



*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](http://www.sandybeachshagclub.com) or contact John Carpenter: [johncarpenter@sandybeachshagclub.com](mailto:johncarpenter@sandybeachshagclub.com)

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## News

### Upcoming Events:

Sunday **November 2nd** will be a "Raise the Barn" party in Shelby. Don't miss this fun event. Details are on page 4.

The next regular party is Saturday, **November 15** will DJ Roger Holcombe. Dress in your favorite football team attire if you want. There will be a chili cookoff so bring a pot of your best recipe or a side.

### 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

There is a two hour Beginners 2 on November 13th from 6:30pm until 8:30pm. The cost is \$10 and will be our last group lesson until January. For private group or individual private lessons, you can find more information at at:

<http://www.sandybeachshagclub.com/lessonsindex2014.htm>

You have been wanting line dance lessons so here you go!!!! New members, please come join this group that loves to line dance!!! Susan will have something for your line dance level!! There is no cost for line dancing! Thursday: October 30, 2014 6:30 p.m.

### Ticket for Fall Cyclone at Morrisville

I have a ticket for the subject shag party above. If someone can use it call me. 229 349 3520 cell/text. Free to anyone that wants it. Thanks. Sanford Clark

## A Message from President Dorothy Barrier



Blessed. Greatful. Thankful. Loved. Happy. These are all adjectives I feel for this month of November. The month that we give thanks and celebrate what we have. I am so blessed to be a part of Sandy Beach Shag Club. I am so

grateful for all our wonderful members that work hard and support our club. I am so thankful for all our members. Sandy Beach Shag club members show their love and support for one another and I hope that everyone is happy with our club.

We had our last deck party of the season at the beginning of October and even though the weather was a little chilly, the dance floor was hot.

Our costume party went off very well with some awesome costumes and decorations. Thank you to the ones that decorated the lodge. It looked wonderful as usual. The costumes were fabulous and congratulations to our winners. There was a lot of thought and energy put into the costumes. I also want to thank everyone for following the new by-laws concerning bringing outside drinks into our parties, both at the Elks Lodge and at Friday Friends. We certainly do not want to do anything to harm our relationship with either one of these organizations. We are very lucky to have both of these fine places to gather,

socialize and, of course, dance.

Our next party will be Nov. 15th. This will be our tailgate party and our annual chili cook off. Dress in your favorite team colors and enter your favorite chili recipe. The best chili will of course win money. If you would like to help decorate for the party, please contact Robin Little. We can always use extra help. It takes a lot of time and man power to get the lodge looking as good as it always does.

Now is the time to buy your 2015 SOS tickets. Please see Robin Morley for these. Right now they are \$30.00.

We will be helping in the Raise the Barn project to aid Rutherford Shag Club and Shelby Shaggers on Nov. 2nd. If you need more information on this and would like to donate something for the Chinese Auction, please contact John Carpenter for all the details. A lot of their members are also members and associate members of our club and are very supportive of us. This is our way of helping out fellow shaggers and their clubs. Unfortunately, I will be at the annual Special Education Conference and will not be able to go, but I am certain that Sandy Beach Shag Club will have a good turnout. It is for a very good cause.

I do hope that everyone has a wonderful Thanksgiving and again, I am blessed, grateful, thankful, loved and happy to be a part of such a great organization.

All we want to do is Dance, Dance, Dance

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### Find us on Facebook!

Just type Sandy Beach Shag Club in the search box. We also have a photo albums page.



## **We've come a long way baby!**

by John Carpenter

In 1968, Phillip Morris Tobacco Company launched a campaign to market Virginia Slims cigarettes. They used the catch phrase, "We've come a long way, baby!" It signified the women's movement and equal rights and everything that demonstrates the coming of age.

We have not to date, had much fanfare, but you could say that Sandy Beach Shag Club is having its 10th anniversary since its rebirth in 2004. First discussions were actually begun in 2003 about the thought of restarting the club, and we didn't officially become a part of the Association until 2005, again. But in 2004, the drive was made to reestablish the club and to pump life back into the corpse that had been left behind in year 2000. With a tidy sum of about \$2,000 that had been left in the checking account, and a handful of people that agreed to be involved in getting together again, the club quickly encouraged about 50 members to join/rejoin Sandy Beach.

