



*United We Dance*

## MISSION

Sandy Beach Shag Club is a non-profit social dance club that promotes the Carolina Shag Dance. Our mission is the bringing together people of like minds with the goal to preserve the Carolina Shag Dance and the music to which we dance. We are members of the Association of Carolina Shag Clubs.

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# Sandkicker

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Morganton, NC

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

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## News

### Upcoming Events:

December 2 : Christmas Parade Downtown Morganton! It's our Roaring 20's theme. If you have never participated in our float adventure, search those closets and come up with a fun costume and come join us!

December 6: Highway cleanup is CANCELLED for this date.

December 13: Christmas Party at Morganton Elk's Lodge with DJ Buck Crumpton. As a token of appreciation, dinner will be provided to the regular members. Associate members are welcome to attend for the cost of \$15. Please contact Susan Duncan ([susanduncan@sandybeachshagclub.com](mailto:susanduncan@sandybeachshagclub.com)) to RSVP that you are attending the Christmas dinner so that we have a good head count.

### SOS Cards

SOS 2015 Cards are now available! Please see me if you would like to purchase a card for \$30. Cards are discounted \$5 if purchased through an ACSC club. Please make checks payable to SBSC. If you wish to purchase by mail, please send me a self-addressed stamped envelope and SBSC check to Robin Morley, 100 Smith Street Morganton, NC 28655. We have 150 cards this year and they will go fast. They make excellent birthday and Christmas gifts! They will also be available at any SBSC function while supplies last.

### Dance Lessons

Group Lessons will begin in January. For private group or individual private lessons, you can find more information at at: <http://www.sandybeachshagclub.com/lessonsindex2014.htm>

### Members In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Sandy Beach asks its members to keep these folks in our hearts during difficult times.

Jim and Georgia Cates - Please continue to keep this special family in mind.

Susan Taylor is currently on the mend

John Carpenter is recuperating from recent surgery

## **A Message from President Dorothy Barrier**



I hope everyone had a blessed Thanksgiving. I know I sure did. It is hard to believe that December is already here and Christmas is just around the corner. Sandy Beach Shag Club will have a busy month as usual. The Christmas Parade is Dec. 2nd in Morganton. I know that Robin has already sent the details, but I want to remind everyone that your participation is very much needed for this event. If you are free on Tuesday morning, please come to the lodge and help put the float together. It is not fair for the burden to lie on just a few volunteers, when we have so many members.

Also, we need lots of flappers and gangsters to walk in the parade. This is always a lot of fun and really gives our club notoriety. We have gotten members from the parade. They see how much fun we have and want to be a part of the club.

Next, we will be having our Christmas Dinner and Dance on Dec. 13th. The meal is free for members and \$15.00 for non members. Please email Susan Duncan if you are planning on coming to the dinner no later than Dec. 7th. We will still need to bring snacks for those that will not be dining with us, but are coming for the dance.

We need volunteers to help with the decorating for this party. The lodge is booked for Friday night, so we cannot decorate until Saturday. Please help if you can.

As most of you know, Jim and Georgia Cates recently lost their home to a fire. Our Shag club came together and made a generous donation to help them out in their time of need. I am so proud of this club. We are a family and for some of our members we are their only family. We play together, dance together, eat together and truly care for each other. These are the things that make our club so strong. We are all very blessed to be a part of each other's lives.

From my heart, I want to thank each of you that have supported me and Sandy Beach Shag Club. My greatest hope and wish is for all of you to have a Very Merry Christmas. I know I will. I am a part of this wonderful family we call Sandy Beach and I love each and every one of you.

Stay Safe and Dance On,  
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Just type Sandy Beach Shag Club in the search box. We also have a photo albums page.



## Dancing is the Wind but Friendship is the Sun

by John Carpenter

It has been a difficult time for some of the members of Sandy Beach Shag Club lately. It always seems to be magnified as we approach and get into the Holiday season. We as shaggers have gotten older. I don't know our average age as a club, but it certainly is in the 60's I would imagine.

