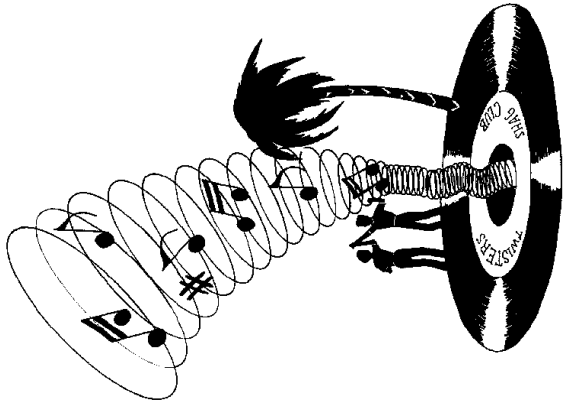


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Our shag club is known as the "Fun Bunch", and it our goal to have fun, first and foremost. We try to include shag news, and party flyers from other clubs in this newsletter. All info must be received by the 15th of the preceding month to be included.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

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Note: Statements in this publication are directed to members of our shag club, and should not be taken out of context by others. Opinions expressed by authors may not reflect TSC's!

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**Next TSC Meeting: Tuesday Oct 2<sup>nd</sup>**

## The President's Letter

Hello Fun Bunch,

Last month was awesome. We had so many events going on during the month I thought we were in a Chinese fire drill. I loved every minute of it. We had fun, too.

We started the month off with a good spirited club meeting. There were over 100 people in attendance. Everyone seemed to be excited with the fact the Fall Cyclone was just around the corner.

Our SOS Kickoff party was a blast. We had 200 shaggers to attend. It was the biggest SOS Kickoff party in recent history. We had the biggest spread of food, too, and it was delicious. Nancy Brodie, our social director and our caterer, did a super job along with her husband Reese. Special thanks go to them and all the committee members for helping to make this event such a success. I also want to thank all the members that visited us from other shag clubs in the surrounding area. We were delighted you came to party with us. Evidently, having so much fun at the party put all of us in the right mood for a fantastic and busy week at SOS.

We began a new set of lessons on September 11 with another large crowd. We are so fortunate to have so many people that are interested in taking lessons. Shag lessons are a major responsibility of our club. Folks, promoting the shag dance is what our shag club is all about. On a serious note, please keep coming out on Tuesday nights to help with the lessons, or to take them. We need all of you.

For those of you that could not attend SOS, all I can say is I am so sorry you were not able to make it. Our two tea parties and our shooter party were a huge success. Oh my gosh! We have story after story to tell you. There is just no way we could ever not have a tea party or a shooter party. All of our members and guest had a great time. It goes to show how we are united, and we like to have fun together. We did a lot of traveling in groups to all the clubs and really had a blast. For those of you who were at SOS, please write an article and let everyone know what a wonderful time you had.

I hope you also enjoyed the daily dairy on the web of all the events that occurred. Mike did a super job. Thanks Mike.

Fun Monday was a big success. We had sold 140 raffle tickets for the event. In fact, our shag club was recognized at the ACSC meeting on Saturday for selling the most raffle tickets of all the clubs in our general club size. Congratulations, members! (We also sold 153 SOS memberships which was the highest sales per number of members of any club in the ACSC.)

We also had so many Fun Bunch members out on the street all day. We partied and enjoyed the entire afternoon. The adrenalin was flowing all day. Isn't it a great feeling to be our age and still enjoy the beach and the music? It's fun to just kick back and party like we think there may be no tomorrow. While I was sitting in a chair on the street, for a brief moment I thought about my grandkids and thought if they could only see me now. I hope when they get to be our age they will enjoy life as much as we do.

I can't begin to tell you how many people came up to me at the beach all excited about our Fall Cyclone. We heard so many compliments from so many people about the Cyclone being a great party. We would not be able to have such a successful event without all our friends in the different shag clubs.

Speaking of the Fall Cyclone, there are only 5 more weeks before our event. We have had an excellent number of members to sign up to work. We need everyone to take part in the Cyclone. It can't be done without your support. I cannot express myself enough on the importance of your help, and your participation in our yearly event. We need every one of you!