Fast forward to 10 years later, and look at us now! We've come a long way, baby! We still dance at the Morganton Elks Lodge. Without our fantastic Elks Lodge, where would we dance? We have had bright stars along the way to guide us and demonstrate the passion that is a key ingredient for success. Deanes Short (2008), Robin Morley (2008), Susan Whisnant (2009), Marie Young (2010), Louise Dockery (2011), John Carpenter (2012), Robin Little (2013), and Steve Coley (2014) are all honored as Lifetime members for their contributions to the rebirth and continued success of the new Sandy Beach Shag Club. We have our own float trailer. We won the SOS Spring Parade! We won 4 trophies in the Morganton Christmas parade. We have an additional 3rd place win in the SOS Spring parade. We now have a wonderful trophy case to display our memorabilia and club artifacts.

You can see it in the Elks Lodge. Hopefully some of you will contribute items to pass down to the future members of Sandy Beach. When we ended the year last year we had 334 members! We are at 282 members today and climbing fast. As we approach our Christmas dinner we will gain even more. We will have another fantastic meal catered by our friend Phil Scarborough. His Megafest IV meal was a huge hit.



While I am at it, the new Sandy Beach Shag Club has created so many opportunities and benefits for our members:

Free Deck Parties at Friday Friends. No cost to members attending and guests are free as well

Annual Christmas dinner for all members

Party every Fall SOS with free drinks included while they last

Free hot dog and hamburgers on some Thursday nights

Free bus trip to Shelton Vineyards

Free weekend pass to the CSRA Classic in Augusta, Georgia

Free bus trip to the Rock Hill Winter Classic, with part of the ticket to get in being paid

Free car decals for all Full members

Sandkicker Newsletter- Monthly newsletter and weekly E-notes to keep everyone informed

Event notification by email

Comprehensive website with a member's only area with loads of information including SOS info

Club Facebook page and photo albums page

Participation in the Morganton Christmas parade and Spring SOS parade

Numerous opportunities to dance and showcase the club such as the Historic Morganton Festival, J. Iverson Riddle Center, North Carolina Retired Teachers Picnic, and several retirement homes

Generous donations to local charities and member's input to charitable projects

Two time Cammy nominated DJ Megafest party with members being given the first opportunity to register for the event

\$25 memorial donation to the honor of specified family members of our Full members, upon a family members' death

Yes, we have come a long way, baby!

Please remember that this is the season of

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Thanksgiving. For all of you that read this, I hope you will be thankful for the kind, generous, giving, passionate, and thoughtful people that continue to provide you with a wonderful place to spend some special moments. The phrase, "thank you" is a very simple and meaningful two words. I hope you will take every opportunity to use this phrase when you see the people that make our club a success. All of these people are volunteers and it is the only benefit that they receive for their hard work. Look around you and be proud of what has been accomplished in these ten years. If possible, please join our team to insure that our next ten years and beyond will be equally successful.

Happy Anniversary!!

## Community Service

### 2014 Adopt -A-Highway Cleanup

The next hghway cleanup will be:

Saturday, December 6

The alternate date will be Saturday December 13

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

#### 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

#### November Birthdays

Judy Boston	11/1
Mike Annas	11/2
R. Dean Wilson	11/4
Wayne Harris	11/7
Alan Brown	11/8
Lloyd Cuthbertson	11/9
Ronnie Greene	11/11
Wilma Pennell	11/11
Cindy Chenard	11/12
Mark Deal	11/12
William "Marshall" Setzer	11/12
Cecil Martin	11/15
Sandee Wheeler	11/15
Paula Edwards	11/16
Becky Davis	11/20
Diane Conner	11/24
Claude Robertson	11/26
Gary Renegar	11/28



# "Raise The Barn Party"



Sunday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> from 4pm until 8pm.

A Donation of \$10 would be appreciated!



When neighbors would help neighbors, the old way was to all get together to raise the barn. Join us in helping Shelby Shaggers and Rutherford County Shag Club in building their clubs with some fundraising. Let's all pitch in and "Raise the Barn!"

