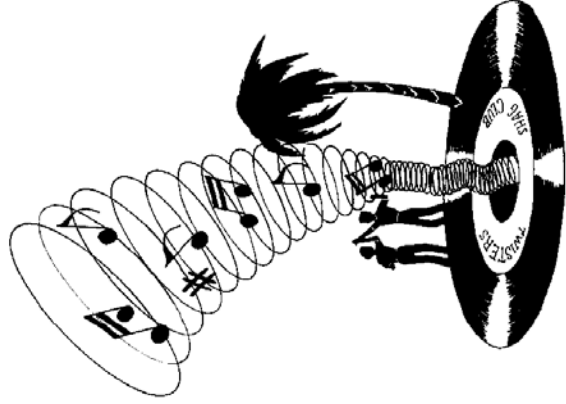


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The President's Letter

Hi shagging friends,

We have had a lot of fun over the last two months. SOS was an absolute blast, and we continued the good times in May by visiting Roanoke. But you haven't seen anything yet. June is here.



The first of our summer month golf outings is coming Saturday, June 15th. This outing is for members AND guests. There will be a pre-golf social in the clubhouse before the first ball is hit. After playing there will be an even bigger social and a meal for everyone (whether or not they played golf). More details are in this issue. So put it on your calendar and make plans now to attend.

On Saturday, June 29 we will be taking a bus trip to the Winston-Salem Shag Club's Oldies Party. I can't begin to tell you about all the fun we've had at this event over the years, but I can tell you that you don't want to miss out. You've heard about our famous bus trips. So go! Again, more details are elsewhere in this issue.

Looking ahead we've got a July 4th party (on the 5th) at the Days Inn. The following weekend is the ACSC Summer Workshop Meeting in Atlanta. Then Junior SOS is the 17th-21st at the beach. The following weekend is the TSC Frozen Fantasy Party. WOW!

Beyond that we're trying to arrange a multi-club Friday/Saturday party at the Days Inn late in August that would include a pool party, etc. We'll have more info if we can get it worked out with the motel and lounge. And before you know it, SOS will be here!

I know it seems like a LONG way off, but planning is well underway for the 23rd annual Fall Cyclone Party. In fact, we hope to have flyers available later this month. Your Board and your fellow members have been holding meetings working on ideas to make this the most fun Cyclone we've ever had. I'm excited!

We're well on the way to making this party awesome. I can't let the cat out of the bag and tell you all the changes and additions planned for this year's party since they aren't confirmed. But I can go ahead and tell you that we will have Ellen Taylor as well as Ashley and Tobitha Stewart back to teach our workshops plus two of the absolute best younger dancers in the shag community. Brennar Goree and Autumn Jones will also be instructors this year!!! Stay tuned for much more news. It's going to be exciting!

Speaking of Ashley and Tobitha, they did a great job dancing in the Grand National Dance Championship in Atlanta, GA. Plus, the junior shagger team they head up won 1st place in the team division. Congratulations go out to them for both of these accomplishments. I'd also like to thank them for the excellent job they are doing on Tuesday nights. We're getting a lot of interest in our music and dance. And if you haven't thought about taking a lesson, maybe you should. Their Beginner II class includes a pivot refresher and a lot of other steps you may not know. So consider taking a class. And please encourage your friends, neighbors and coworkers to come out and try shagging. The next set of lessons will start on Tuesday, June 11th.

Finally, I'd like to thank everyone who submitted an item for this newsletter. Everyone enjoys hearing YOUR stories and memories, and seeing what their shag friends have been doing. Keep up the good work. The deadline for the July issue will be June 18th.

Hope to see you on the dance floor.

Mike

Club Meeting Night

Our monthly meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 4th at Fat Boys Restaurant in Mooresville. Social hour starts at 7pm. The business meeting begins at 8pm.

Trevor Brown missed out on the cash in the Treasure Chest last month. Don't miss your chance to win on Tuesday, June 4th.

Dance Lessons

The next set of Beginner I and Beginner II lessons taught by Ashley and Tobitha Stewart will start on Tuesday night, June 11th.

If you can be there early to help, please do. We need folks there as early as 6pm to move tables, and 6:30 or so to help with signups and other duties. Plus, we always need folks to help dance with the Beginner I students.

Cost for the six week session is only \$35 per person and includes one full buffet dinner at Fat Boys.

Invite your friends, family and coworkers, or consider taking a class yourself. It will be fun and you will learn something!

A Favorite Recipe

By Nancy Brody

This recipe makes the best hot dip in the whole world.

3 cups grated sharp cheese

3 cups mayo (you can use Hellmann light)

1/2 finely grated Vidalia or sweet onion (squeeze out excess water)

1 bread round, hollowed out

Mix ingredients and put in bread round. Sprinkle with paprika.

Bake at 350 until browned and set.

Serve with pitas or crackers.

Upcoming Birthdays

Iris Binder	06/17	Mitchell Cagle	07/04
Audrey Brock	06/18	Marcia Long	07/11
Judy Osborne	06/25	Jimmy Melton	07/24
		Stephanie O'Kelly	07/25
Wayland Massengill	07/01	Dick Bigham	07/26

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Mallard Head Golf Course
Saturday, June 15



This will be a "Captain's Choice" event. Men, women, members and guests are welcome to join the fun. Remember, even if you don't play much, this is the event for you since everyone gets to play the best shot made by anyone in the group! And the price is a mere \$35 per person!

