



Sandkicker

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- Shag Lessons
- New Years Eve at the Morganton Elks Lodge

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

The January party is January 11th. We have our very popular Chili Cookoff this year with two DJs. Roy Childress and Eddie Teeter. Admission is \$5 for members and \$8 for Associate Members. Last year, Bill Arcebal took home 1st place. 1ST PLACE: \$75.00, 2ND PLACE: \$50.00, 3RD PLACE \$25.00. (Club will provide the fixing for the chili). Bring Snacks too!

Shag Lessons

We will resume our lessons on January 30th, 2014 with a free Lead and Follow lesson at 6:30pm to all members. Unfortunately, our schedule has prevented an early start with Beginners lessons, but we will begin Beginners 1 and 2 on February 27th. Beginners 1 starts at 6:30pm and Beginners 2 starts at 7:45pm. Each lesson will go 1 hour. Other dates are March 6th, 13th, and 20th. For more details, call Robin at 443-5995.

- 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 7:30pm. The cost is a very reasonable \$25 per person. We hope you can join us and bring in the New Year together. -Sponsored by the Morganton Elks-

A Message From Your President - Dorothy Barrier

Another year has come to a close and a new one is starting. I hope everyone had a very Merry Christmas. I know I did. With 2014 comes new beginnings and I want everyone to have a very Happy New Year. As I reflect on 2013, Sandy Beach Shag Club had a wonderful year. We brought home 2 trophies for our wonderful pirate ship float, one at Spring SOS and one at the Morganton Christmas Parade. I want to thank all that worked so hard to make this float possible and all that participated in the parades. I want to personally thank Robin Little for her wonderful design and relentless work to make this float possible. We are very fortunate to have someone with her sense of design.

We did manage to have several great deck parties. The weather did not want to co-operate for a couple of the parties, but we still managed to get in several. Hopefully, we will be luckier this year. I will have the dates for the upcoming deck parties in the near future.

Our Sandkicker Megafest in September, was just that- MEGA. What a turn out we had for that. Thanks to John Carpenter's excellent planning everything went very smoothly and a great time was had by all.

Our November party was the largest party Sandy Beach Shag club has ever had. What a turn out. Then with December we had a wonderful meal and another big turnout for our party. I have said before, it takes a village to run a club as big and successful as our club is and I want to truly thank all that take their time to make this possible. To all that help decorate, set up and clean up-Thank you. To all that bring snacks to our parties-Thank you. To John Carpenter for continuing to do our Sandkicker Newsletter-Thank you.

January will be full of great activities for SBSC. At our Jan. 11th party, we will be having our annual Chili Cook Off. Last time we had loads of great chili and I am looking forward to more of the same. If you are not entering the cook off, please bring a snack. The following weekend is Midwinter Boogie at the beach. I will be attending and hope to see you all there. Then on the last Friday of the month, those of us that were lucky enough to get seats on the bus will be going to the Rock Hill Shag Club Winter Beach Blast.

It is my goal for the upcoming year to have more activities such as the bus trip that we can do together as a club. If any of you have suggestions as to what you would like to do, please let me know. We have a wonderful club. We are strong in numbers and in our bond with each other. We are all unique individuals and while we may not always agree with one another, we are all united for one cause and that is to keep our club the best. We do have the best shag club. I thank all of you for the support you have given me and will give me in the future. Happy New Year,

Dorothy Barrier – President Sandy Beach Shag Club
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Dorothy Barrier Holding the Trophy!

What will 2014 bring to SBSC– John Carpenter

I think we can all agree that 2013 was a good year for SBSC. Our membership at the beginning of re-up was about 190. We have picked up over 100 members, some rejoining late, and many new members joining our shag family. We will probably end up well over 300 members in 2014. We had a great float in the Spring SOS parade, where we won first place, and had a great Christmas float where we again won a first place trophy for “Most Original”. We had a fantastic Sandkicker DJ Megafest party with over 350 in attendance. We were nominated for our 2012 Megafest party by the Carolina Beach Music Association. Our regular monthly parties have been spectacular, and attendance has been out the roof with two parties with over 200 people coming together! We bought our own trailer for future parades. So where do we go from here. How do we top this?