**B.Y.O.B. and bring crock pots of your favorite soup, and some snacks!  
Also, bring your club banner, tee shirts seat cover, or name tags.  
Anything that promotes your club and shows your support!!**

DJs Mike McDaniel, Buck Crumpton, Tommy Samole, Steve Coley, Ron Teague, Johnny B. and the Boogie Woogie Kings-Smokey and Pope.

50/50 Chinese Auction

Hopefully we can continue this mission to help our neighbors anywhere needed!

Location: Full Plate Catering and Event Hall, 335 East College Ave., Shelby, NC



For more information, call John Carpenter 803 760 2947

## Raise the Barn Details and Carpool Information

Again, we are asking for soup in crock pots, or snacks, or Chinese auction items. If you want to contribute several of these items, great!!

We have two groups that are caravanning/carpooling to the event. If you don't want to drive, you can come to the staging area and possibly get a ride and if not, follow the rest of the group. Both areas will leave at about 2:30pm. Those areas are:

- at I-40 exit 113 at the vacant lot across the street from Paramount Ford. Leah Turner is heading up that group. The group will leave around 2:30pm. Get there 5 to 10 minutes prior to the departure time.

- At the Morganton Elks Lodge, the other group will leave at 2:30 and is headed up by Sanford Clark. Please arrive at least 10 min. ahead.

We are encouraging people to wear club tee shirts if you have one, or anything that lets people know what club you are from. The event starts at 4pm Sunday November 2nd. The address for your GPS is 335 E College Ave, Boiling Springs, NC

Yes our motto is "United We Dance" and this effort says it all.

## The Music..The Dance..A Personal View #12

by Ron Spencer



Happy Birthday to ya'll that have had birthdays this year. If you hadn't had one yet, get ready, it's coming. I, Ron Spencer as a precious baby, blessed my mama and daddy in the month of September...well maybe. I was told by

my mama that I never said "goo goo", my first words were "boogie boogie". My dad said the baby looks like trouble. His prophetic words would come true. Later in life my mama would tell the judge "I can't understand why he did it, he don't smoke and he definitely don't sweep". Mama blamed it on the older boys; I blamed it on Jerry Lee Lewis. A great story, ask me about it sometime, I promise to bore you to death.

September caused me to get my old Sharp calculator (not a dad gum phone) out and I subtracted 1946 from 2014 and was shocked at the number it gave me. I tried it again and got the same thing. After prayer, meditation, looking at the stars, positive thinking, going into another room, I still got the same numbers. I even thought...maybe if I had me one of those "information readin phones", I could get a more youthful number. It seems like the youth are always readin' their phones.

Prior to this personal calendar event in September, I had just received another mayor shocking. In June I received information concerning our 50th class reunion in November. This has caused me to do some major "time flies" thinking recently. Not out of fear but how things have changed spiritually, socially, technically in the past 40 years in your life and mine.

This has also caused me to think about our culture of music and dance, the huge changes I promise will happen in the next 40 years if it survives. This thought came as I listened to Johnny B recently on the radio as he shared about the old DJ booth going by the wayside. Unless you go to the N Myrtle Beach clubs that keep the old traditions, you seldom see the old glassed in booth for the DJ. Some people are optimistic about everything and we need these people. Numbers are neither negative or positive but a great gauge for truth. I started researching and looking at some numbers. Thanks to Robin Morley for some numbers she shared with me. This past Fall Migration of SOS, approximately 15,000 card holders, the vast majority being baby boomers (76.4 million) born between 1946-1964 showed up for the party. This year 1500 juniors showed up for Junior SOS. Junior shaggers is not something new as it was started over 20 years ago. LeAnn Best Norris met her future husband Michael in 1991 at a junior shag dance and they won their first Junior Shag Championship in 1994. Since then, they have gone on to win 7 National Shag Championships in pro division. Outside of a major world amnesty, the junior numbers aren't there. Although shag clubs are non profit, much of our shag culture is a business. The Junior Shag Association is a great organization, I trust you go on their website and see who the outstanding officers and volunteers are.

