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The Newsletter of Sandy Beach Shag Club



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### Special points of interest:

- General Information
- Shag Lessons
- New Years Eve at the Morganton Elks Lodge
- Adopt A Highway

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**Need to have something emailed to Club Members?  
Please contact Susan Duncan at:**

[susanduncan@sandybeachshagclub.com](mailto:susanduncan@sandybeachshagclub.com)

**2014 SOS cards available for sale! See Robin Morley! \$30 if you buy from the club, \$35 otherwise.**

**The December party is December 14th. We have our complimentary Christmas dinner for Regular members, with dinner being available to all others for the price of \$15. If you plan on attending the dinner, which starts at 6pm, then you need to email John Carpenter at [JohnCarpenter@sandybeachshagclub.com](mailto:JohnCarpenter@sandybeachshagclub.com) and make a reservation. Everyone is welcome to come at 7:30pm for the Christmas party. Admission is \$5 for members and \$8 for Associate Members.**

## Shag Lessons

We will conclude our Beginners II lessons with our last date on December 5th, for one hour. We have decided that there will be no line dancing in December.

Our next set of Beginners I lessons will be at the end of January although not set in stone at this time. More information will follow by e-mail.

- John & Robin

**New Years Eve at the Morganton Elks Lodge and you are invited!** Join us for a New Years Eve celebration with the fantastic band, Continental Divide. They were our band several years ago, and people raved about this band and asked if we could get them back. By a stroke of good fortune, we have booked them for the New Years Eve Party on December 31st. We will open the doors at 8pm. The cost is a very reasonable \$20 per person. We hope you can join us and bring in the New Year together. -Sponsored by the Morganton Elks-

Adopt A Highway. Show your holiday spirit and join us to beautify our community. Our date is December 7th. See page 4 for more details.

## A Message From Your President - Dorothy Barrier

Wow, another year is almost over. I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving. November was a good month for Sandy Beach Shag Club. Our club has so much to be thankful for. We just keep growing and our parties get better and better. The November party was the largest monthly party we have ever had with over 220 in attendance. A good time was had by all that attended.

Now on to December. I know this is a busy month for everyone and our club sure has a lot going on this month. First we have the Morganton Christmas Parade, Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup>. We need all pirates to come out and participate in the parade. If you have time to work on the float, please contact Robin Little and she will let you know, when and where to meet. If you just plan on being in the parade, please try to be uptown at the float no later than 5-5:30 on Tuesday. We need to bring home another trophy with this float.

Next, we are going to have a general club meeting on Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> at the Morganton Elks Lodge at 6:30pm. We will also be decorating for our party before and after the meeting. Please try to attend the meetings. This is your club and you need to be a part of the decision making process. On December 14<sup>th</sup> we will have our Christmas Dinner. As you know this is free to all club members. If you are an Associate member and would like to join us, the cost per meal is \$15.00 per person. I am currently working with Denise on the menu and should have it finalized within the next couple of days.

On Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> the Elks Lodge is having a New Years Eve Party. Continental Divide is playing. They are a great oldies and variety band. It is open to the public so if you have not made plans now is the time to do so.

Please remember that if you are not a member of Morganton Elks Lodge, that you cannot go into the bar area during our parties. We have a great relationship with the lodge and we do not want any problems. Also remember that you cannot bring your own drink into the lodge.

We do ask that when you attend a party that you clean your table before you leave. This really helps out a lot.

Always remember that my door is open to suggestions.

I personally want to wish each one of you a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Our club has been very blessed because of you the member and I am humbled to be serving each of you.

Dorothy Barrier, President Sandy Beach Shag Club

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\*\*\*DANCE LIKE THERE'S NO TOMORROW\*\*\*



Dorothy Barrier in Halloween Attire

## What Shagging Means To Me– John Carpenter

We all became members of Sandy Beach Shag Club for different reasons. I became a member because my then girlfriend, Robin, had a passion for this dance and lifestyle and frankly told me, either I learned to do it right, or I was history. We all know how that ended! Then there was the matter of our current club not existing. While I didn't really understand it then, I did know what passion was all about, and it didn't take long to be infected with it.