Our area shag club social went so well in July that we have another one scheduled for later this month. We'll have more on that at a later date. We're excited to see clubs finally working together!

In closing please remember to have fun, promote the dance and stay active in your club. I hope to see you at our next meeting.

Kathy

## **October Shag Club Meeting**

Our monthly meeting will be at Fat Boys on Tuesday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>. Music will start around 7pm. The meeting will be at 8pm, and we'll have more music and dancing afterwards.

The \$5.99 all-you-can-eat buffet is great. Take advantage of this offer. Enjoying their good food helps support the facility. And, it shows we appreciate having a great place to teach lessons, have meetings, etc. So, please eat if you can. You won't regret it!

We made a mistake in last month's TSC Treasure Chest Drawing. So, we're carrying over a large amount for this month. You could be a big winner this month if you are there and your name is drawn. We hope to see you on Tuesday!

## **Membership Information**

Ann Hargrett, C B Hargrett, Linda Hightower, May Johnson, Tim Johnson, Nancy Massengill, Wayland Massengill, Betsy Weiss and Karl Weiss have submitted applications to join TSC. Each will need to be at our meeting to be voted on. Come out and meet them!

## **Havana's DJ Schedule**

Oct 5: Wilkie Whaley                      Oct 19: Joanne Johnson  
Oct 12: To Be Announced              Oct 26: To Be Announced

Don't forget that the first Friday of every month is birthday celebration night. Check out the list of folks who have birthdays in Oct, and join us on the 5<sup>th</sup>.

## **Fall Cyclone 17 Update**

As we go to press (Sept 25) we have sold over 800 tickets to our 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Fall Cyclone. Anyone wanting up-to-date, detailed information about our party should visit our web site, [www.goshagging.com](http://www.goshagging.com). It even includes the number of rooms available at each participating motel.

## **Member Cruise**

What's the best way for members to get together, have fun, and prepare for the Fall Cyclone? A cruise on Lake Norman would be perfect, and that's what we have set up for you.

On Saturday, October 13 we will cruise the lake with Yachta, Yachta, Yachta Charters. They have a new boat for us to enjoy (as if the last one wasn't good enough)!

The club will supply all the food and beverages and music. All you need to do is show up ready to have fun.

Current plans are to board around 4:30, and cruise at 5pm sharp. This will give us plenty of time to see some of the nicer homes on Lake Norman, and then enjoy the sunset. The cruise will return at approximately 10:30

Because this article is being written from O.D., we can't confirm all details or provide a map in this newsletter. But we will have this for you on meeting night, and in our weekly email.

The main thing you need to do is reserve your spot by giving our Secretary (Sharon) \$5. That's right, it's only \$5 for the cruise, the food, the beverages, the fun, and more.

Starting Saturday, Oct 7, we will allow guests to join in for \$25 (still a big bargain). So, members, reserve your spot now. We will not hold any spots unless pre-paid. (All money is non-refundable.)

This is one of our most fun events, and it is a major member benefit. So don't miss out. Please be safe, and be smart. We expect to provide beer, wine and margaritas for your enjoyment.

The cruise will leave from the Peninsula Yacht Club just off I-77, exit 28. Look for more details at our meeting, on our web site, and in our mid-week email message. Just don't miss out! (Since the boat is enclosed, we will sail rain or shine!)

## **Huge Turnout For Pre-SOS Party**

By Jennifer Finney

What a great party. John and I could only stay a couple hours, but what a blast! I made an earthquake cake (German chocolate upside down cake) for the event, but I don't think it was even needed. There was barbecue, dips, cookies, brownies, fruit, and lots more.

The crowd was great which made the dancing even better (more partners to choose from). John and I were a little rusty on our moves, but as soon as we got out there it was like riding a bike.

I hate we missed Fall SOS this year, but I'm looking forward to the Fall Cyclone party!

## **Lady In Waiting**

By Nancy Williams

Well, I have a little news. Dean Yancey and I got engaged on Sept. 8. We met at a Twister's Shag Club activity in July 2006 and have been dating ever since. We have both been single for nearly 20 years. We love to shag and are looking forward to learning some new steps together.

