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**Please smile for the camera and
vote for Alan Michaelis for the SOS Board**

Active member of the ACSC/SOS Community that I love

Virginia Beach Shag Club (2006 - Present)
Boogie on the Bay (2018 - Present)
Colonial Shag Club (2008 - Present)
Richmond Shag Club (2013 – 2015 Approx)
Smoky Mountain Shaggers (2024 – Present)
SOS (Fall 2007 - Present) 25+ times 9 days each
Official SOS Photographer (2019 – present)
Guest SOS photographer weekend park and parties (6 a year)
Taught Shag Lessons with ICON Jan Weakley (2013- 2015)
Inducted into the Virginia Shaggers Hall of Fame (2015)
Inducted into the National Living Legends of Dance – Berta Lull Award (2025)
Rookies Revenge winner (Fall 2023)
Often attend ACSC/SOS Meetings to take photos with Robin Bevins



Leadership Skills:

I hold a Master of Science Degree in Mechanical Engineering from Drexel University Philadelphia, PA (1971). Licensed Professional Engineering License (Virginia 1980 – Present)

I worked for the Department of the Navy (1965 – 2001). I reached the level of GM-14 Division head responsible of approximately 140 Engineers, technicians and support staff.

Started ALCAR Multimedia in 2001. I deliver litigation multimedia support in the form of providing courtroom technology equipment and operators during trials, graphics design, producing photos and videos for mediations, arbitrations and trials. During COVID when the courts were closed, I took over 300 hours of technical and legal training to qualify as an expert witness in the field of Forensic Video Analysis.

Ongoing Contributions to Spring and Fall SOS's

I brought my technical and artistic skills with me when I became an official SOS Photographer. My photography, video, and technical skills along with my workaholic mindset allowed me to speed up the way my SOS photos were distributed. In addition to posting them on the Website and the SOS Carefree Times weeks later, I began posting them daily on the SOS Facebook page during SOS. I work closely with Vickie Harrison to make this seamless and to minimize her workload.

I worked with the newest member of the SOS Photography Team, Becky Simon so she could follow the same daily process. And she did! I am working with Steve Booth to come up with a way to restore many of the sun faded BSNHOF photos in the OD Resort hallway facing the ocean.

A Past President of an ACSC Shag Club:

I have never been a Shag Club President but as previously mentioned I have been the President of ALCAR Multimedia for the past 25 years. (2001 – Present, Hopefully 10 years to go).

Prior experience serving on an ACSC or SOS Committee

As a weekly, active member of three Virginia Shag Clubs, I have been capturing memories for the past 20 years. I have over 200,000 cataloged Shag photos from my clubs, SOS and guest clubs. Cataloged means if you were to ask me for a copy of your photo from the 2010 Virginia Beach Shag Club Christmas Party, I could find it in less than 5 minutes. Additionally, over the past four years I have built a facial recognition database that allows me to quickly, within minutes, pull up all the photos I have taken of an individual from my clubs. This allows me, when necessary, to provide many wonderful, happy shag photos of loved one during a time of loss. After posting the photos on Facebook, I add them to the database and tag each person. It is an amazing service to provide to grieving families.

Final Thoughts

I became an SOS photographer because I wanted to contribute to the whole community that I love and that has changed my life in so many positive ways. Virginia, even with 10 ACSC clubs is not well represented on the SOS Board. I would like to help increase Virginia's contributions by bringing my skill set to the SOS Board. Carol and I will be at this summer's Workshop in Columbia. I hope to see you then.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Being a member of the Virginia Shaggers Hall of Fame and the National Living Legends of Dance, I know how difficult and time consuming it is to read and evaluate applications. Making those decisions can be very difficult. So, win, lose or draw, thank you. Alan Michaelis MSME, PE, CFVT, SOS Photographer



First SOS Photos 2007



Recent SOS Spring 2026



Fall 2019



Virginia Beach at SOS Fall 2008



Sept 2009 Lighting of the Water Tower



Rookies Revenge
Sept 2010 - 4th Place