



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.

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

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News

SOS Cards

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

Upcoming Events:

The next regular party is May 10 with DJ Murl Augustine. Remember to bring a snack to share. When you bring a snack you will be entered into a drawing for a door prize!

The next Deck Party is May 4 at Friday Friends, from 4pm - 8pm. There is no admission charge and you need not bring a snack.

It is time to **RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP** for 2014. The \$20 dues bring you so many discounts and benefits throughout the year and helps the club continue its effort to support shag. You can renew at the next dance aptly on May 10. Or if you prefer to simply mail them in, send dues along with your name and address to: SBSC C/O John Carpenter, 100 Smith Street, Morganton, NC 28655

The cost of party admission for Associate Membership is now \$8. Regular Membership Admission remains \$5. We encourage you to consider becoming a regular member for only \$20. John Carpenter and Robin Morley chair the membership team.

Dance Lessons

The next sessions of Beginner 2 classes will be on May 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th. Lead/follow will be on the 15th and 29th. Classes start at 6:30 for Beginner 2 and Lead/follow at 7:45. Contact Robin Morley for details.

Mark Your Calendars!

Sunday July 20th! The annual pool party at Charles Bridges and Elizabeth Ferguson's home in Claremont. More details to follow.



A Message from President Dorothy Barrier

Hopefully spring has finally arrived. This winter has been brutal, but it certainly did not hinder Sandy Beach Shag Club from keeping the dance floors hot. I hope all that attended Spring SOS had a wonderful time. As most of you know by now our float came in third in the most original category. I want to personally thank again all that worked on the float and all that participated in the parade to make our float a success. It does not matter how we placed, what does matter is that we are able to come together as a club for the good of the club. We have the best and hardest workers of any club around. Again I want to personally thank Robin Little for her vision and talents to make our float a success. I want to personally thank all those that donated their time in building the float. A big thanks to all that participated in the parade and a big thanks to all that supported our club on the sidelines. We really do come together for the good of the club.

May is going to be another busy month for SBSC. We have our second deck party on May 4th at Friday Friends. Let's hope for sunshine and warm weather. Then on May 10th we will have our Re-up Party with Murl Augustine as our DJ. Many of you have already renewed your membership at our April 24th country shag party. As always we will need volunteers to help decorate and work the door. We would like to make this Italian night. So bring your favorite spaghetti or lasagna and the club will provide the salad and bread. We will also need other snacks and desserts as usual.

I want to tell you how honored I have been to have served as your president this past year and how totally honored I am to serve again this next year. I could not have done this without your support. In this last year we had a very successful Sandkicker Megafest under the direction of John Carpenter. We were able to purchase our own trailer for our floats. We had

a wonderful Christmas party and won a 1st place trophy for our pirate ship in the Morganton Christmas Parade. We chartered a bus to Rock Hill for their annual party and SBSC paid for most of the trip. We had some of the largest parties ever and ended our year with well over 300 members in our club. I think at this point we are the 7th largest shag club in the ACSC (correct me if I am wrong). We have hit some bumps in the road, but we made it through, thanks to all of you.

I want to take a minute to tell you about some of our other board members. Leah Turner is our treasurer. She takes care of all our finances and does a wonderful job. This is not an easy task but thanks to Leah our records are always complete. Robin Little is the driving force behind our float and she, along with all our volunteers, does an excellent job of decorating the lodge for our parties. Her talents and insights are a true asset to our club. Susan Duncan is our secretary and she does a wonderful job of taking the minutes at our meetings. Anytime I need an email sent out to all our members, all I have to do is give Susan a call and it is done. John Carpenter is always there to steer me in the right direction. His leadership abilities are known throughout the shag world. Plus he plays a mean harmonica. Jim Noggle and Gary Barlow have always been there with suggestions and to help in any way possible. Candace McGuire has taken over the responsibility of doing this newsletter and she is doing an excellent job. The next time you see any of these folks, please thank them for all they do.

Finally, I want to thank all of our members for all you do for our club. SBSC is very blessed to have members like you. We ARE the BEST shag club around and it is because of you. Remember my door is always open to you.

Dance like no one's watching,

Dorothy Barrier (234-1283, 433-7181)

dorothybarrier@sandybeachshagclub.com

Another Successful Parade-Spring SOS

by John Carpenter

By now most of you know that SBSC was awarded 3rd place with a check for \$100 in the SOS Spring parade. We had about 50 people that participated in one fashion or another. We had the Sandy Beach Speakeasy with our band, lead singer Libby Burns, and a host of club members in fantastic outfits that really looked wonderful.

Our skit before the judges was fantastic. Special thanks to Ron Autrey who did his wonderful Charleston dance for us in the parade! Thanks also should go to Ed Silver who we met as we started the parade. He had a vintage 1920's car in the parade, and we talked him into joining us as part of our presentation.

As always, thanks to our float leader, Robin Little. We had so many people that helped in one fashion or another and you all are so appreciated. Also, thanks to Lesa Hudson who sang the Sandy Beach song, and also another version that we will use in the Christmas parade. This was recorded by producer Rick Strickland!