## **A Note To Our Club**

Dear Fellow Shaggers In TSC,

We attended your Tea Party for the second straight year and wanted you to know what a great time we had. You guys put on a great party and we got more than our money's worth. We are members of the Salisbury Shag Club, but came as guests of Brenda and Arnold Hatley and Diane and Al Brandon. Thanks for letting us be a part of your group. We really had a blast and are looking forward to the spring.

Richard and Gladys Dillon

## **Here's Your Sign...**

By Laura Lemmond

How do you know when people from severe drought areas of the Carolina's are at SOS? Approximately 20 of them will spend 4 to 5 hours in the pouring rain playing golf!

What a great time we had on Thursday playing at Eagle's Nest! Jim Hutson (and we are sure with assistance from Margaret) organized yet another great outing. We woke up to drizzle in the morning wondering if the group would want to play. But everyone who had signed up, showed up!

Leigh Ann provided beverages and sustenance to all on a continuing basis. She also served as official photographer for the group. We can't wait to see the pictures!

As of this writing, we don't know who "won". You see, it really doesn't matter because it was all about *fun!*

## **My Pizza Dip Recipe**

By Beverly Carroll

1/2 cup sour cream  
1 (8-ounce) package cream cheese, softened  
1/2 teaspoon Italian seasoning  
1 Jar Pizza sauce  
1/2 cup chopped pepperoni  
2 cups shredded mozzarella cheese

Mix sour cream, cheese and Italian seasoning in mixer until smooth. Spread mixture evenly in a 9" pie pan.

Cover with Pizza sauce.

Cover sauce with mozzarella cheese. Top with chopped pepperoni

Bake 350 about 10 minutes or until dip is hot.

## TSC Jewelry

Donna Hord has suggested making earrings, “slides”, pendants or other things with one of the TSC logos, the club name, or something else on them. Got an idea? Let us know ASAP. We’re talking to a jeweler now! Thanks for the idea, Donna!



## Just Another Day in Paradise

By Janice Musgrove

What a wonderful time we had at SOS Fall Migration! It was great to see all of our friends in Twister’s Shag Club, meet some new members, and see others we’ve met from clubs far and wide. We decided to spend two weeks at the beach and kept busy the whole time. So, no matter how long you plan to stay in paradise, there is always something to do.

We decided to see Jackie Gore perform at Dynamites one evening. His band was not there, because of a health issue, but Jackie was wonderful. He told that as a young man he and the other members of the Embers performed at a big event. He sang Stagger Lee as his first solo ever. From the reaction of the crowd he knew he wanted to spend his life singing. Aren't we glad he did? He still sounds wonderful and we enjoyed this first opportunity to see him live.

We also attended both of the record release parties. There were over 40 performers singing their new releases. Several of the singers were just starting their career. Having new singers and new songs will keep our dance alive.

Our favorite new song was by Butch Barnes with Sea Crus. It is a remake of Jimmy Ruffin's "Walk Away From Love". Pam with Shaggy Maggy was back and gave a wonderful performance.

I know this event is in the afternoon when many of you are on the beach, but it really is fun to see the artists and hear the songs before they are out in public. In fact Craig Woolard sang his new song on Thursday night and we happened to be at Judy's House of Oldies the next day when she received the CDs in her store.

Others will report on club events, but I wanted to let you know about those two times that we went to without other club members.

We'll see you at the Cyclone!

## **Older And Wiser**

Submitted By Kathy White

An elderly man in North Carolina had owned a large farm for several years. He had a large pond in the back, fixed up nice with picnic tables, horseshoe courts, and some apple and peach trees. The pond was properly shaped and fixed up for swimming when it was built.

One evening the old farmer decided to go down to the pond and look it over, as he hadn't been there for a while. He grabbed a five-gallon bucket to bring back some fruit. As he neared the pond, he heard voices shouting and laughing with glee.

As he came closer, he saw it was a bunch of young women skinny-dipping in his pond. He made the women aware of his presence and they all went to the deep end.

One of the women shouted to him, "We're not coming out until you leave!"

The old man frowned and replied, "I didn't come down here to watch you ladies swim naked or make you get out of the pond naked."

Holding the bucket up he said, "I'm here to feed the alligator."

Moral: Older men can still think fast.