Starting at 11am, we'll have a pre-golf social in the pro shop with free beer and/or soft drinks. They have a guy there who cooks great food on an outside grill, plus \$1 hotdogs. So come socialize, eat and/or drink while we arrange teams. We have to be ready to tee off promptly at 12:30pm.

Whether or not you play golf, join us at 5pm in the pro shop. We'll have a catered meal for members and guests for only \$5 per person. Everyone is welcome to bring a desert to share. It's going to be a blast. In fact, this has become one of our most fun meals of the year.

From I-77 Exit 33, go west 2 miles. Turn left onto Brawley School Rd. Go 1.8 miles. Mallard Head is on your left.

From I-77 Exit 36, go West 1/2 mile. Turn left onto Williamson Rd. Go .9 mile. Turn right onto Brawley School Rd. Go 1.8 miles. Mallard Head is on your Left. Mallard Head's phone number is 704-664-7031.

Call Kathy at 704-651-7122 or email kthompson@aacusa.com to reserve a spot or for more info. We want ALL club members to come.

Please Note: Mallard Head has very inexpensive beer and soft drinks. Please plan to purchase from them as a way to support them and what they do for us each year. Thank you!



Our Busy Life

By Dean Melton

Let me start by saying I hate to write articles. Being the shy, quiet person that I am, I usually don't have much to say. As a club member and especially as a Board Member I know I shouldn't feel that way. Sometimes I forget we all have to help to make the newsletter something we look forward to reading. I know I really enjoy reading the articles and without them the newsletter just isn't the same. So yes, Mike, I am going to try to do better.

Jimmy and I have been busy unpacking from our recent move so we didn't make it to SOS. We hate we missed it, but there is always fall SOS. From the stories I have already heard it sounds like everyone had a great time. Come to think about it, I can't remember an SOS that we have been to that we didn't have fun.

When we first started shagging the parties were a little less exciting, but nonetheless fun. Since becoming a member of TSC the parties have been awesome. Seems like most anything TSC is involved in is going to be fun. How can you go wrong with good friends, great music and alcohol?

Since we didn't make it to the beach for SOS we looked forward to the posse trip to Roanoke. Not sure which part was the best; the pre-party, the party or the after party.

Not sure if I am up to going back to Winston-Salem, or if they are ready for me. But I am sure going to try. Hopefully I can keep my head up and not on the table. If I do end up with my head on the table I hope someone stops Mike from taking pictures... again. ☺

Thought For Today:

A person who can't lead and won't follow makes an effective roadblock.

Join The Fun On June 29th

It's The Big Bus Trip To Winston



Twister's Shag Club members and guests are invited to join us for a bus trip to the Winston-Salem Shag Club's Oldies Party. Dress the part if you want to. Just don't miss this trip. It's only \$20 (total) for the bus ride and the party ticket (\$25 for guests). You will need to bring your own choice of adult beverages. But there will be plenty of food, snacks and soft drinks at the party.

TSC members and guests always bring shooters and other goodies to share on the bus ride to Winston. If you bring something good you might win a prize from your shag club. So give it a "shot".

The bus will leave I-77, exit 28 at the bank in front of the Days Inn at 5pm sharp. It will leave from exit 36 at Fat Boys at 5:10. And it will leave from exit 50 at JR's at 5:30. We'll leave the party around 11 or 11:30pm to make sure you get home fairly early.

We always have a lot of interest in this event from members and guests, so make your plans now. And feel free to invite someone else who might have fun with us. For more info or to hold your spot call Kathy at 704-651-7122 or email kthompson@asua.com.

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Our DJ's

By Marylee Kreamer

I have to admit that I haven't been very astute when it comes to remembering the names of DJ's. It seems that my friends who have been around the shag world for a while know them all, they know the style of each, and they have their favorites. But up to this point, I haven't been keeping track.

The reason I hate to admit that is because I'm coming to realize that these DJ's are the life-blood of our shag events. I've started to notice how the good ones are constantly watching and talking to the people and adjusting their selections to what gets the crowd on their feet. They ask for requests, and they show lots of personality from the stage.

It can't be easy for the DJ's because there's such a spectrum of tastes in music. Some like the blues, others like a country sound. There are those like my husband, Ken, who are happy as long as they get a line dance or two. I like the more current music. My friends like the older tunes. One size definitely does not fit all. So my hat's off to those who can balance it all out and bring something for everyone.

With the technology available these days it would be pretty easy to show up to an event with an evening of music pre-programmed, push a button, and it's all on auto-pilot after that. Heck, you could phone it in! But that's not what creates that party mood.

A great example of this was our own Mike Rink at the Derby Party in Roanoke. He paid attention to the crowd and to what got them on their feet. He kept the floor full all night and a great time was had by all! He even got into the swing of the theme party by wearing a stylish derby hat.