While some of us are members of multiple clubs, which I am, we all have one club that we feel represents our home. I think my choice is pretty obvious. That brings us to the question, "What does Shagging mean to me?" For me, the answer is easy. Early on as even now, I wanted to do good things for SBSC. I wanted to serve the club, help in any way that I could. Why, I am not really sure. I know much had to do with Robin, but there was that part of me that really wanted to help out independently of what I thought Robin wanted from me. I loved learning to shag, and wanted to teach it. Sam and Lisa West were my main teachers throughout the years. While I have had many instructors, Sam inspired me to want to teach this dance. As I got to know my fellow members, the concept of teamwork started to take hold. Creating new things and working towards that goal with fellow members, made working fun. When I learned about traveling to other shag clubs and how you could walk into any other club's party and be accepted, I knew that this lifestyle was special. Robin and I walked into one shag club party years ago and we were treated like we were aliens. I told Robin, "this is the best thing that could ever happen". She thought I was crazy. I explained, "we know how we never want our guests to feel when they come to one of our parties!". We have never looked back since that moment.

We all have different takes on "what shagging means to me". Some of us just want to socialize. Some want to dance as many dances as our feet will allow. Some want to serve our club. Some want to meet new friends, or find a partner. Some want to dance with just their loved ones, and some want to dance socially with as many people as they can. Some people like to line dance, and some people have never line danced. The beauty of our lifestyle is that no matter what reason you came to this dance, it has options for each and every one of you. There are a select few that want to be competitive dancers, who go around the country dancing in competitions. For most of us, that sounds pretty stressful, but I am sure it would be wonderful to have the dance moves of an accomplished competitive dancer.

No matter what shagging means to you one thing is for sure! It is the most fun you can have in your entire life. As Christmas and New Years quickly approach, find some fun places to dance, try some new things, learn some new steps, meet some new people, dance with some of the people you are intimidated by, enjoy yourself, and smile a bunch! 'Tis the season to determine, "what does shagging mean to me?"

## SBSC Birthdays for December

Carole Huffman	12/2
Bill Owen	12/4
Mary McNew	12/6
Michael DeWitt	12/8
Laura Aycock	12/9
Janie Butler	12/10
Susan Gray	12/11
Charles "Tommy" Helton	12/12
Terry Griffin	12/13
Janet Forrester	12/14
Pam Wagoner	12/15
Ruby Webb	12/15
Arlene Coley	12/17
William Honeycutt	12/19
Jerry "Wayne" Fox	12/20
Debbie Whitworth	12/22
Steve Cartee	12/24
Ronnie Gilley	12/24
Harold Willis	12/24
Sam Aycock	12/28
Revonda Swanson	12/29



***Our mark on the world is as fleeting as the tide washed sands. But it sure is fun to make your mark.***

## 2013 Adopt-A-Highway Cleanup

We will meet on the first Saturday of the month at 9:30am that a cleanup is scheduled. We will meet on the second Saturday, if the cleanup has to be rescheduled because of bad weather.

We will meet in the McDonald's parking lot near the ATM machine. Trash bags, safety vests, gloves, and pickup tools will be provided. It usually takes about an hour and a half to complete the cleanup. Call Jim Noggle, (828) [310-6099](tel:310-6099), if you need additional information.

Cleanup Date	Alternate Date
December 7	December 14

### **Your participation in your Club's Committees is needed!**

Social/Planning: Robin Little, Dorothy Barrier  
 Clean-up: James Bentley  
 Adopt-A-Highway: Jim Noggle  
 DJ Committee: Steve Coley, James Bentley  
 Membership: John Carpenter and Robin Morley  
 Door: Sam/Annette Smith  
 Food/Hospitality: Contact Dorothy Barrier  
 Decorations: Teresa Wilson  
 Website: John Carpenter  
 Information/Correspondence: Susan Duncan  
 Newsletter: John Carpenter  
 By-Laws: Steve Coley  
 Fun Monday Tickets and SOS Cards: Robin Morley  
 Parade/Float :Robin Little

If you haven't already done so, you can send an email to Dorothy Barrier to select the committee you would like to serve on. It takes a village Please help us to continue our mission of having one of the best shag clubs anywhere! Note: Dorothy's email address will be changing to: [dorothybarrier@sandybeachshagclub.com](mailto:dorothybarrier@sandybeachshagclub.com). This change should take place shortly.

## Party Information

All Parties are held at the Morganton Elks Lodge, 500 Golf Course Road, Morganton, NC Members \$5 Guests \$8  
7:30pm until 11:30pm  
Wonderful Snacks, cash bar, and DJ  
All in a smoke free environment



For more details contact: [johncarpenter@sandybeachshagclub.com](mailto:johncarpenter@sandybeachshagclub.com)

All members are encouraged to donate a snack. Please bring a serving dish too. Sample items are: peanuts, chips/dip, cookies/brownies, Cheetos, pretzels, pickles/olives etc. Also, All members are asked to help with the clean-up at the end of the party by putting trash in the correct recycling bins.