It is always exciting to attend the parties at Lake Hickory Shag Club and see the attending juniors at the parties and dance lessons. The key to that success is not necessarily the club, not necessarily their parents but their baby boomer grandmother, Joyce Simpson Scronce. Joyce was a 1964 graduating classmate of ours at N.C.H.S. Most all of these Lake Hickory

kids are here grandchildren or friends of. She took all her grandkids to Junior SOS. The kids always receive special treatment at Lake Hickory. I don't know about your children but mine could care less about shag although some of my grandkids take other types of dance lessons.

Our parents or The Great Generation are about all gone. If you are as Carole who still has a 94 year old father who loves music and dance, how blessed you are but you are in a small minority. We also see the baby boomers that at one time had 40% of the total population are now down to approximately 29%. These numbers are affecting my music because these old great boogie and blues artist that I love are all about gone. When my collection is done, it's done. I'm sorry but millennials can't sing and play the boogie like the great older black artist. Amen! Still "alive and kickin", Lazy Lester turned 81 in June and Henry Gray will turn 90 this coming January...what a blessing they are to me.

I hope I don't sound too morbid in this article but I trust you are concerned about our culture and SOS 2044 as I am. Who will be there? If anyone is there, wonder what it will look like with technology in many ways almost out of control. You think they will have to show their blackberry at the door, be issued a ear plug with the music playlist? No DJ will be there but all on the dance floor will be listening and dancing to their boogie ear plug. I'm sure technology will make sure everyone has the same music plug with all songs at 120 counts per minute. There will always be opportunity to take an ear plug message without anyone even

knowing and not miss a beat. Sound out of reach; just wait around.

The older I get the more I think about my youth of dancing in house parties in elementary school. I remember the great year of 1962 at the old Myrtle Beach Pavilion, the old Maiden Hop, the Statesville and Newton Recreation Center. My first "instructor taught" shag lessons and Fall Migration in 1995 was definitely a new experience at the time. Because of my old timey stubborn nature, I have not surrendered my life to social media, especially face book. When face book first came out, I did sign up out of curiosity. When people found out I was on it, I kept getting messages that said "hey Ron, please don't be my friend." I canceled it and pouted for weeks.

I even miss the old antique photos on Sandy Beach web site and old timey email pictures. There hasn't been a new Sandy Beach picture since techies shut it down over a year ago, it probably was the budget. Half of the baby boomers are so sad. A recent Saturday was spent in Shelby at the Liver Mush Festival as I continued my 20 year hunt for homemade mush like mama and grandmaw made...none. Janice Fox's granddaughter won Little Miss Livermush, the day was saved...what a beautiful child. As time marches on, I am beginning to think a lot like Arthur, Carole's dad, who is always saying "baloney just ain't what it used to be". I guess as good as the past was, I wouldn't trade anything for my current life, friends and experiences. I just hope as I know you do that "we can leave something behind". God is good and everything shared is a ole grumpy man with a Personal View.



## **Sandy Beach It is Tailgating Time Again**

**Morganton Elk's Lodge Nov 14th at 7:30pm**

**Roger Holcombe** will be spinning the Tunes

We will have our famous **chili cook-off** so bring your best to the table for **cash prizes!!!!!!**

Sandy Beach will furnish all the fixings.

Wear your favorite team jersey and jeans!  
If you don't want to dress that way, just come and join us for a great time!!



## 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)

Saturday, November 22, 2014

7:30p-10:30p, Shut-up and Dance!

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)

Saturday November 8 with Billy Waldrep

VFW 1615 12th Street Dr. NW, Hickory

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

Members Drawing – \$25 cash prize

Guest Drawing for free membership

Party starts at 7:30 until 11:30 pm

### 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.

November 14 with Eddie Thompson

November 28 with George Ward

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

### Brushy Mountain Shag Club:

North Wilkesboro, NC

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

Saturday, November 8, with DJ Michael  
Worley

8:00p-11:00p

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)

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## Mark Your Calendars for 2014 SBSC Party Dates

November 15th Saturday – We will still need your desserts and snacks to share so please keep that in mind when you plan! Also, please keep Betty Brown and her husband in your thoughts and prayers during his treatment and recovery. We thank Roger Holcombe in advance for helping us out for the evening and playing our dance music!

December 13th Saturday - 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 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)
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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.