I doubt that many people remember the individual songs that were played on any given night. But they do remember how they felt and the fun they had. They remember that just when they felt they couldn't dance another step another one of those "best songs ever" started up and they couldn't help but hit the floor.

To our DJ's: Thank you for the time and effort you put into making every party and every Friday night at The Inn a ton of fun! I promise to start remembering your names! After all, how will I ever remember my favorites otherwise?

New Member Profile

By Wilma Laws

Welcome to TSC Mitchell (Mitch) Cagle.

Mitch is from Mount Ulla and enjoys photography, music, Italian Cars, Camping and the Atlanta Braves Baseball.

When Mitch was ten years old his Mom and Dad introduced him to dancing. Having grown up liking beach music, when he married in the early 80's it brought Mitch and his wife to the dance floor. Mitch and Donna had one son named Sam. Sadly, Mitch's wife lost her battle with cancer several months ago. They had been married for 33 years.

A friend of Mitch's told him about Twister's Shag Club, so he decided to take the plunge a few months ago and drive to "The Inn" and give it a try. He tried it and liked it. Then he signed up for shag lessons and has now joined TSC!

At any given moment if the DJ plays a song that inspires Mitch, you may see him get up and just start dancing all by himself! This is a style of music / dancing that he has enjoyed all of his life. It is called (I think this is what he said) Northern "Soul dancing". You do not have to have a partner. You just jump up and dance the way you feel! (Of course he would always welcome anyone to join him in this dance).

Mitch wanted to thank TSC for helping him to get back to the dance floor as the time since his wife's passing has been difficult.

Welcome Mitch. We hope "The Fun Bunch" and Twisters Shag Club will be your new home for a long time!

Derby Day With Roanoke Valley

By Peggy Cavin

May 4th was the 139th running of the Kentucky Derby and also when Roanoke Valley Shag Club held their annual Derby Day Party. Mike was asked to DJ. We arranged another famous TSC Posse Trip that included Walter, Frances, Scott, Kathy, Ken, Marylee, Nancy, Ray, Jimmy, Dean and Mike and I. Everyone traveled early so as not to miss the 4pm pre-party at the hotel. By 4:15 room 316 was buzzing with laughter. Ken and Marylee brought a shooter of secret ingredients to share. Nancy and Frances also shared a homemade brew. There was pizza, sandwiches, chips, dip, chicken salad made by Nancy, nuts, cinnamon sticks, grapes, cheese, crackers, and Dean's secret ingredient brownies. Someone guessed that Grand Marnier liqueur was included???

Roanoke President Norman Smith and his wife Pat came by to visit. Norman shared jokes and stories of long ago. There was an interesting tale of a silent auction with "priceless" DJ equipment that Norman won. We later found it displayed proudly at the party just in case Mike needed "backup" equipment! Thanks Norman!

The pre-party broke up just as the Kentucky Derby was being run. Everyone hustled back to their rooms to "dress" for the party. Look for the pictures on goshagging.com. At the party our own Ken Kreamer's name was drawn out of a hat to participate in a fun Kentucky Derby Race complete with jockey hat and paper-made horse. It was funny! Ken won the race and received the Red Rose Horseshoe Wreath to wear and the grand prize; a bottle of spirits.

A table full of party food provided by members was awesome. (I can't believe we all ate again!) After the party ended, we were taken by van to Billy's Barn where we danced some more. The night ended with the group getting on the van at Billy's Barn to go to I-Hop to eat (again)! Half-way there it ran out of gas which added another funny story to the whole weekend.

Thanks Roanoke for an memorable weekend! Hope to see you guys again in the near future.



Recent Fun And A Great Birthday

By Ray Clark

Thanks go to Ken, Grieg and Jerri who I played with at the golf tournament at SOS. Jerri made some great putts.

Thanks also go to Susan Dahl and Tommy and Wilma Laws for the birthday cards. Susan's card reminded me that I had more hair on my head than I had on my butt.

Tommy and Wilma gave me a card with a picture of a gorgeous babe to put on my night stand so I would wake up looking at a beautiful blonde, and also a gift card. The gift card was enough to help me make the "posse" trip to The Roanoke Shag Club. Your friendship is a gift I enjoy everyday of my life.

Finally, thanks for the birthday wishes from my friends on Facebook and from Twisters Shag Club.

Newest Attraction In North Myrtle Beach

By Peggy Cavin

Mike and I attended the grand opening of the North Myrtle Beach Area Historical Museum just before Spring SOS started. The facility is located at 799 Second Ave North in the old library building. The museum holds a lot of the history of the area.

This museum has been in works for eight years. It was a dream of Dick Hester, a former mayor of NMB. The opening ceremony included several local dignitaries. Harold Worley even presented the museum with a check for \$10,000 to help with the project. One gentleman announced to the crowd, "You can't move forward unless you know where you came from". Seems the older we all get, the more we want to know of our own past.

A huge crowd turned out to celebrate at the grand opening. There was an old Woody Station Wagon parked out front to set the mood. Southern Sweet Tea and beautiful cakes with pictures of the local areas made in the icing. Cherry Grove, Crescent Beach, and Ocean Drive cake were served to everyone.