At this time in our lives we have health issues, family issues, and tragedies that can appear out of nowhere. What makes a difference is we are family! Sometimes we as a group do not see eye to eye, just as with our real families. We may have our differences, our agendas, our desires to do this or that, our squabbles, or some sort of unsettled issues. But when it comes down to it, when it is all boiled down to the core of our existence, we are family. A family that needs each other for support, love, guidance, and help along life's journey. We all must work to put these things aside.

During this time of Thanksgiving and Christmas, we are jolted into the realities of life, and we are given an opportunity to make things right with our maker. Turmoil surrounds us. We have choices in our free time as to how we are going to live our lives and spend our fun moments while we are able to have them.

Dancing is the Wind. It carries our spirits aloft and frees our soul and lets our lives be temporarily renewed. But more important than the Wind is the Sun. The Sun fills us with warmth and joins us all together.

Friendship is the Sun. Life cannot exist without the Sun. In the upcoming days, think about these words. We cannot change the course of life once it has taken place. We can only attempt to make things better and work towards improving the quality of our lives.

Please dance! Let the wind be a part of your life and share that with others. Let your opportunities to soar in the wind fulfill you. Bask in the sun and feel the warmth of loving kindness. At Sandy Beach Shag Club we have the best of both worlds. May your Holidays be blessed!



## Community Service

### 2014 Adopt -A-Highway Cleanup

Consider making a New Year's Resolution to benefit the community of Morganton by joining the highway cleanup group. Highway cleanup is only 6 times a year and a great way to get some exercise. It is not difficult, and all materials are provided.

Highway cleanup normally scheduled for Saturday, December 6 has been **cancelled**. A big **Thank You** to all the volunteers who have been a part of this group for 2014! The road will be cleaned, but our members won't have to do it! "Merry Christmas to you ALL!

### 2015 Adopt-A-Highway Schedule:

Saturday, February 7 -  
Alternate will be Saturday, February 14

Saturday, April 4 -  
Alternate will be Saturday, April 11

Saturday, June 6 -  
Alternate will be Saturday, June 13

Saturday, August 1 -  
Alternate will be Saturday, August 8

Saturday, October 3 -  
Alternate will be Saturday, October 10

Saturday, December 5 -  
Alternate will be Saturday, December 12

We meet at 9:30 am in the McDonald's parking lot on Carbon City Rd. (Rt. 70) near the ATM machine. Trash bags, safety vests, gloves, and pickup tools are provided. It usually takes about an hour and a half to complete the cleanup. For additional information, call Jim Noggle,  
(828) 310-6099

### December Birthdays

Carole Huffman	12/2
Bill Owen	2/4
Mary McNew	12/6
Michael DeWitt	12/8
Janie Butler	12/10
Susan Gray	12/11
Charles "Tommy" Helton	12/12
Terry Griffin	12/13
Patti Queen	12/13
Janet Forrester	12/14
Julie Lee	12/15
Pam Wagoner	12/15
Ruby Webb	12/15
Teresa Hatcher	12/16
Arlene Coley	12/17
William Honeycutt	12/19
Jerry "Wayne" Fox	12/20
Debbie Whitworth	12/22
Steve Cartee	12/24
Kim Plemmons	12/24
Harold Willis	12/24
Larry Pearson	12/28
Revonda Swanson	12/29

### Sandy Beach Officers

President	Dorothy Barrier
Vice President	Robin Little
Secretary	Susan Duncan
Treasurer	Leah Turner
Members-at-Large:	Libby Burns
	Sanford Clark
Past President	John Carpenter



## The Music..The Dance..A Personal View #13

by Ron Spencer



Um...the beginning of my second year of writing, newsletter #13. You know what they always say about #13? Exactly...it's right after #12. Many years ago; it was in my 2nd year of writing an article in The Newton Observer that I was let go...well, not quite that bad. Since

the article was concerning a non-profit organization, I lost no material benefits although I did whine and pout a few weeks. Just wondering if the professional staff of the now famous Sandkicker will renew my contract in the New Year. I've heard of a few cancellations...also requesting refunds. I always keep my whiner and pouter attitude close by.

Boy Toy asked me to thank the visiting judges for the \$50 award for best men's costume at our Halloween party. Toy said he now has 50 new boogie songs from I-tunes and would be taking his new rap song on the road. I wonder if anybody heard what I heard, absolutely embarrassing and disgusting. Why was a rapper even let in the door at a shag event? Have we stepped so low into the mire and degradation(is that a word) of illicit stuff?