## Mark Your Calendars 2013 Party Dates

December 14 — Frank Price & Steve Coley

## Deck Party Dates

Deck parties are held on Sunday afternoons at Friday Friends from 4:00-8:00 p.m.

See you in 2014, none scheduled yet!

## New SBSC Party Dates for 2014

This is the final set of dates for 2014, undecided changes made in red.

January 11th, Saturday– Djs Roy Childress and Eddie Teeter

February 15th Saturday– Eddie Anderson

March 8th Saturday– Mini Megafest Planned, DJ's TBA

May 10th Saturday-DJ Murl Augustine

June 14th Saturday-DJ Billy Waldrep

August 2nd Saturday– DJ Frank Price

**August 30 Saturday**, August 31st Sunday– Megafest To Be Determined

October 11th Saturday– DJs Gene Hensley and Tommy Samole

November 15th Saturday– DJ Betty Brown

December 13th Saturday-DJ Buck Crumpton- Mark Your Calendars With These Dates And Plan Accordingly!

**Area Happenings**-Check out what is happening around us!

Three great websites for Shag Dance Information:

[www.shagdance.com](http://www.shagdance.com) , [www.shagtour.com](http://www.shagtour.com), also you can go to [www.keepshaggin.com/newsletter.html](http://www.keepshaggin.com/newsletter.html) by Sam Lail

**Area Clubs—please visit each club's website for more info.**

### **Boone Shag Club**

[www.booneshagclub.com](http://www.booneshagclub.com)

The Boone Shag Club meets Tuesdays 7:00-9:30 in the Meadowbrook Inn in Blowing Rock.  
\$3 members and \$5 guests

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### **Statesville Shag Club**

<http://statesvilleshag.com>

The Statesville Shag Club dances at the VFW Post 2031 in Statesville the second and fourth Friday of every month.

**Friday, December 13th—DJ Gene Hensley  
Christmas Party**

8:00-11:00  
\$5 Members and \$7 Guests

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### **Brushy Mountain Shag Club:**

North Wilkesboro, NC

[www.brushymountainshagclub.com](http://www.brushymountainshagclub.com)

**Saturday, December 7th  
DJ Steve Coley**

8:00-11:00 N. Wilkesboro Elks Lodge  
\$5 members and \$7 guests

**T.H.U.S– by Gary Barlow**

It is that time of year we can look back and see how far we have come as a shag club. More importantly we can gauge how far we may continue the adventure. I have noticed many more are attending park and parties, even if it is primarily the same ones. At least some new members are getting to experience these little SOS's, as I like to refer to them. Spring 2013 SOS Parade, wow, can it get any better? Sure but only with hard work and participation from many facets of the membership. Our Sandkicker even sold out (which usually equates to crowded) has to be the best one day event on the shag circuit. Can we do better next year? Possibly, but if it ain't broke, don't fix it! One thing I have never been apprehensive about, is offering up new avenues to tackle. Some leaders run away from new ideas, but not Sandy Beach. My experience with this club has always been, "Let's try it , see where it goes!" So for 2014 to go along with the ACSC goal to enhance shagging by bringing in the younger age group of 21-45, I say let's do one better. Why not strive to have a Junior Shag Team. Just think about it. While you are thinking about it, I want to offer each of you a pat on the back for the good work you have done this year to make Sandy Beach Shag Club region-wide; the place to go to enjoy yourself, for your friendliness and hospitality you show our Associate Members and guests. I wish all of you a Merry Christmas, Happy New Year and a Shagging good time.



Gary Barlow

## Lee Wagoner's Corner - Random Thoughts

Wow!!! What a great party Sandy Beach Shag Club has in November. A great crowd, great tunes spun by Betty Brown, and lots of fun for everyone. This is what we should expect at every SBSC party.

All of this would not be possible without the hard work by some behind-the-scenes folks who put forth great effort each and every time we have a party. These people, and we all know who they are, do everything from setting up and decorating, cleaning up, to bringing snacks and working at the door.

So what do you do to help? Do you always bring a snack? Do you spend a 30 minute shift at the door? Set up/clean up? If your answer is "none of the above", then I have a challenge for you.