## **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.*

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

Oct 6: GTSC - Meet the Area Clubs Party in Greensboro. 336-299-6859 or mmadrin@hotmail.com or www.greatertriadshagclub.org

Oct 6: Monthly Party in hosted by York Shag Club. \$5. DJ: Norman Mills. 803-831-8817 or marrshag@bellsouth.net for info.

Oct 7: Golf Tournament hosted by Winston Salem Shag Club. \$50 per person. Proceeds benefit Hospice. Call 336-788-5838 for more.

#### **Oct 13: TSC Cruise and party on the lake. Details in this issue**

Oct 19-20: Fall Bash hosted by Mountain Empire Shag Society. \$35. DJs Kyle Beam and Larry Calhoun. 423-914-0523 or bogy00005@gmail.com for info.

Oct 19-21: GeeChee Blast hosted by Charleston Shag Club. \$50. DJs Gary Gibson, Dick Hamrick, Betty Brown, Walter Upchurch. 843-971-6730 or dancepollydance@hotmail.com for info.

Oct 20: Sandy Beach Shag Club Halloween Party. DJ Ed Timberlake. www.sandybeachshagclub.com or 828-438-8906.

Oct 25: Halloween Party hosted by Charlotte Shag Club. 704-510-1743 or patti.miller@cms.k12.nc.us for info.

Oct 27: Shag-O-Ween Costume Party in North Wilkesboro, NC. Hosted by Brushy Mountain Shag Club. \$6. DJ Roy Childress. Costume contest. 336-921-4205 or roosta\_nc@charter.net for info.

Oct 27: Groucho's Reunion at the Oasis Shrine Temple. DJ's John Hook, Chris Beachley and Ron Area. \$20. 704-873-7100 or rsquare@mindspring.com for info.

**Nov 2-4: Fall Cyclone hosted by Twister's Shag Club. Party details and a flyer can be found now on [www.goshagging.com](http://www.goshagging.com)**

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**This Space Reserved For Your Next Article**

**We hope you will have one ready for the next issue!**

**All your fellow members want to hear from you!**

Nov 9, 10: Turkey Blast hosted by Wintson Salem Shag Club. \$25. There is a \$10,000 raffle to benefit Hospice. \$100 tickets include party admission. Dinner served 6-8pm. Call 336-969-9614 for info.

Nov 10: Re-Up Party hosted by Gaston Shaggers. \$6. DJ Norman Mills. 704-827-1770 or patsyfuller@carolina.rr.com for info.

Nov 10: Sandy Beach Shag Club Monthly Party at the Elks Lodge. 7:30-11pm. DJ Larry Calhoun. acoley@charter.net for more info.

Nov 17: The Turkey Strut in Wilkesboro, NC. Hosted by Brushy Mountain Shag Club. \$6. DJ Mac Mast. 336-921-4205 or roosta\_nc@charter.net for info.

Nov 17: Amateur Shag Contest hosted by Sanford Area Society of Shaggers. \$6. Amateurs only, please no CSA dancers. 919-775-6364 or sandy.forsythe@marellisusa.com for info.

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 lndcayce@bellsouth.net 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 31: New Year's Eve Party hosted by Twister's Shag Club. More details will be available on [www.goshagging.com](http://www.goshagging.com).**

**Feb 8: Valentine's Day Party hosted by Twister's Shag Club. More details to be announced on [www.goshagging.com](http://www.goshagging.com).**

## This Month's Birthdays

Claude McKinney	10/07
Jo Murphy	10/09
Sharon Carter	10/10
B.J. Tarle	10/13
Ramona Hawley	10/14

Carole White	10/16
Kerrie Cauthen	10/22
Kathy Kerr	10/25
Rhonda Alexander	10/27
Ava Hurd	10/28

## Next Month's Birthdays

Tommy Laws	11/03
Libby Teeter	11/05
Frank Melchor	11/07
Jean Saunders	11/11
Nancy Williams	11/12
Pam Honeycutt	11/16
Joel Windham	11/16

Walter Smith	11/17
Kay Howard	11/18
Nancy Brody	11/19
Angela Windham	11/22
Jim Hutson	11/29
Beverly Carroll	11/30

Happy 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary Lee And Kathy

Love, Mom

Happy Birthday to Claude McKinney on October 7th. Hope you have a grand day and all your birthday wishes come true!  
You are a special person to me, and a wonderful friend.