In 2014, we will hopefully have 5 Friday Friend deck parties. We are going to have some incredible themes for our regular parties. The decorating committee is to be recognized for spectacular performances and creativity. We are starting out the year with a Bus Trip that is discounted by SBSC as another benefit of membership. This year we are planning a mini-megafest that will probably be one of the most fun regular monthly parties we have ever had. Stay tuned for more on that. We also are going to attempt a very special event and have the Deanes Short Memorial Golf Tournament. We are talking about it being the Saturday before Megafest. Much more planning needs to be done with this, and I hope many of you will jump in and help create what could be the most rewarding event that we have ever produced. We are already working on our Spring SOS float. I have no doubt it will be as fantastic as “Pirates of the Strand”. We will again have our Megafest party that will sell out in a very, very short period of time. We will be decreasing our ticket sales to 300, and increasing the admission to \$25. I expect this edition to be the best SBSC party ever held.

We will hopefully have a very successful year, and once again have an amazing Christmas meal for our members and guests. I am sure you will all agree, this year’s meal was truly wonderful, and a great example of what our shag club does for its members.

I am personally excited about 2014. There are plenty of other things we can invent in 2014 that has never been done. We hope to hit the ground running with our “Operation Preserve Shag” committee. We also want to improve our attendance to Adopt-A-Highway clean-ups, and to our General Membership meetings. I implore you to look around you and see what you as a member have by being a part of SBSC. What you see is being furnished to you by a very small minority of the membership. If it is to continue, it will not happen without your help. No matter how small your contribution, you can really make a big difference to the success of what we are trying to accomplish.

Ask not what your shag club can do for you, but what you can do for your shag club!

Thank you and remember our motto, “United We Dance”

SBSC Birthdays for January

Richard Hedrick	1/1
Lee Wagoner	1/1
Kathy Valentine	1/3
Sam Reep	1/4
Sarah Huffman	1/5
Glenn Boston	1/6
Richard Elam	1/6
Charlotte Watson	1/6
Jim B. Brinkley	1/8
Bill Arcebal	1/11
Kaye Cuthbertson	1/11
Larry McGuire	1/12
Susan Whitener	1/12
Ernie Hensley	1/13
Andy St. John	1/14
Sam Smith	1/15
Betty Ferguson	1/16
Alan Parks	1/20
Randy Bivins	1/22
Terry King	1/25
Jeanne Goodson	1/26
Gary Ogle	1/28
Richard McGee	1/29
Bish Ballard	1/30
Sally Nicks	1/30
Monica Tolin	1/30
Cathy Green (Catrina)	1/31



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

2014 Adopt-A-Highway Cleanup

Saturday, February 1 and the alternate date will be Saturday, February 8

Saturday, April 5 and the alternate date will be Saturday, April 12

Saturday, June 7 and the alternate date will be Saturday, June 14

Saturday, August 2 and the alternate date will be Saturday, August 9

Saturday, October 4 and the alternate date will be Saturday October 11

Saturday, December 6 and the alternate date will be Saturday December 13

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.

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 :

dorothybarrier@sandybeachshagclub.com

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

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 2014 Party Dates

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!

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!**

Area Happenings-Check out what is happening around us!

Three great websites for Shag Dance Information:
www.shagdance.com , www.shagtour.com, also you can go to
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

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

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.

Not listed on Website this month

8:00-11:00

\$5 Members and \$7 Guests

Brushy Mountain Shag Club:

North Wilkesboro, NC

www.brushymountainshagclub.com

Friday, January 18th— Re-Up Party

DJ Don Staley

8:00-11:00 N. Wilkesboro Elks Lodge

\$5 members and \$7 guests

Rutherfordton Area Shag Club:

Forest City, NC

Saturday, January 3rd

DJ Mike McDaniel

8:00-11:00 146 E. Main St. Forest City, NC-Forest City Diner

\$0 members and \$5 guests

Party is Jan. 3rd, at the Forest City Diner located at 146 East Main St., Forest City. Free basic shag class at 7. Mike McDaniel will be spinning his tunes and your request. Music is from 8:00-11:00. Guests \$5. There will be a buffet, yet to be determined. The meal is \$8. The diner will also have its usual menu if you want to order from it instead. BYOB (beer and wine only.)

Shelby Shag Club:

Shelby, NC

Friday, January 24th

DJ Johnny B

Dance Lessons at 7pm

8:00-11:00 pm 335 E. College Ave. Shelby, NC

\$3 members and \$6 guests

Lee Wagoner's Corner - Random Thoughts

Looking Forward to 2014

2013 is just about over. What a year it has been. We attended several new big shagging parties, made it to Mid-Winter for the first, but not last, time, had a great DJ Megafest party and got to visit a couple of other clubs.

2014 is just about here. And what do we have to look forward to? Our SBSC Chili Cook-off kicks off the year, Mid-Winter is the weekend after that, and a lot of nearby clubs will be having re-up parties in January. And that doesn't even include the various shag cruises kicking off in February.