**GET INVOLVED! VOLUNTEER TO DO SOMETHING!** Too often people have a tendency to say, "Well, I don't need to volunteer, so and so is always willing to man the door, or clean up, or set up, and it really doesn't matter if I bring a snack, someone else will pick up the slack." What you do, or don't do, does make a difference.

My concern is that someday, these people we all depend on will decide they've done enough, that someone else needs to do something and stop doing what they have been doing. We all need to do our share. The more people we have involved, the easier the work load is.



Lee Wagoner

All new Sandy Beach Shag Club Membership Application!  
Print from www.sandybeachshagclub.com/membershipapp.pdf  
It's only \$20 a year to be a member in our great shag club!



**Sandy Beach Shag Club**  
100 Smith Street  
Morganton, NC 28655



**Home of the Best Beach and Shag Music in Morganton, NC— United We Dance**

**Dues: \$20.00 per year per person**      **Membership Renewal is due May 1st of the following year**  
**Applicants must be 21 years of age or older**

New:   
Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Renewal:  Renewal Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name #1: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Nickname Birthday

Name #2: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Nickname Birthday

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address of P.O. Box City State Zip Code

Phone: Home (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Work: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
Please give us your phone number(s) where you prefer to be reached should we need to get in touch with you.

E-Mail Addresses: 1) \_\_\_\_\_ @ \_\_\_\_\_ Newsletters will be E-mailed!  
2) \_\_\_\_\_ @ \_\_\_\_\_ Please print legibly

We need your help! Please choose a Club Committee that you would be willing to help with:  
Decorating    Website    Membership  
Clean Up    Door    Food/Hospitality  
Newsletter    Social    DJ  
Social Committee    Party Set Up    I would like to help but I need more information

\$25 fee for any returned checks

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This information is true to the best of my knowledge. By my signature, I agree to abide by the rules and bylaws of the Sandy Beach Shag Club 2, Inc., doing business as the Sandy Beach Shag club. I understand that my membership may be revoked by the Club at any time it may be deemed necessary. I agree that the Sandy Beach Shag Club, and its Board of Directors shall not be held responsible for any accidents, personal injury, or loss of any personal property associated with my attendance at, or participation in, any Club function, or activity. We hope you will enjoy your membership with SBSC and we are open to comments and suggestions. Now get ready for some fun!

Member #1: \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature Print your name legibly here Date:

Member #2: \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature Print your name legibly here Date:

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*For Membership Staff Only*

Member taking application: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Received: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Check:  Cash:

From your ACSC Vice Chairman, our own Robin Morley

It is always a pleasure to be able to share my thoughts and feelings to SBSC Members. I am truly so proud of what our shag club represents in the shag world. Our club has worked very hard to achieve what we have in the last few years. We owe each other a huge "Thank You".

The shag community is like family to all of us. We all are so fortunate to live this lifestyle and enjoy the simple pleasures of what the Carolina Shag brings to our lives. We all have stories and tales to share about our fun and adventures. I wonder what we all would be doing if we weren't shagging? The friendships that our dance has brought us are truly priceless. The music that we love is like a melody in our hearts. The love of the dance brings us to Sandy Beach Shag Club. We mingle with friends, dance with our guests, hug each other when we meet and when we say good night, we wish each other safe travels. We email, Facebook, text, with much of it due to the "Carolina Shag".

In closing, I would like to say thanks to each of you for making our club successful. A very Merry Christmas to you and your families. The year 2014 will bring SBSC to all new horizons.

See you on the dance floor soon,  
*Robin Morley*

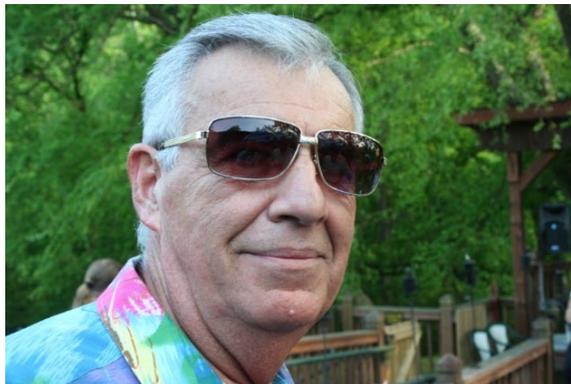
## The Music..The Dance..A Personal View –by Ron Spencer

Much of this article is an introduction as to why I am writing it, as I know there must be others who share these experiences. I really hope it takes you back to great memories as many of our relationships and much of our personalities began to develop from our early school years. I want to personally thank John for this privilege to share some views and experiences I have had with music and dance. John does a great job putting this newsletter together each month, I'm sure much work goes into it. I also enjoy Gary and Lee's personal experiences with our music and dance culture. A special thank you to Alan Brown for the great articles he contributed about Deanes. I was disappointed when it ended. In no way do I claim to have extra knowledge or know any more than anyone reading this.