With my Love,

Gwen Weddington

Got something to say? Something to share? Something to sell or celebrate? Put it here next month. The space is free for members for non-commercial use.

# Queenie's Medical Moment

By Pam Siege

I was looking around in my office and I think I have all the classic signs of stress. I come into work on time on Monday morning and then come in a little later each day. I look at my watch when I get there to see how long before lunch. And then I do the same after lunch for quitting time. (Like it ever changes.) I also have items in my office that say the following things:

- I'm Not Bossy I Just Have Better Ideas!
- Decisions Decisions Decisions
- There Are Two Kinds Of People – Dancers And People Who Wish They Were

I also have:

- An Easy Button
- A picture I Painted Of Beverly, Pat And Myself That Says: "We're Girlfriends, We're Happy, And That's All That Matters"
- A plaque that says "Don't Make Me Get The Flying Monkeys"
- A plaque that says "Do I Look Like A Freeking People Person?" (It's my all time favorite.)

What is the definition of stress? (Just watch Geoff sometime. He walks around talking to himself... and has been observed by our children answering himself! Scary huh? )

Webster states that stress is a condition typically characterized by symptoms of mental or physical tension or strain, as depression or hypertension, that result in a situation in which a person feels threatened, pressured, etc.

Stressed-out means tired, nervous, or depressed as a result of overwork, mental pressure, etc.

Stress can effect your body; your thoughts, your behavior, and your feelings and you don't even know it.

Sometimes stress takes on other forms and you will think you have a physical problem like:

- hypertension - anxiety
- headache - irritability
- chest pain - depression
- muscle aches - sadness
- stomach upset - anger
- tiredness - job dissatisfaction
- sleep problems - inability to concentrate
- weight gain or loss

The first step is to identify the source of the stress. If you can't do this, please see your doctor... the sooner, the better. It could be as simple as unpaid bills, deadlines at work, children's behavior or marital problems. Sometimes not being able to get on the dance floor due to over-crowding causes stress!

Things you can do to alleviate the stress:

- Put things into perspective
- Find a hobby or something you enjoy doing and set that time aside to treat yourself
- Participate in a regular physical activity (exercise has been proven to relieve stress.) Did you see "Legally Blonde"? El Wood said that people who exercise release endorphins and are happy, and happy people just don't exercise, kill other people. (OK, so that means I need to exercise more. There isn't any more space under the carpet in my office for bodies!)
- Try to maintain a positive outlook on life
- Set realistic goals
- Reward yourself for all the good things you are doing and trying to changing

Worrying about things will only make them worse! Call on your friends, family, and Church staff to talk to. Most people recover completely once the stress in their life is identified and dealt with. Take care of yourself! Others need you for a dance partner!

So here's to our health! And remember laughter is the best medicine... and it tightens the stomach muscles!

Bless Our Hearts!



## A New Experience At Fall SOS

Al Brandon

This SOS brought two new experiences to our exodus to Ocean Drive for the twice yearly event. The first was a fishing expedition for Arnold Hatley and me. Arriving around noon on Wednesday of the week of SOS, our first priority was to replenish our not nearly empty stomachs with the buffet treats at Boulineaus' on the "square" at Cherry Grove. After stuffing ourselves, we proceeded to Boulineaus sporting goods-hardware-clothing-bait shop located behind the food store-restaurant-clothing-tourist trinkets store. Talk about having the market cornered!

Having made our bait purchase, we make our way to the Cherry Grove Fishing Pier. As we paid our pier fee we were assured that, indeed, fishing was good. Perhaps we misunderstood. Maybe fishing "had" been good. Someone must have warned the fish by sonar that we were on the hunt. Either that or they were full from all the worms and shrimp that other fishermen had feed them. So for 3 ½ hours we enjoyed sunburn and windburn while drowning as many worms as we could by attaching them to weighted hooks and gently placing them in the water. Nevertheless, I'm sure that as soon as we left fish began jumping out of the water and committing suicide by impaling themselves on hooks that people were holding in the water or jumping into coolers on the pier.