I am one of the most competitive people that you will meet. I like winning! But winning comes in many forms and I want you all to

know, Sandy Beach Shag Club always delivers a winning performance coupled with first class planning. The fact we all get together and enjoy building, displaying, acting out our parts in the final presentation, makes us all winners.



We set out about 4 years ago to participate in the float at Spring SOS. We did it! I am just that much more pumped to do it again next year. We have a winning formula and whether we take first place or no place at all, even though this is hard work, this is so much fun too! If you didn't participate this year, please join us closer to home in the Morganton Christmas parade.

Please help us in some form or fashion. There is nothing better than getting together and getting to know each other better in an activity that doesn't necessarily involve dancing. I promise you it will be FUN!



May Birthdays

Robin Bivins	5/4
Elizabeth Ogle	5/4
Alicia Simpson	5/4
Glenn Duncan	5/6
Donald Hartsoe	5/6
Anita Helton	5/10
Jennifer Prince	5/11
Dorothy (Dot) Barrier	5/15
Sam Griffin	5/15
Phil Long	5/15
Suzanne Willis	5/17
Kathy Hutchings	5/18
Joyce Kincaid	5/18
Leah Turner	5/19
Bernie Arcebal	5/20
Shirley Davis	5/20
Denny Young	5/20
Evie Arandt	5/22
Rick Sutton	5/22
Joe Samuel	5/26
Larry Butler	5/27
Jerry Austin	5/28
James "Jim" R. Noggle	5/30
Roy "Herman" Taylor	5/30
Mike Carlisle	5/31
Billy Conner	5/31

Community Service

2014 Adopt -A-Highway Cleanup

Consider working on a public service for the good of the community. It does not take long and is a great way to make friends. It is easy and a great way to get some exercise.

The next highway cleanup will be:

Saturday, June 7

The alternate date will be Saturday, June 14

Saturday, August 2

The alternate date will be Saturday, August 9

Saturday, October 4

The alternate date will be Saturday October 11

Saturday, December 6

The alternate date will be Saturday December 13

We meet 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

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 Bairrier 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)
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Food/Hospitality:	Dorothy Barrier (dorothybarrier@sandybeachshagclub.com)
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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!	

The Music..The Dance..A Personal View #6

by Ron Spencer



Man...did we have fun at SOS, my couple friends said I was almost illegal. The greatest lesson I learned at SOS this year was to run with friends that had a billfold. I just could never find mine...thanks friends. Even when I had mine, it seemed

there was never enough money for Carole also to eat...bless her little heart.

We can never recognize givers enough. So much work by so many with diverse talents with a giving spirit in my opinion is what makes a shag club. Givers are fewer than takers. A club with just takers always struggle. That is true of a church or any volunteer origination. The rules are the same. I really appreciate those that get the news out. Susan and others are amazing at what and how they do it. I know I speak for the club in wanting to thank Robin Bivins for all she does. I once thought she was flirting with me, someone told me to get over it, she treats everyone good. Every time I see her she is carrying 2 things, a big smile and a camera. In one of the parade pictures on the web, there she was with her big smile and camera. Thanks Robin for being an ambassador of love and what a treasure you are to all of us.

Sub-title for May: Boogie & Blues...for the sake of space, I will call it B & B. Not rhythm and blues, not boogie woogie, definitely not blues or soul. As always, I don't claim to know more than anyone else, in fact the internet is full of information for those interested in the music and artist. Many DJ's that love this music also have great knowledge. Along with everyone reading this, we all have an opinion; I have the privilege sharing mine. If you go to answers.com with the question...what is shag

music? The introduction states " shag music is also called beach music or beach pop. It came into existence during the 50's and 60's and consisted of various pop and rock music. This kind of music was closely associated with a style of swing dancing that was known as the Carolina shag. Shag music has a much deeper back-story and meaning than you'd expect." That is what interest me, the back-story or the why's, the how's, the where's, the stories of the old black artist.

I thought this was a good article for those interested in more information. This music we all love and dance to is also called jump blues, juk'n, classic 60's soul and beach, boogie chillen, juke joint rhythm & blues, beach band music along with my favorite B & B.

My question is "what dance music turns you on and why"? I happen to have a top 10 reasons why I love B&B beginning with #10- makes my skin vibrate and gets the wrinkles out #9-causes me to want to run naked through the woods screaming "Geronimo" #8-makes me feel cool when I know I'm not #7- causes me to dance faster than I need to #6- makes me feel 16 again #5- causes me to eat more chicken?? #4- causes me to love Joyce Kincaid plus everybody else #3- makes my high blood pressure fun #2- huntin music all night more restful than sleepin. And the #1 reason I love B&B..Carole loves it too. There is a reason for my reasons...I had nothing to say about sounding good.