Man oh man did I have fun at our 50th class reunion a few weeks ago. The only thing I could think of was "what happened to all the young girl hotties in our class"? You could see the little thread holes in their skirts where the material had been let out again and again. The girls sure had growwwwwed up. It didn't seem like the guys had changed that much. In my humble way, it seemed like I looked the youngest.

Since this article is about music and dance, I have a question and my answer for "where did you do your most unique "boogie walk"? It's important we all know that. You never know when some stranger will walk up to you and ask to borrow money and also want to know about "your boogie walk". Being very shy and not wanting attention, I have two "walks" to share. Knowing it had to be done, I boogie walked the length of Fat Harolds and out the door as it was crowded at Fall Migration. I was so ashamed of myself later...well, maybe not. My second walk was out the door and across the floor of the service department at Paramount Hyundai as the cameras were rolling. Your humble servant and friend was recently asked to do some TV commercials. I had a blast, my only request was that I could boogie walk to my car in one of the commercials. Carole has not seen this particular one on TV but she and I did see another one on channel 14. I saw it on the 5:30 news, she saw it on the 10 news. I said "I like a pretty car just like my woman". Carole is so proud of me, my talent and especially my humbleness. I tried my best to be embarrassed for Carole but I just couldn't. I know Sandy Beach is proud of me as I also did it for you. They actually paid me my worth...nothing. If I ever receive anything, I'll put it in the Sandy Beach treasury. Amen!

As I have previously expressed in past issues, many nights and some all-nighters are spent on my computer watching Youtube of great boogie artist and favorite old rock and roll artists. Not sure that I am trying to recapture my youth as sometimes accused, I am just music fanatical. A recent all-nighter was spent looking and listening to the great talent of Tina Turner. She was a old time rock and roller and later an

outstanding pop and soul artist. If interested, Youtube has a 45 minute biography of a young girl, constant beatings and brutalized for 20 years from husband Ike Turner. An amazing story and as some women also get out of similar marriages with no money and only the clothes on their back. Even into her 50's and 60's, she was recognized as an entertainer with legs of a 20 year old. In 1985 and at the top, she recorded probably her most famous record *What's Love Got To Do With It*.

I have always stated I like my boogie music loud and ruff. I never knew where I got that until listening again to Tina do her famous hit Proud Mary. She would always introduce it as "I am going to do it nice and easy" in her provocative way. Later she would say "I am also going to do it nice and ruff". The crowds would go crazy as she sang and danced. With album sales over 60 million, she was crowned by the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame as The Queen of Rock & Roll. She recently turned 75 and lives in Switzerland. What a talent.

Hey folks, as you receive this newsletter, Thanksgiving will be over and our Christmas will be well on the way. I was recently introduced to a great Christmas song and it could be your favorite Christmas carol; *Silent Night*. My good friend, John Sloop introduced it to me. The unique artist happened to be Huey 'Piano' Smith and The Clowns. A very familiar artist, especially with his million sellers *High Blood Pressure* and *Don't You Just Know It*. We baby boomers probably have all sang along "Ah ha ha ha, Ey eh oh, gooba, gooba, gooba, gooba. I knew you would remember it.

His Christmas album was recorded in 1962 with all secular Christmas songs except *Silent Night*. He received a lot of bad publicity over his inclusion of *Silent Night* on the album. I really enjoy the uniqueness of his voice and piano on the song. It can be downloaded on iTunes or Amazon for .99. I have a better deal. As a Christmas treat for our Sandkicker friends, send me a email to my address [ns935@yahoo.com](mailto:ns935@yahoo.com), I will email it back to you for listening or downloading. Put the dollar in the Salvation Army bucket as you always do. I promise to not share your email or put you on my harassment list.

A great Christmas challenge for all as I challenge myself; find someone this year to bless that maybe we have never thought about. It is only a natural order in creation that we love, care and bless our own. Find someone not our color, race, social status, other side of town, in a shelter, in a prison, some person sick or without clothes we don't know, maybe they don't even smell like us. Take your children or grandkids with you. That is probably where we will find Jesus. It's even a possibility the person in need is Jesus. "I was hungry, thirsty, a stranger, naked, sick and in prison, you came to me" Matthew 25:35-36 (paraphrased). This is the real Blessing of Christmas. I trust you and your family have a Blessed and wonderful Christmas. Everything expressed is only my opinion and A Personal View from a grumpy ole man.