Many of the articles (such as the first "beauty chair" in Cherry Grove) were donated by local residents. Others donated things like shag memorabilia from our shagging past. There are photos of the community to show different aspects of life in NMB. Tools are displayed to represent the "roots" of local and inland farmers who frequented the beach. The shag mural from radio station 91.7fm featuring famous shag dancers is there, and the very special shag quilt donated by Ellen Taylor is proudly displayed. There was also a surprise in one of the display cabinet. One of printed Mid-Winter passes that Mike created when he was ACSC Chairman was on display. There were just too many things to see and read about. I can't list them all here. You will have to visit and see for yourself. I can't wait to go back to see the new items that will be added.

There is a small gift shop located just inside the front door selling items from and about North Myrtle Beach and a donation box where visitors can contribute to help support the museum.

SOS Highlights

By Kathy Strantz

- S** - Special shagging times with TSC folks Dick, Wilma, Tommy, Richard, Diane, Susan, Ken, Audrey, etc., etc!
- P** - Pirates Cove, "The Fun Place". Shrimp N Grits. TSC Party (Great food/wine/beer). Thanks to Mike & Peggy!
- R** - Relax by the pool with Dick, Richard, Diane. Reconnecting with childhood friend, Kathleen and Martha from Troutman!
- I** - It's a bargain and fun at the Flea Market with Dick & Richard!
- N** - New friends Al & Candy, Carol & Ann & too many to mention!
- G** - Great Low Country Boil. My 1st! Many thanks to Stephanie, Dustin, Tasha, Treavor & Dad, Scott and Cathy!
- S** - Special "thanks" to condo mates Richard, Diane. Fred, Donna!
- A** - Arcade fish fry. Awesome house tours win Ann and James on the Ocean, and Carol and Dad on the Intercoastal!
- F** - Fat Harold's free shag/line dance lessons. TSC Tea Party! So great to see everyone!
- A** - Another great party. Deborah's BD Celebration. Champagne, Al, Chuck, Arlene, Jerry, Susan and the now famous Kathy Thompson who placed 2nd in the "Rookies Revenge"!
- R** - Repent again for being late for work at TSC Tea Party. But I didn't sign up & didn't know what time to be there. Many thanks to Francis & Walter at Mid-Winter and to Ken & Marylee at SOS for sitting in for me!
- I** - I did it again! Got into the wrong condo. But thank goodness the dog barked!

Life isn't about waiting for the storm to clear but dancing in the rain... and boy did Dick and I get wet!

Author Unknown

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

What's Happening In The Shag World

(GoShagging.com Has More Items And Details)

June 4: TSC monthly meeting at Fat Boys. Social and eating time starts at 7pm. The meeting starts at 8pm/

June 15: Golf Outing And More At Mallard Head. See the flyer in this issue. This outing is for those who play golf and those who do not play.

June 22: "Boogie to Boone. This party has been cancelled.

June 29: Bus Trip To Winston-Salem. Invite a friend! Details about this trip are provided elsewhere in this issue.

July 27: Frozen Fantasy Party. Location to be announced soon.

August 2, 3: Meet Me in the Middle for a Sand Flea Reunion hosted by the Carolina Shag Club. DJs: Billy Waldrep, John Wilson, Joanne Johnson, Nick Columbus, David Graham, John Campbell & Jeff Ward; \$50 until June 30, then \$55. Free workshop with Jeff & Dede Ward. 864-361-9810 or kathycole1@charter.net for more information.

August 9-10: Runway Boogie hosted by the Beckley Area Shag DJ Ed Timberlake. Workshop by Charlie and Jackie and Ellen. Email shagbasc@suddenlink.net or call 304-573-1965 or visit www.beckleyshagclub.com for more information.

August 15-17: Shag Tracks 19 hosted by Choo Choo Shag Club. \$65-\$70. Guest DJ's, Shag workshops, 50/50 drawings. It is a BYOB event. We provide set ups. Free beer and wine while it lasts, duck races, pool parties, and poolside shooter parties. Thursday: Big Hospitality Welcome party with lots of food, adult beverages, beer and dancing at the hotel inside and poolside. Visit www.choochooshagclub.com or contact rmkellar@aol.com for more information.

August 15-17: Shag-A-Ganza hosted by Golden Isles Shag Club. \$70 before July 15th. DJ's Jerry Munson, Jimmy Lucre and Wayne Bennett. GoldenIslesShagclub.com or 912-634-3359 or ragate@bellsouth.net for more information.

October 8-13: Shag-A-Rama 2013 hosted by Beach Shaggers of Birmingham. \$70 thru June 9, \$75 thru Sept. 10, then \$80. DJ's Billy Waldrep and Jim Agee. Workshops by Sam and Lisa West. 256-353-5549 or bigjoh7@aol.com or www.beachshaggers.com for more information.

November 1-3: The Fall Cyclone: Details will be announced for this four-time CBMA award winning "Event Of The Year" will be announced this month at www.GoShagging.com.

Upcoming DJ Schedule For “The Inn”

June 7: Farrell Watts
June 14: Eddie Anderson

June 21: Dana Grubb
June 28: Mike McDaniel



Ramblings From the Road

By Wayland Massengill

Wassup my Peeps! Boy, do I have a hot tip for you. Don't take wooden nickels. Oh yeah, comedy coming at you. Ok, here's a reminder about good tires, wet weather and hydroplaning. Check, slow down and avoid by doing all the above.