What I do cherish is I have had lots of time in my corner. What I do know is you also have been impacted by this great music we listen and dance to. We all have and share personal opinions. If you have had these experiences, let's hear it. I may share additional articles as my experiences goes back to 1958. Don't know about you but it seems as I get older, I am beginning to have more and more memories about youthful experiences. Amazing that sometimes I can't remember to get on Hwy 10 E to go home but can remember many events from 1958. There was always a "wonder" if this was real or just dreaming of a grumpy old man. I set out on a journey to find the facts, and yes...the things I share really happened but I'm still a little grumpy.

I recently spoke with a school mate with whom we attended all grades together at Conover Elementary. My question was "Judy, did we really go to house parties in the 4th or 5th grade and dance?" She confirmed we did and it continued through our elementary school years. She also confirmed what I thought but had a hard time believing.....yes...we did play spin the bottle. I remember the kiss-er and kiss-ee leaving the room to claim the lottery. We went to Mary's, Sharon's and Ellen's house and others. Wow, what a youth movement. It was at these parties where I begin to fall in love with music and dance. I remember slow dancing with Ellen to The Platters great hit.. Smoke Gets In Your Eyes. This was my first recollection of "getting the hots". At the time I didn't know what was going on nor could I do anything about it. I probably drank an ice cold Pepsi as I couldn't hardly wait for another song. Man..was Ellen cute. I think she was my first girlfriend, she just didn't know it.

Can anyone identify with what I am saying? Man, those years were great. A few years later, I remember going to dances with older youth with my cousin Dickie, as many of you know. I was introduced to the sounds of Jerry Lee Lewis and went "crazy" over his boogie woogie piano, often wondering how he played that piano with his rear end. Having started to work part time at age 13 at Setzers Super Market in Conover, also with Dickie, I always had money for records. One of my joys was getting on the bus going to Newton and buying 45 records of Jerry Lee's music at a local music store. Jerry played once at the Hickory Armory. I went but it was so crowded, you couldn't even get close to the building and missed it. Dickie and I would catch a ride and go weekly to the



Ron Spencer

## The Music..The Dance..A Personal View - continued

Maiden hop at the old movie theatre in downtown. The most popular song at that hop was Old Black Joe by guess who....yep, Jerry Lee. That old theatre rocked, the music was loud, emotions were high and there I remember my first "fast dance". I remember some pretty girls from Claremont too. One of these pretty girl's mom would ride us around the Newton square. Five of us in that 1958 Ford with the radio cranked with rock and roll. I liked it.

Often Dickie and I would ride bicycles to Claremont and Kool Park Pool to see girls. We needed the exercise. We both liked it. Dickie was by far the coolest and best shag dancer in N.C.H.S. He later with Bob Fowler from Newton would organize a beach band...The Stingrays. Bob was an awesome lead guitar player. He continues to do some solo work and teach lessons. They played Kilgo's Canteen on a Charlotte TV station, Lenoir Rhyne and other colleges. Dickie was very good on the key board. They later would open up a shag dance venue under the old City Pharmacy in Newton called The Scene. Great, great dances. It lasted until most left for college. Did you ever go?? Tell me about it! Charlie Edwards from Hickory was the lead singer and very good. They made a record called Fast Track and it was played on radio stations across the Carolinas.

Do you remember your first fast dance, not this monkey jerking disco looking stuff but holding the hand of your partner and doing something on the dance floor to the beat and rhythm of the music? Man....I loved it especially as the girls were also getting older as I was. A great fact of life I was learning as a young boy, girls liked boys that would dance. When I got my driver's license and my first car at 16....from those grocery store paychecks, things really changed. I would drop the top on my 55 T-Bird, turn on WNNC, WHKY or Big Ways wide open, cruise the old Dairy Center, Shady Grove, the Newton Square and listen to those Doo Wop songs and the dancing really began. Just crazy enough to stop along the side of the road going to Charlotte with friends to the Carousel Parade, turning the radio wide open. As we listened to Please Mister Postman by The Marvelettes, we danced around the car. This is a rare Doo Wop that is also a great shag song. Hey Steve, would love to hear it on your next local event.