## Area Clubs and Happenings

Check out what is happening around us! Please visit each club's website for more info.

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### Boone Shag Club

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

Shut-up and Dance!

Saturday, December 20, 2014

7:30p-10:30p

Wednesday December 31, 2014

8 pm - New Years Eve Party

with DJ Gene Hensley

Moose Lodge #1805, 607 Deerfield Rd.,  
Boone, NC. Bring your favorite snacks and  
enjoy a variety of music and dancing with us!

Moose Members - \$3.00, Guests - \$5.00

### Lake Hickory Shag Club

[lakehickoryshagclub.com](http://lakehickoryshagclub.com)

[shaggers@lakehickoryshagclub.com](mailto:shaggers@lakehickoryshagclub.com)

Christmas Party

Saturday December 6 with Norman Mills

7:30 until 11:30 pm

VFW 1615 12th Street Dr. NW, Hickory

\$5 Members ~ \$7 Guests -Juniors \$3

### Statesville Shag Club

<http://statesvilleshag.com>

The Statesville Shag Club dances at the  
VFW Post 2031 in Statesville.

December 12 - Christmas Party

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

### Brushy Mountain Shag Club:

North Wilkesboro, NC

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

Saturday, December 6, Christmas Dance  
with DJ George Brown

8:00p-11:00pm

N. Wilkesboro Elks Lodge

\$5 members and \$7 guests

### Rutherfordton County Shag Club:

Rutherfordton, NC

First Friday of each month with DJ  
Mike McDaniel

8:00 -11:00 . Free basic shag class at 7.

Rumor Has It - A Wine Bar

211 N. Main St. Rutherfordton, NC

\$0 members and \$5 guests

### Shelby Shag Club:

Shelby, NC

335 E. College Ave. Shelby, NC

\$3 members and \$6 guests

### Two great websites for Shag Dance Information:

[www.shagdance.com](http://www.shagdance.com),

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

## Mark Your Calendars

For the Sandy Beach Christmas Party on Saturday, December 13th. There will be dinner followed with dancing and music by DJ Buck Crumpton.

## Dates for 2015 parties

Dates for 2015 parties have been set. DJ's are being lined up for fun and all that needs to be added is YOU! Be sure to note these dates and plan accordingly!

January 10th	May 9th	September 6th, Sunday, DJ
February 7th	June 13th	Megafest
March 7th	July is open-no party	October 3rd
April is open-no party	August 1st	November 14th
		December 12th

## The Heart and Soul of Our Club

Participation in your club's committees is a fun way to meet new friends and contribute to the health of our club. Contact these Committee Chairs or president Dorothy Barrier for more information about participating in these events and activities.

Social/Planning:	Robin Little, Dorothy Barrier (robin.little@yahoo.com)
Clean -up:	James Bentley (bentley.jamesa@yahoo.com)
Adopt-A-Highway:	Jim Noggle (nogbog44@yahoo.com)
DJ Cmmittee:	Steve Coley, James Bentley (slcoley913@yahoo.com)
Membership:	John Carpenter, Robin Morley (johncarpenter@sandybeachshagclub.com)
Door:	Sam Smith, Annette Smith (samueal@bellsouth.net)
Food/Hospitality:	Dorothy Barrier (dorothybarrier@sandybeachshagclub.com)
Website:	John Carpenter (johncarpenter@sandybeachshagclub.com)
Information/Correspondence:	Susan Duncan (susanduncan@sandybeachshagclub.com)
Fun Monday Tickets and SOS Cards:	Dorothy Barrier (dorothybarrier@sandybeachshagclub.com)
Decorations/Parade/Float :	Robin Little (robin.little@yahoo.com)

It takes a village. Help us to continue to have one of the best shag clubs anywhere!

## Party Information

All Regular 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

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, dips, etc. Also, All members are asked to help with the clean-up at the end of the party by clearing your table and putting trash in the correct recycling bins.