Now on to more important things like my well-being and self confidence. Yes, I know it would seem impossible, but my self esteem has been shattered in recent days as I seem to have lost track of who I am and my origins.

I have been approached by Latino individuals before, thinking that I was also one of their's. While I understand how that could happen with my dark, Latin good looks, no I'm not.

I had an old offshore fishing buddy that swore to the ends of the earth that my ancestry was from a seafaring Native American tribe. This was due to my apparent ability to move around and fish on small craft at sea without holding on or losing my balance. Again, while I can tan up pretty good, I can lay no claim to Native American heritage.

Finally, I point out my most recent encounter with a gentleman from waaaaay across the pond. I was at a port authority facility in New Jersey when I was approached by a guy who started speaking to me in what took me a moment to realize was Russian. After telling him "nyet" several times, and working hard to explain to him I was not Russian, I finally got my point across to his utter shock. He explained to me that with the size and shape of my head, he was positive that I had to have been from his part of the world... much to my devastation.

So my friends, you can see how I could be shaken by these experiences and will be years trying to regain my identity. But with your help, I'm sure I will. If I could just get my wife to stop giving me the fish eye. She is just not sure anymore.

See you where the road ends and the party begins!

Personal Messages And More

- Happy Anniversary Walter! I could not have wished for a better partner to spend the last 34 years with. We have weathered the good times, the rough times, and everything in between. I'm just a little prejudiced, but I think we make a pretty good team! And we still have so much ahead of us to look forward to! Thanks for being you, Walter, and for choosing me to share your life. All my love, Frances.
- Happy Anniversary Charlie. 49 years years and still the man of my heart. Love always. Iris
- Frances, you are the love of my life and I want to thank you for the 34 years you've been with me! Each and every one has been better than the last. Let's have many more! Love, Walter
- Fun Bunch, thank you so much to all the prayers, cards, calls, and texts during my recent back surgery. I am doing very well, I think, and will be back on the dance floor very soon. You all are the greatest. Celia
- Congratulations Kathy Thompson on your second place win out of 14 couples in the Rookies Revenge Contest. Susan
- Frances, congratulations on reaching another milestone birthday (you know which one). You have impacted the lives of so many, not the least of all ... mine. Thanks for being you. Love, Walter



Grand National Dance Championship

By Peggy Cavin

I was reminded on the way to Atlanta that there is never a dull moment when Ashley and Tobitha Stewart involved. We followed each other for nearly 232 miles. With Ashley out front most of the way, it was a quick trip. When we finally got to Atlanta, the traffic came to a stop a mere 10 miles from our hotel. It's no fun sitting still on a six or eight lane road. I was just looking around when I happened to look into the side mirror of our car. Tobitha was standing up hanging out the sunroof of their vehicle giving the diva wave to everyone. Needless to say, that picture went on Facebook.

We had a great weekend. It was filled with laughter. I was amazed at all the talented dancers. The shag dancers and swing dancers were the best of the best. There was non-stop competition and social dancing all day, every day. I enjoyed every minute of it. We started early with workshops and then contests during the day, and ended with social dancing late night up until 5AM.

At midnight on Saturday, we attended the 60's/Woodstock theme party in the ballroom. The costumes were awesome. The four of us were hysterically funny. Mike, "Moonbeam", BooBoo and Tobitha (or Tabitha, or Tobatha, or Tibitha, or about five other pronunciations) were grooving! Kathy Thompson was right there in the mist of it all, too. There are tons of pictures taken and put out on Facebook by Vickie Beam Byrum and others. Take a look!

The highlight of the weekend was watching Ashley and Tobitha's awesome dance, and then their Junior Shag Team of the Carolinas competing. We were proud of them all! The juniors even won first place beating out a group of pro shaggers and other teams, which added to the excitement of the evening!!

Michael and LeAnn put on a awesome weekend, carrying on the tradition started many years ago by Charlie and Jackie The 20th anniversary date for the Grand Nationals is May 22-26, 2014. The theme party for 2014 is going to be the "Roaring Twenties". I've already started looking for my Flapper outfit!



SOS Fun

By Wilma Laws

What a great evening we had at an event hosted at the residence of Dustin and Stephanie, Trevor and Toshia, and Scott and Cathys at SOS. They prepared some friends a Low Country Boil meal that was out of this world! Having never seen this done, we were really into watching this meal come together. Tables had been rented and covered with plastic covers. They had brought from home the cookers, gas, and all of the supplies to prepare this meal. Previously they had gathered potatoes, shrimp, crawfish, lobster, corn, all of the spices and were prepared to put this meal together (totally supplied by these couples). We can not imagine all of the planning, shopping, etc., they had to do to get this meal done!

The meal was cooked in one large pot, then poured out on the table. You just "gather" round and eat off the table! Needless to say the entire group had no problem doing this. Thank you all for a wonderful evening! It was truly a TSC "Fun Bunch" event!

