to you.) The weather is pretty crummy here in Delaware as I write these bits of wisdom. I've spent the better part of this time out in New England, and dodging rain with the rest of you there in home sweet home.

I am willing to bet that I don't need to tell you that school has starting back in most of the country, so we need to be conscious of the "Chipmonks" that are awaiting buses, and the brand new drivers that are running late on their way to their institutions, educational or mental. Lead by example, my friends and throttle back. Vigilance is key in the face of adolescence and teenyboppers. Lord help us.

Of course, it doesn't help the young drivers learn by observation when the roads are full of the type of driver that is a rolling example of the need for contraception. So let's insure that this is not the example we set.

I have to tell you this tale that I saw in north Massachusetts. A commercial driver was expressing his displeasure at having to stop and spend the night at a truck stop only about 50 miles from his home. He said that, "It really doesn't matter cause the wife was gone to her Mom's anyway". Later in the night the truck stop was lighted in the shade of blue as there were several of our brave warriors in blue stopping what was apparently a sizable disturbance. It seems this particular driver, while doing paperwork and talking to his wife, observed her riding into the facility with someone who was very much not her Mom. A confrontation then ensued that had some minor entertainment value. Sadly, the "cheated on" driver was the one that went to jail. Oh the injustice of it all!

With that I will bid fond farewell to you. See ya where the road ends, and the party begins!

More Ramblings From the Road

By Wayland Massengill

Greetings! Oh my faithful readers I do humbly apologize for missing my time with you last month. Alas, I fell victim to the cutting room floor of the editor due to lack of interest. (It may have been not enough space for the article. I'm fuzzy on the reasoning.) However I have been assured that both last and this month's edition will be included this go round. We shall see.

I should also point out that while many have pledged to stage a revolt and have the editor replaced, there have not been any volunteers to assume that position. We may not want to cut off our nose to spite our...

I think it also important to point out that at the time of this writing, it is Thursday of SOS week here in beautiful N. Myrtle Beach. What a wonderful week of vacation it has been so far even with Ken Culpepper and his band of merry gofers taking the honors at the golf outing today.

Speaking of vacations and such reminds me of a point I think should be discussed; the traveling public's conduct around motorcycles. I admit that a lot of today's bikers are not doing anyone any favors by the way they run their scooters up and down the road. But we as responsible motorist have to watch out for them even more than the experienced two-wheelers enjoying the freedoms that biking offers. Please allow them some extra room especially in following and passing situations. Remember, it is not a steel enclosed driver you are close to. You could impact flesh, bone and tragedy first. If a person riding a motorcycle is going to be stupid, let them do it by themselves.

Now, my faithful few, if you will forgive me, I have a cocktail and SOS to get back to. Besides I'll see many of you shortly anyhow. Onward! Cheers!

See ya where the road ends and the party begins!

Fall SOS 2012

By Tommy And Wilma Laws

Fri. Sept. 14th: Working today, slipping away a little early to head to N. Myrtle Beach for Fall 2012 SOS. Car is packed (totally packed) and ready to go. Left the driveway around 2:15, heading to Salisbury. On to Wadesboro, pick up #74 to Chadbourn exit and into NMB. 225 miles. Arrive around 7:15. Unpack the car and head out to the clubs for a while (a long while).

Sat. Sept. 15th: Time to walk on the beach and then have a little pool time at the Avista listening to the DJ that begins playing at noon, or you can do some dancing by the pool on a dance floor they provide. You can also just sit by and watch and chill out with friends (Ken, Marylee, Scott, Cathy, etc) and try not to get thirsty.

Getting close to 5:00 PM. Time for our first TSC Tea Party at Fat Harold's back deck. Good crowd, great music by Ray Scott and a good time had by all. Way too early to go in, so a late night it is.

Sun. Sept. 16th: Today is Fun Sunday and the Mojo Blues Band will be playing. We head out early and get "the good seat in the shade", joined by friends from Greensboro, NC. The Mojo band sounds great as (our favorite)!

Mon. Sept 17th: Today is Fun Monday with all the bands, and once again including the Mojo Blues Band. TSC members busy passing out info on The Fall Cyclone Reunion Party. Found a lot of people interested in the party. Great day of music. The "Ice Man" Jerry Butler did a fantastic job! Eating fish after Fun Monday at Duffys.

Tues. Sept. 18th: TL and I head out for a 7:15 AM Golf Tee time. (Whw that was early). Good day for golf, then back to the beach and pool before going out to dance.

Wed. Sept. 19th: Another day of golf for the men today.

Thurs. Sept 20th: TSC Captain's Choice Golf Tournament at 10:30.

The winning team: Ken and Greg Culpepper and Dennis Patel shot a 5 under! Congratulations fellows! Others came in at 3 under.

Fri. Sept. 21st: Last day. Get in some beach time, and head out to Pirates Cove for our last TSC Tea Party with Clyde Waller playing the tunes. Sitting around chatting with friends and in the back of our mind knowing we “gotta get all that stuff” packed back up and in the car and be ready to go home Sat. morning. Going in early (around 11:00 PM tonight) much to our dismay!

Sat. Sept 22nd: Everything stuffed back in the car (I think it grew while it was in the room) and we are pulling out from Ocean Drive at 7:15 AM for the drive back to Statesville, NC.

I think we may have enjoyed this trip to SOS as much as any trip that we have ever made to NMB. The weather was wonderful, and time spent with friends was priceless!

SOS Highlights

By Kathy Strantz

Twisters Tea Parties, Shrimp N Grits at Pirates Cove with Clyde, Fun Sunday and Fun Monday, Fun Tuesday at Pirates Cove with Rick Antonic from Pittsburg playing 45 records! It was a great gathering of DJ's including: Joanne Johnson, Smokey Craven, Fred Judge, Tootie Brown, Jack Moore, Jerry Kovach, Jack Moore, Terry Hooper, Dick Hamrick, Buddy Nunn, Betty Brown, Mike Rink, Eddie Teeter and Bill Ruth. “Sorry” if I missed anyone. (Thanks to Ken and Fred for writing down the names!) I even got to see some DJ's shag! Fun Wednesday at Duck's! Thanks to David Shaw & Jerry Mullis for the fabulous food!

Special “thanks” to the best roommate ever, and to Diane & Richard and Fred & Donna for sharing the condo. “Thanks” also to Fred for shag lessons. I need all the help I can get!

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