I only have one resolution for 2014...to have even more fun than I had in 2013. I invite you to do the same.

Keep On Dancing...

Lee Wagoner



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: _____

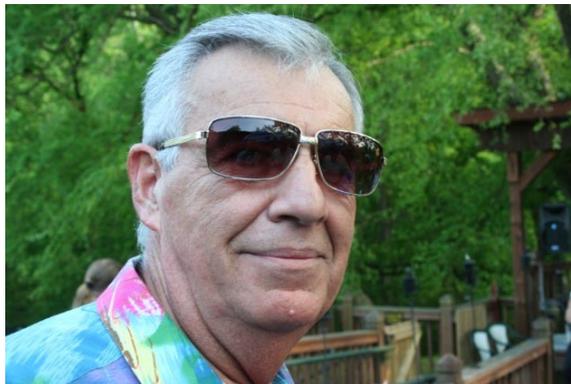
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The Music..The Dance..A Personal View #2 –by Ron Spencer

Thanks to those that responded to my November article. I have always enjoyed writing. Some like to read...since I'm not educated and can't read, I like to write. I was so excited that some began to reminisce about those early years. That was one of my goals of the article. There seemed to be extra interest in the guy from Hickory I spoke about named Larry. A dear friend was interested in "the special talent the Hickory Casanova had." I said I would share in the next newsletter the dance step Larry did that caused everyone to go crazy. Many of you have seen a similar step, I'll call it a drop stutter or drop scoot step. Many shag pros do it, Sam West probably does it the best. Carole and I saw Sam do it at Pirates Cove at last SOS with a young lady.....it was awesome. He put one hand on partners waist and scooted on one leg to the side almost all the way down to the floor and back up to the beat of the music. We sat there and watched with our Miley Cyrus tongues hanging out. Larry from Hickory did something very similar in the early 60's, almost a combination of a Sam West scoot down and a James Brown split. His uniqueness was that when he scooted down to where his dance partners legs connected to their body, he would flip the lid on his silver Zippo lighter and light the fire. Not sure if he found a cigarette on the floor, maybe his partner was chilly. If he was just a wild young boy wanting to look cool, it worked. I always thought there was a unique connection to that body area and the Zippo. The outcome at the Newton Rec Center was "everyone went crazy" every time he did it. Never seen a Zippo at a shag dance since. I would love to see Gary Barlow start working on this step now with Marlene for the next SOS. I'm sure he still has his old Zippo from the 60's and would be equally cool. Marlene is waiting on his coolness. Let's all let Gary know we are rooting for him.

Thanks Gary for accepting the challenge.

Three of my favorite artists in the late 50's and early 60's were Bo Diddley, Jerry Lee Lewis and James Brown. My picks and only a personal view... music not only needs to sound good to the ear, it has to be emotional. The emotion is what gets us connected and involved. My choice of the greatest emotional singer was a young James Brown, later called the Godfather of Soul. He first became popular in the late 50's. He not only sang but he cried and sometimes screamed the song as he danced across the stage on one foot, it was absolutely the most amazing thing I ever saw.



Ron Spencer

The Music..The Dance..A Personal View #2 - continued

I first saw him on Ed Sullivan Show as a young boy. Michael Jackson would later state that James Brown inspired his amazing "moon walk". A young Michael Jackson may have been the greatest dancer ever. Later in the 70's, James got involved in "funk" music, soul, gained a lot of weight and lost the great talent he had in the 60's. You got to see the young James Brown, the greatest performance of a singer-dancer ever...EVER! Go to YouTube, type in James Brown T.A.M.I. Show 1964. There is a 5 minute option where James does just Night Train, amazing dancing, splits, a unique 1 arm drop split , very emotional. Also a 15 minute option I recommend where James, along with singing Night Train also does his familiar Please, Please, Please. The Fabulous Flames attempt to drape a robe across him as he moans the song for his lady to "Please Don't Go". He always did this presentation in the early years as it seemed to go on and on. You got to see Night Train in 1964. I absolutely love this old music and emotion. As far as Bo Diddley, he could play his rockin guitar to Bo Diddley Was A Gun Slinger and You Can't Judge A Book By Looking At The Cover while dancing similar to James Brown while he played his guitar. Go to YouTube, type in Bo Diddley 1965. As he sings Hey Bo Diddley, you got to see the 3 back up singers, when I saw them at Park Center, they had on short shorts. Watch it all, they do a "come on , come and get it move" that makes ice melt. Be nice to see some ladies from Sandy Beach learn this step.WOW!