A Sociological Look At Shagging

By Marylee Kreamer

I've been wondering when I'll stop thinking of myself as a "new member of the shag world". Ken and I joined TSC in October of 2011 after taking lessons with Farrell and Brenda. That seems like a while ago but I still feel like a newbie. Don't get me wrong, it hasn't gotten in the way of us having a blast! But for those of you who may also still be feeling like rookies yourselves, here's why I think it takes a while before you become a "regular".

First, you find yourself hanging out with fellow shaggers who may have been movers and shakers in this community for decades. They might've learned to shag at about the same time they learned to ride a bike. They know all the deejays and have more SOS and Bob Rea stories than Krispy Kreme has crullers.

And second, there's just so much to learn. Beyond the obvious need to master the basic steps, there's *so much more*. It's almost like moving to a new country with a strange but exotic culture. Here's a cheat sheet for you with some of the most critical elements of the shag culture as seen by this newcomer.

You've probably already noticed that shag has its own language. There are posses and migrations, Twisters and Cyclones, sugar fots (feet?) and boogie walks, safaris and stranders, and drinks with names that can't be published or said out loud in polite company. Years ago I took a bunch of Carolina bankers away to a leadership conference, and the first thing they said upon arriving was that they couldn't wait until that evening when they could do some *shaggin'*. I did not think that they were planning to *dance!* It's a colorful and complex vocabulary with the potential for some embarrassing moments. So, go slow at first.

The shag world certainly has its own governing bodies, which I don't even begin to understand. I know it's as political as Congress but hopefully much more effective. I think I'll keep my distance though until I know the ropes.

If you're unsure as to whether you've stumbled into a troop of shaggers, look for their telltale artifacts and implements: a well-worn pair of weejuns, a large cooler, a portable fan, a box of baby powder, or a painted wine glass. Still unsure? Spill a little beer on the dance floor. A shagger will take you out for that!

If you've ever been to SOS (I finally figured out it's not a call for help) you've seen the religious aspect of the culture: a communion of shrimp and grits washed down with a Long Island Ice Tea while shagging to Gospel Hour at Pirates' Cove on Sunday morning. And my mother thinks I never go to church!

But the most important part of the wild and wonderful culture of the shag world is its values. Shaggers value a good time! Don't stand between them and a party! They can take an old bingo hall, a scarily remote boat club, Billy's Barn, a high school gym, or a junkyard and turn it into a rip-roaring good time! Give them a derby hat, a poodle skirt, or an inner tube and they can work magic with a theme.

They value the music. Whether it's the Dominoes' *Sixty Minute Man*, or *Mama's Drinking Liquor Again* by King Tyrone and the Graveyard Ramblers, or Cee Lo Green's *Forget You* . . . bluesy or rock 'n' roll . . . everyone has their favorites and the deejays are the high priests and priestesses delivering those favorites to the faithful at around 120 beats per minute into the wee hours of the morning.

But the value that keeps shag alive and well is that of valuing each other. That's what keeps us coming back and that's why we'll pass these treasured ideals and quirky habits down to that all-important next generation who will come after us. Maybe one day Ken and I will take a first timer under our wing and show them the ropes of SOS the way Tommy and Wilma did for us. We'll tell them about Ken doing the Wobble with Derby roses around his neck. And we'll recount our best Cyclone stories.

We'll pay it forward as others have done for us. Isn't that the way a culture remains alive and well for years to come?

Spring SOS

By Rees Brody

We made part of the SOS week this time. Missed the parade on Saturday, but had commitments (thank goodness for spell checking, can never spell this word) back home. Crowds seemed to be smaller, but I've noticed that Spring is not as packed as Fall.

Actually, it's kind of nice being able to move in some of the clubs without having to squeeze by someone else. Gosh, we were at the Spanish Galleon one night, watching a band, when a group left and offered us their table and chairs. That rarely ever happens, sure is nice when it does. We can never find a table or chairs.

I guess folks line up at the doors to be first when the doors open. That's a lot of time to kill especially when the weather is good outside. Speaking of weather, it was good for several days to where we could enjoy beach time. Beach time is a bonus. For once in years we are able to start looking at the Fall trip and make plans. With Nancy's previous unknown schedule and commitments (here's that word again) until just before the SOS week, we had to scramble at the last minute to make plans, most of the time we had to cut trips short, just as we did for this Spring SOS. But her schedule has changed for the better. It'll be a lot easier for plans. Looking forward to the Fall.

**We will have some space saved
for you in the next issue!**

**Send us your memories or your impressions of any
TSC event. We want to hear from you.**

**Don't worry, you don't have to be a great writer.
So please send in something before it's too late!**

Another Great SOS!