Having had such wonderful luck fishing, I decided that I would offer myself to some unsuspecting TSC members as an addition to the golf outing. I learned two things that will certainly help me in the future. First thing I learned was that whoever coined the phrase and those who continue to perpetuate it are liars. It does rain on the golf course! While discussing whether to play or not, Jim Hutson warned us that if we started, we would finish. There would be no quitting unless lightning flashes became every four or five seconds apart. Jeff Siege and Irby Bouknight were the lucky players who drew the short straw and let me tag along. I did contribute to the cause by making a couple lucky 30 foot putts using only one hand. All this while it continued to rain buckets.

Even though I wore what was supposed to be a waterproof jacket, I was soaked through... including my underwear. Unfortunately, I did not have the foresight to bring a change of clothes, as Jim had done. He changed after the first nine holes.

As I stated before, I learned two things this day. The second thing I learned was that Arnold was a much better golf ball "fisherman" than a fish fisherman. Since he is not a golfer, I solicited Arnold to drive my cart and keep my balls dry. Arnold is a great cart driver, but a mediocre ball attendant. However, back to the ball "fisherman". Since it has been such a dry season the lakes and ponds had receding water lines. As the water receded, dozens of balls lost at "high tide" became visible. Arnold was a master at collecting these experienced (and some not so experienced) golf balls. I'm not sure of the exact count, but I think he gathered at least seventy-five balls. Unfortunately, golf balls do not taste as good as flounder.

So who knows? Next time Arnold and I may catch seventy-five fish in the rain, and I may lose seventy-five golf balls while getting a great sunburn.

Oh! We also shagged and shopped and drank long island iced tea and ate four meals a day (or night) and had fun with our friends and stayed in a nice new four bedroom four bathroom condo. Not bad for a bunch of senior citizens!

## Frozen Fantasy Contest Winner

By Betsy Chapman

In my article last month I accidentally left out the winner for the "Best Shooter". The winner was Rochelle Firestone for "Creamy Buttery Nipple".

**THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO SENT IN  
SOMETHING FOR THIS ISSUE!**

## **Fall SOS**

By Claude McKinney

Shagging fans, we had the best of the best at Fall SOS; The best weather (until the middle of the week), the best Tea Parties, and of course the best visits with all our friends around the clubs and eating establishments. Gwen and I found a great place to stay and we were able to be there from Saturday to Saturday this time.

Another party that we had on Thursday sported 20 die hard golfers participating at The Eagles Nest Golf Club. I had my last dry glove (4 or them) last through the 9th hole as we posted 3 under par on the front side, but proceeded to give our score back on the next nine while sloshing through the mucky muck. But that was OK. We had fun because we were there participating with the Twister's Fun Bunch. While the ducks didn't have anything on us in the rain, the raccoon squirrels did not steal our trail mix this time.

Several of us played other courses during the week and next time I hope to hook up with some more of you to play them. I ended up playing the Pearl on Friday morning. We ended up Friday having frozen Caribbean drinks at the Spanish Galleon where Mike Rink was spinning the CD's for the night shift as we danced and partied.

Until the next time, cheers!

## **Fun Monday Experience**

By Robin Nantz

This was my first "Fun Monday" experience. Wow, what a great one! The weather was absolutely beautiful, the bands were to die for, and what better way to wind up a weekend beach trip?

Bill and I went to put our chairs out at 8am only to find that people had starting putting theirs out as early as 4:30am! I couldn't imagine what a crowd there would be! We were about 20 rows back, but that was still wonderful!

Well, needless to say, this will not be my last Fun Sunday/Monday. I'm gonna request that vacation time yearly next year!

## **More Fall SOS Impressions**

By Bill Blanton

What a fun packed weekend! Robin and I made our way to the beach Friday (9/14) only to find a large contingent of The Fun Bunch already there. As soon as we were in radio distance we heard Ray Scott welcoming Bob & Cindy Rea into Fat Harold's on the Beach!