What can I say about brother Jerry Lee Lewis, nickname "The Killer", the wildest man that ever beat a piano to death. He was definitely the white answer to a boogie woogie blues piano. I still have my old 45 copy of his greatest hit.. Great Balls of Fire. Jerry Lee recorded his first song on those old yellow 45 Sun records in 1956, Crazy Arms, a song that would later be a hit on country music charts. I have sat in front of my computer on YouTube many nights, watched and listened to the best rock and roll, boogie, country, rock a billy, Gospel, you name it, he did it better on a piano than anyone ever. I dare you to get on YouTube and watch 30-40 songs of this amazing natural raw talent on a boogie piano and find anything better. Still alive at 78, Rolling Stone rated Jerry Lee Lewis in 2004 number 24 on their 100 Greatest Artist of All Time.Watching this natural talent, the only people that came close were his 2 cousins, Evangelist Jimmy Swaggert and country artist Mickey Gilley, all 3 from Louisiana.They also beat those ivories in a similar way in a different venue. It was probably the alligator stew. Jerry Lee could play the piano with 1 finger on each hand, his elbow, his feet, his rear end, he would slap it, rip it, run it.What I liked the best, he was always loud, fast and very...very emotional.At times, he would get so excited he would jump on top of his piano and sing.What does this have to do with shag and dance? Who knows, I'm just having a good time writing about the love of great emotional music that gets in my skin. It seems this man and his music have been with me my whole life as my bus trips to Newton in the 50's was for his 45 records.As I said in the last newsletter, I think my first fast dance was Old Black Joe by Jerry Lee at the Maiden Hop.

The Music..The Dance..A Personal View #2- continued

OK.. you gray baby boomers, what was your first record you bought and why? I want to know. I'm sure there are more "crazies" in Sandy Beach other than me. It's time to come out of the closet as I have and confess your weakness for old great artists and music. A "crazy" is someone who would rather search, listen, watch, purchase, record great music more than what "normals" normally do. A "crazy" not only listens with their ear, they listen with their whole body, when the music jumps in their feet, the natural response is to jump on a dance floor. How could we "crazies" do any less? The connection is almost sensual, definitely emotional. Do you love music? OK, how much? Is your car radio always cranked with Sirius radio to the 50's channel (at least when Megan Kelly is not on), a CD, a tape, I-Pod, a whatever? Tell me about it if you are a "crazy". From what I see, I think James Bentley may be getting close. It's starting to drive him away from that pretty woman to his computer late at night. His phone and truck are always bopping and he never gets off the dance floor when he shows up. Ole boy got it bad. Maybe you're thinking Ron, are you crazy? Carole tells me that with every email and conversation and she is always right because she's a woman.

Much of our early dancing was to Doo Wop but also fast rock and roll music. My goal in writing about these great entertainers of the 50's and 60's was that they are part of our traditions that gave us the great dance music we enjoy today. These 3 great rock and roll entertainers could get the music on the dance floor where it belongs. Much of today's music never gets past the ear. In the next newsletter, I would like to transition from the old songs and artist that got us started to our current music and dance. Maybe even share other types of music I like and why. I always like the "why's", what makes people and their taste different. That interests me. Some shag music makes me sleepy, some makes me go "crazy", I like it all. Happy New Year as we can hardly wait to get into another great year of music and dance. No guarantees with the information. Everything shared is only A Personal View.

Christmas Parade Float A Huge Success

The 2013 Christmas Float was another great float put together by the Sandy Beach Shag Club faithful. Under the leadership of Robin Little, almost 40 members of the club either marched, rode, or worked diligently to re-create the "Pirates of the Strand" float that won "Most Original" float in the SOS Spring Parade. This edition was modified to give it a Christmas motif complete with Christmas tree and lighting. The weather was fantastic and the float moved briskly through Morganton's downtown streets. We were once again rewarded for our efforts with another trophy for "Most Original". What was really special was that the judges awarded us the very last trophy that they had, and they returned with a number of friends to watch us perform our song just for them.

Being a part of this group is truly an honor. Everyone shares their special talents in making this project work. We have so much fun and it really helps to build our relationships with each other. We will be calling on you to help us with our 2014 edition. It plans to be another spectacular float especially considering it will be built on our very own brand new custom float trailer. See you there!

SANDY BEACH SHAG CLUB

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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. For any information, go online to www.sandybeachshagclub.com or contact the John Carpenter: johncarpenter@sandybeachshagclub.com

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