By Susan Dahl

I haven't missed an SOS since my first, in Fall of 2004. Every one is different. I always laugh and have the best time with my roommates. Only one was "bad" and that was the year Ramona died on St. Patrick's Day, 2008. (So much for that.) Our new SOS home is at Ocean Bay Club. I love it, love it, love it! The owner of the condo even bought us Martini glasses for chocolate martinis. She joined us this Spring. Deborah, Jerrie, Kathy T., and myself started the week off with "King of the Condo" Chuck Easley. The end of the week we had Claire and Arlene join us, and Deborah and Chuck leave. Al Waters had the Master Bedroom and was "King of the Condo". The men took the garbage out even tho' they were Kings. We stayed out so late and talked when we came back in. I am way too old for this 3:00 A.M. bedtime. Can't believe I am not sick. One huge highlight was Rookie's Revenge that Kathy Thompson and Charles won second place. I have never seen the whole competition until this SOS. Of course, we were her cheering section. The young ones, plus Tommy, Wilma, Kathy and Scott came in just before the finals were announced. We were happy that if Kathy didn't win first, that Chad did.

Another highlight was The Low Country Boil at Kathy, Scott, Dustin, Stephanie, Tasha and Trevors'. That was one of the best meals I ever had. Everyone was finished, and I just kept eating. I know... what a pig! I don't even want to see the pictures!

If you only went on weekends it was your loss! The Tea Party Saturday and the mix of drinks Friday were great. The only way to do SOS is go for eight days. That way you don't miss any fun!

Mike said to show up after Low Country Boil, at Fat Harold's for Shooters. We were there in the back toom right on time. They were there in the front, right on time. Our loss. Everyone in my Condo didn't want to go home, but such is life until September. Hope I am still alive. You think that is a joke? See you at Big Shotz for more fun. Hugs to all!

The Lowdown on The Low Country Boil

By Susan Dahl

I just have to elaborate more on this meal that was the best! Stephanie, Dustin, Tasha, Trevor, Kathy and Scott went out of their way to put this on. They didn't skimp on anything. The LCB's that I had gone to only had shrimp, corn, potatoes and sausage. This one had shrimp, crawfish, crab legs, corn, potatoes and sausage. There were bowls of butter to roll the corn and potatoes in, plus cocktail sauce for shrimp. There was way too much. Therefore, one of us ate like a pig. Of course, all the boiled stuff was put on the clean tablecloth. About ten people stood up and ate, while the rest sat and ate (maybe one full plate). Tommy Laws and I pulled a chair up to the table and rested our elbows and shoveled it in. Yes, I did keep eating and was the last one, and loved every bit. Then, the picture taking started and it was getting dark. Everything was being cleaned up, but I was still eating.

I did finish when the little bitty bugs started biting. Actually, I still wasn't totally full, but I wouldn't have wanted my cholesterol checked. Then we all went in for ice cream cake. This delectable event was in the middle of the week, so if you were only there on one of the weekends, it was your loss. Of course, if you are allergic to seafood, I feel sorry for you. All the couples put this shindig on. But Stephanie and Dustin were the ring leaders and ran the show. Thank You! Thank You! From the Twisters pig of the group!



The Tea Party

By Nancy Brody

The tea party at Harolds was great. The only drawback was that I had to be in my official capacity as acting secretary of Twisters. Needless to say I had to take minutes the entire time and my tea drinking was compromised. Ray, finally, was taking pictures. He will for once have a report at the next meeting. Some of us got to dance with Matt the Egyptian. Wilma, however, was convinced that he was Italian. Tommy, as usual, has no recollection of the party. I'm not sure Rees does either. We thought we had a new member show up and realized it was Kathy with a new doo. Looks great Kathy. I never saw Susan Dahl. What's up with that? Mike and Peggy did a great job putting everything together. There are also some things I can't put in writing... even for the Fun Bunch!

GOOD TIMES AT SOS

By Scott Fletcher

We made it through another SOS at the beach. Wow! What a great time! We arrived Tuesday the 16th and we partied all the way through to Sunday morning. Every morning I woke up with no way to hold my head that didn't hurt (like the song). We shared a house on the channel with Dustin, Stephanie, Trevor, Tasha, and Trevor's dad Tom (a bunch of party animals). On Wednesday evening the seven of us put on a low country boil for about 30 people. We invited everyone from Twisters that we could get in touch with. Dustin & Stephanie sure know how to cook. The rest of us were just a supporting cast. The food was fantastic and I am sure everyone got full... even Susan. Ha Ha!

Every night we hung out at all of the clubs with fellow Twisters members. What a great time. Bob Rea was there but he had a nagging back thing going on and was only able to party till about 3:00am every night. Ha Ha!

We really enjoyed the week and are looking forward to having more fun at the next SOS.

Spring Safari 2013

By Peggy Cavin

Mike and I got an early start on Spring SOS this year. After attending a friend's daughter's wedding in Dobson, NC on the 6th, we left there and heading south about 9:00pm that night. A 4 ½ hour drive later, we were at the condo. Nice ride, mostly four lanes all the way to the beach... 230+ miles.

By the time SOS started on April 12th, we were already tired. It's a chore visiting friends and our favorite bars trying to prepare for other friends who are coming down the next week. ☺

The first Tea Party on the back deck of Harold's was lots of fun. Ray Scott was our DJ for the event. He's always a hit with everyone. Jack, our "cook", had prepared an awesome Chicken Bog, green beans and soft rolls for us. It was very good. I asked Jack for his recipe. He told me it was Fat Harold's. I should have known. Maybe I'll get it!