Saturday started off with us on the beach behind the O.D. Pavilion and ended with a great tea party in the back room of Harold's

The Fun Sunday and Fun Monday events were awesome. The best of the best for me was the dedication of the O.D. Pavilion as a historical site! We all have our special clubs and special hangouts. But the Pavilion is mine. Without the Pavilion there would be no SOS. I cannot imagine Ocean Drive without her. We have lost the Pad and so many of the late 50's and 60's landmarks that made the dance and the music what it is today. Well maybe, just maybe this act will hold off the developers off a few more years!

## **Shagging At The Fair**

By Brenda Hatley

Arnold and I went to the Cabarrus County Fair recently to hear the Fantastic Shakers. The fair had their first shagging contest with six couples competing. The contest was between the Shakers two sets; 6:00 & 8:00. The couple that won got \$75, and 2nd place \$50. The lady that was in charge said that next year if they had more entrees, that there may be 1st, 2nd & 3rd place. I am not sure where the couples were from, but I assume PSA.

The Fantastic Shakers were great. Duh! I was ready to dance and have a great time but everyone just sat in their chair and clapped. When they did YMCA, they said stand up and I was the only one standing doing the motions. So I sat down! I missed Diane, Pam, Pat, Beverly, Frances and the Fun Bunch! We would have been out on the floor having a party!

# **SOS Fall Migration 2007**

By Sharon Carter

This years Fall Migration was just spectacular! We were blessed to have a week of wonderful weather that set the stage for fun, fun, fun! The DJ's did an awesome job, as usual, and kept the dance floors crowded every night. Of course, some were more crowded than others. But it didn't matter where you went, it was a party!

Our shooter party at Ducks Too was great. Thanks again to Eddie and Mike for the "banging time" on the dance floor! If you left the party early, you missed out a fun time with great music and lots of dancing. Many, many thanks to all the club members who worked so hard at each event to make sure the members and guests were taken care of. I know Edward and I appreciate you guys.

Thanks to all the instructors who diligently teach the workshops. At each class we take away a little more knowledge and skill that helps us to be better dancers and enjoy what SOS is all about; a tradition of great music and smooth dancing. Thanks, Mr. Taylor, for my "mini date." It was my pleasure to share the dance! Last but not least, thanks to my girls who spent time in the cage. I'm not the only one who would be considered incorrigible!

## **My First SOS**

By Bev Rowse

Let me tell you about my first experience with SOS. I guess it all started when a friend and I expressed a desire to learn to "shag". Being from the North, I had no idea what this dance was all about. Our lessons were taught at Big Boys in Mooresville and we religiously attended each class. When Beginner 1 was completed, we anxiously signed up for Beginner 2. Upon completion of that class, we thought we knew enough about the dance, just enough, I must add, to be dangerous! Not only did we memorize dance steps, we soon learned how important counting to 6 would become.

I forgot to mention a very special bonus that was freely given.

That was the warmth and friendship that all the Twisters members extended our way.

We decided right then and there that this was a club and a group we wanted to be part of. We became members of "The Fun Bunch"! Soon we heard talk of something they called "SOS". What the heck was that all about? Hmmmm... North Myrtle Beach... in September... with numerous hotels right on the oceanfront... the chance to make new friends... observe seasoned dancers doing their "stuff"... this would be heaven.

We planned, packed, reserved our spot in an oceanfront hotel and made ready to join the migration! I've heard of many ways that folks add to their enjoyment of vacationing but what I am about to tell you tops the list.

My friend, Dick, thought it would only add to our pleasure if we were to drive to the beach in a convertible. He's in the process of restoring one but did not complete the restoration in time for SOS. So, he surprised me by buying a new car. Can you believe it?

We drove to the beach in his Toyota Solara, convertible... top down all the way. All I can say is, wow! It was a great experience that we enjoyed for an entire week. Surely we're the lucky ones.

We danced, partied, observed, enjoyed outdoor concerts and still had plenty of time to also enjoy the simple pleasures of what being at the beach is all about. The ocean view from our room was just "knock your socks off" wonderful.

Strolling the waters edge at early morning gives chance to focus and plan the day ahead. What could top white sand, gentle waves, warm sunshine, a sky filled with soft billowy clouds, sea birds to accompany you while you stroll, new friends and shagging?

Is it too early to pack for next year?

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