For me, music is more about emotion. Many people only listen with the ear, boogie crazies like James and me listen with their whole being. He's crazy, that's the reason I love him. Many of these old B&B artist were so boogie crazy, they would play their pianos and harmonicas for nothing in the old clubs, especially in Chicago, Louisiana and Memphis. In fact a musical style of B&B was called Chicago Boogie Piano music. Many artist couldn't read and would sign contracts with

record companies and producers and were only paid pennies as others became wealthy off their music. Many died broke. It was the emotion and love of the music. Some of the music didn't sound that great but it was in my opinion some of the greatest shag music ever recorded. Case in point...one of my top 10 favorite shag songs "If That's Your Girl" is from early 50's by a black artist named Boyd Gilmore 1910-1976. The old piano is way out of tune, he can't hardly sing...but man, when I crank it up, I go crazy, it is emotional to me. For those that have my B&B Favorites CD #2, it is song #6. Thanks to the great DJ and my friend Donnie Meadows for sharing this great song. As soon as I get a new song, I jump on the website and get the history behind the artist and song if available...I love it.

I have often wondered why I love this music so much knowing I am in a minority. If you go to any favorites music list...WSGE 91.7 Top Beach 25, Judy's House of Oldies, Top Smokin 45's, even the Association of Beach and Shag Club DJ's Top 50 songs requested, to name a few, less than 10 counted could be called B&B. I think this music takes me back to 12-13 years old when I would get on the bus in Conover and ride to the record store in Newton to buy Jerry Lee Lewis records. No one was more emotional than Jerry Lee. Being a entrepreneur for 45 years and in personal sales for past 25 years, I began to read books on emotional involvement and moving people toward making a good decision. The greatest thing I learned and see daily is this fact "people buy, join things and are moved more by emotion than logic." Hopefully logic or reason will be the end result but the first move was emotional. We are spiritual beings currently

living in a body of flesh. The flesh is emotional or even weak according to The Word and it can be easily motivated. Case in point, I have been in many worship services and after repeating the last verse multiple times of a favorite old invitational hymn "Just As I Am" someone finally moves out and walks the isle. Then another moves, another and another. Did they finally hear the song message or were they emotionally moved by others. We know the logic of the seed being sowed on different types of soil would not mean all accepted the message but many were moved.

I was emotionally moved over a year ago when I went to Lake Norman to buy a black Hyundai Elantra. After they cranked up a black Sonata with dual exhaust in 20 degree temperatures, the memory of my 1955 T-Bird with smoking dual exhaust hit me. Money didn't enter my mind. After signing the papers, the logic of more money set in. It was emotional involvement that put me in the seat.

Whatever dance music moves you emotionally, makes you feel good and even sounds good, if it allows you to enjoy it with special people, moves you to the dance floor, give thanks and know where the foundation of music came from. As Gloria Gaither wrote in one of her greatest songs "You ask me why my heart keeps singing, why I can sing when things go wrong, but since I've found the source of music, I just can't help it. God gave the song."

Next month I will finish this article with some great music, great artist picks of mine, where and how to get it other than begging. Everything expressed is just a happy ole grumpy man giving A Personal View.



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Area Clubs and Happenings

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

Boone Shag Club

www.booneshagclub.com

Saturday, May 17, 2014 - 7:30p-10:30p

Shut-up & Dance!

Bring your favorite snacks and enjoy a variety of music and dancing with us!

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

Moose Lodge #1805, 607 Deerfield Rd., Boone, NC.

Saturday, May 31 - Boogie to Boone with two DJ's. DJ Gentleman George Brown - 5-8pm; Murl Augustine - 8-11pm. The event will be catered by Casa Rustica. Only 100 tickets will be sold. It is being held at Boone Moose Lodge. The cost is \$25.00 a couple and \$15.00 per person.

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.

May 9 - NORMAN MILLS

8:00-11:00

\$5 Members and \$7 Guests

Brushy Mountain Shag Club:

North Wilkesboro, NC

www.brushymountainshagclub.com

None scheduled in May

\$5 members and \$7 guests

Rutherfordton Area Shag Club:

Forest City, NC

First Friday of each month with DJ Mike McDaniel; 8:00 -11:00; Free basic shag class at 7.

Forest City Diner

146 E. Main St. Forest City, NC

\$0 members and \$5 guests

Great websites for Shag Dance Information:

www.shagdance.com,

www.shagtour.com

Sandy Beach Officers

President	Dorothy Barrier
Vice President	Robin Little
Secretary	Susan Duncan
Treasurer	Leah Turner
Members-at-Large:	Jim Noggle
	Gary Barlow
Past President	John Carpenter

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:
johnccarpenter@sandybeachshagclub.com

All members are encouraged to donate a snack. For this, you will be entered in a drawing for a door prize or free admission to the next party. 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

May 10th Saturday - DJ Murl Augustine

June 14th Saturday - DJ Billy Waldrep

July 20 - Pool Party at the home of Charles Bridges and Elizabeth Ferguson

August 2nd Saturday – DJ Jeff Foster

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 parties

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

Admission is free. Dates are:

May 4

June 22

September 7 - SOS Kickoff

October 5