Golf day was Thursday at Eastport. The morning started out with a few raindrops, but it ended up being a beautiful day for golf. Several teams did their best to come out on top for the day. Ken carried his lucky TSC towel, but didn't continue his winning streak this time. Our friends, Sandy & Sue from Boston came down to participate with us again this year. The heavy pollen took me out of the game this time, but I'll be back next year!!

The party at Pirates Cove was fun. This year we had drink tickets which made things a little easier for all. Marty served BBQ sliders, chicken fingers, slaw, and homemade salsa with chips. It was awesome food! John made sure we were happy!!

Saturday morning... ACSC meeting, nothing new going on.

We attended a low country boil during the week. Never seen anything like it. When food was ready, everything was poured out on top of a plastic covered tables where everyone stood eating the

heaped up pile of shrimp, lobster, crawfish, polish sausage, corn on the cob, and potatoes straight from the table.

The host threw out a little hot sauce, mustard on the table and the feast began. That's what you call "finger food"? We put a huge dent in the food but Susan out-did us all. She pulled up a chair, sat down and continued to eat way after everyone else had finished.

Several of the guys went upstairs for 30 minutes or more, Susan was still eating long after they came back outside. Where did that little woman put all those shrimp? She ate those crawfish, too! Tore the heads off like a pro! Kathy attempted to video the Susan "feast" but realized after twenty minutes her video had ran out five minutes after the video started. We had a good laugh over that one! Hate we didn't catch the hysterically funny comments from Susan and others watching her eat. Would have been a winner on a segment of Funniest Home Videos. You got to love Susan Dahl. She and our little spark-plug Kathy Thompson, can make your day.

The week drew to a close with the "I'm Not Leaving And You Can't Make Me" Party; a Bob Rea special. It's always a fun time with all who stay over on Sunday night. Starts at 8 PM and goes until the picture of those "last standing" at SOS it taken! In the past, this gathering has been one of the highlights of the week!

Every year, I think the Bob Rea Party can't get any funnier ,but this year topped all past years! If you have never stayed over, it's a small group. There is always a memorable moment and this year it was partying with a couple from the "Myrtle Manor" trailer park (or so it seemed). I've never seen Lee literally hit the floor on both knees laughing so hard. It was a hysterical night. Terry is always a great bartender and helps us close the house down. Love Terry and all her antics during that night! She's an interesting lady! She has stories to tell, for sure.

Everyone got home safely. Glad we stayed a week longer to recoup from all the fun and laughter. And, we finally gpt our condo back in order after weeks of painting, redoing cabinets, tearing down wallpaper, and doing a lot more all during SOS!

Missed You at S.O.S

By Nancy Massengill

This year Wayland and I did not get to come to Spring SOS and, yes, we missed being there with you! Instead of going this year, we opted at the end of March to fly to Hawaii to spend nine days on Ohau visiting with our son, daughter-in-law and grandchildren.

We have a granddaughter who is 5, in school and quite a little character. She delighted in showing us all the things we have missed while being so far away from her. The little boy will be 2 in May and is also quite a character. He loves his cars. He lacks some in verbal skills and becomes quite frustrated when he tries to tell you something and you just don't understand what he wants since he very plainly understands. His sister is a great interpreter.

We were able to wander around the island and saw many wonderful things. We saw the whales migrating to the north, the giant green turtles and the surfers on the North Shore, and all the beautiful flora on the island. We spent one day at Pearl Harbor visiting the Arizona Memorial, the USS Missouri, the Bowfin Submarine, and the Pacific Aviation Museum. Our tour then took us to the Punchbowl Cemetery and through downtown Honolulu to see the two castles of the Islands. With great regret we had to leave and fly back home to get back into our regular lives again.

Perhaps we will be able to do a few days in the fall at SOS, but what a tradeoff! That's one thing off our bucket list!

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The shag dance is growing

By Tom Stone

Last fall SOS I shared a condo with two friends, one of whom I already knew and is a good shagger. The other fellow was new to shag and had to be taught. After several labor filled and exasperating classes I finally had him ready for SOS. That was one new addition. Little did I know what these two had in store for me at this event. After only one day they both came to me with a plea to teach a class for these wonderful ladies they had met from Virginia. OK, I said, after all it was just one class, right? That went well and made a good impression on the ladies for my guys. However this apparently wasn't enough. The next day they presented me with another, as they put it, "opportunity to teach." This time it was with three ladies from Greensboro. And this also went well for the boys. The two gained a girl friend each from this class. In all I think I taught 4 days in a row, bringing new folks into our world of shag.

If you read my last letter you remember what an important roll Kathy Thompson played in helping teach several of the Twister's Shag Club members.

This Spring SOS seemed to be a repeat of fall. My two roomates had been collaborating and already had classes set up in advance which we started Saturday at 11am. My students all showed up. But to my surprise, so did six total strangers who were supposedly there for another class which apparently did not happen. So they joined in with my class. This happened again two more times, each with totally unexpected students.

It is my experience in talking with these newbees that allows me to say with full integrity, "The shag dance is growing." New people are coming to each SOS and are all wanting to learn the dance. It is my pleasure to have taken a small part in instructing a few of these newcomers.

Please let me know if I can be of service to any of you.

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