I remember going to the Newton Recreation Center after each home football game and doing a dance in 1960 "I think" was called shag. I remember driving to Statesville to their Rec Center with what could have been a girl and dancing to the most popular band of the day, The Catalina's. A favorite but seldom place....it cost too much...was Park Center in Charlotte. We rocked to the music of Bo Diddley, I loved his music....especially the song Bo Diddley Was a Gun Slinger. Not good shag music but man, we could go crazy. He had a guitar player who I thought was the meanest looking man I ever saw. His name was Jerome. Bo always had cute women in short shorts doing backup, wiggling with hot steps. I liked it. I don't ever remember Bo Diddley's band ever smiling, they always looked mad but wow, they could make those strange looking guitars talk. I loved it. It was emotional.

My hero of the day was James Brown,.. "Papa's Got A Brand New Bag" it was rock and roll music with a shag beat...more later about James. A close friend from Charlotte had a 57 Pontiac with an amazing new technology product of the day, a car record player. It mounted under the dash and would automatically drop 45 singles on a round spinning table, everything was automation. I'm talking 1961. Everyone was jealous of T.M. with the new technology as he selected what rock and roll music he listened to in his 57. A clear memory I have is of two handsome guys from Hickory that Newton boys hated. All they did was come to our Newton Recreation Center dances and steal our girls. They could get anyone they wanted and did. They both had a unique talent that was missing in Newton. They were great dancers. One in particular named Larry was by far the greatest....yes he was great.

## The Music..The Dance..A Personal View - continued

The first dance contest I ever saw was at the old Myrtle Beach Pavilion, the sign said Shag Dance Contest. This "sign" statement of the dance in 61 or 62 called "shag" has been contradicted by others, especially to me this past year. I asked my friend and DJ Mac Mast, who goes back farther than me. It was called "fast dancing", "bop", Mac confirmed "yes it was also called the shag". He also remembers those dance contest at the Pavilion. I saw Larry win a trophy for best dancer. In those days, he was considered by many as one of the best dancers in the Carolinas. Hopefully in the next newsletter, I will share the dance step he did that no one else did. If you were at Newton Rec Center in the early 60's, you saw him do it. When he did it, the crowd would go crazy. Since I was a boy from Conover, I naturally hated him. Why? He came from money, he got our girls, he was handsome, he drove a new Chevrolet, his new Weejuns were always shined, his madras shirts were the best, he was from Hickory...man oh man, he could dance. Yep, we all hated him except the girls. Later in life, I would run into Larry in a unique place in a unique situation and couldn't believe what I saw. We both recognized each other by eye contact and reminisced.

Do you ever wonder about those relationships, those friends who influenced you in your youth for good and evil. I have always heard "It's not how you start but how you finish". I also would like to share how I think the music and dance we love has evolved over the past 50 years. The special people who have helped me on this journey. My picks who I think are the great pro shaggers today and why. The impact of "beach bands" with the music. My picks of some great songs, the artist and why. What truly interests me is what it takes for great shag music and dance. My opinion of what it takes to make a great shag DJ no matter what type shag music they play. Why I believe the Basic is the most important dance step we will ever learn. A great type of music heard more and more frequently on the dance floor is the old "Chicago blues piano" music, not the crying, wailing blues but boogie and blues. Other than the boogie piano, another requirement is a great harmonica with a man of color singing. That's all it takes but it must be loud. More later on the history of these great old men who continue this music and the dance associations that preserve it. Some shag music makes me sleepy, some makes me go "crazy". I like it all. Everything shared is only A Personal View.

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## Christmas Parade and information about our float!

Good morning Pirates,  
We will meet at the club at 9:00 am on Tuesday Dec 3rd to start putting our float together. This will be rain snow or shine. We will move the float between noon and 2:00 pm to line up in our spot in Morganton. We are in spaces 241-242. We can enter from Avery Avenue, East Union Street or Concord Street. We are near Slades Chapel. The judging begins promptly at 5:00. Please try and be there and dressed to help us win another trophy but most of all to show Morganton what a great club we have. I know some can't get off work in time so come join us as quick as you can. We can not throw candy off the float but the people walking can give out candy. The club is providing beads to throw out and some candy but if you can bring a bag of individually wrapped candy to pass out we would appreciate it. If you have any questions just call me or text me at 828-302-1675 or email me at [robin.little@yahoo.com](mailto:robin.little@yahoo.com). I want to thank everybody for all they do. I am so proud of the people who make up our club.  
Thank you, Robin Little.

**SANDY BEACH SHAG CLUB**

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