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SOS President Ron Whisenant

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1984 thru 1985

Hello everyone! Fall Migration 2025 is just six weeks away. Time to reconvene in OD for the best party on earth. Get prepared for all the festivities and tea parties and dance, dance, dance.

Our premier event in the fall is Fun Monday with some great bands in the street. The Enhancement committee has an outstanding lineup for you to enjoy. Come on out and enjoy the day in the street with friends enjoying camaraderie, beach music. Main street @1:00pm in the heart of shag central, Ocean Drive Beach, SC. Buy a raffle ticket to help support the efforts of The Enhancement committee's work. You could be the lucky winner of instant cash or the \$5000.00 top prize.

SOS is bringing back the SOS Fun Sunday at the OD Arcade featuring Jim Quick. Make sure your plans include Sunday afternoon from 1 – 5pm for JQ and Fun Sunday in the street beside O D Arcade.

This is the 45th Fall Migration! Can you believe that we have been celebrating this event for that long? Time flies when you are dancing and having fun with your SOS friends. These friends become family. SOS is a family of friends. This is our family reunion. Time to share food, fellowship, and make more memories. How fortunate we are to have something of this magnitude to celebrate. Enjoy this gift of coming together to enjoy our state dance, its music, with loving friends. SOS Fall Migration 1980 was the birth of something grand. Support SOS with buying a membership. Become a proud card-carrying SOS member.

In closing, I will say goodbye to this welcome column I have written for 25 years as President of SOS. My retirement starts on October 1, 2025. I will still be around and enjoying my SOS life experiences with all of my friends. I have enjoyed my tenure as President of SOS. Thank you for the honor and pleasure to serve the SOS family in this capacity.

Sincerely, Ron



Ron Whisenant

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Ron Whisenant

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- Understands business of ACSC and SOS
- Nominated from the floor



Winners of the inaugural "SHAGGING ICON" awards are: (L-R) Ron Whisenant • Dr. Phil Sawyer • Ken Hudspeth • Butch Berry (not shown)





SOS Vice President SOS President ELECT Robin Morley

Dear SOS Friends,

Welcome to ten unforgettable days of laughter, music, and camaraderie at SOS! Whether you're a returning member of our beloved community or a newcomer eager to dive in, we're thrilled to have you join us for this vibrant celebration.

SOS is more than a series of events—it's an invitation to rediscover the joys of dancing, reconnect with old friends, and open your heart to new connections. As you step into the electrifying energy of SOS, let the rhythm carry you from sunrise to sunset, from your very first dance to the last note of the final song.

Of course, no day of soulful shuffling would be complete without savoring a juicy hamburger and raising a glass of something cold and refreshing. From our SOS partner clubs with icy brews to cozy diners flipping burgers just the way you like them, the possibilities are delicious and endless.

So, as the music starts up and the dance floors fill, remember: SOS is about more than steps—it's about stories, smiles, and memories you'll carry home when these ten days are done. Take a chance on a new dance partner, toast to the good times, and let each day be a celebration of friendship and fun.

Here's to making these ten days the most memorable yet. Let's dance, laugh, and savor every moment—together!

With excitement and warmest wishes, Robin



SOS Board Member SOS Vice President ELECT Dwayne Baggett

Welcome Shaggers,

Hopefully if you are reading this you are already at North Myrtle Beach and listening to 94.9 The Surf, the official sounds of S.O.S. Whether this is your first time or you are experienced coming to SOS be sure and visit all of our participating Shag Clubs to totally have the full SOS experience. You may find something you didn't know with each club having their own line up of DJs for your listening pleasure. Also, while you are here be sure and visit

YOUR SOS Company store for all of your SOS Branded merchandise and items from our other Vendors. Be sure and buy your Fun Monday tickets for only \$10 or 2 for \$20. On Sunday from 1 to 4pm Jim Quick and the Coastline Band will be playing over by the O.D. Arcade on 1st Ave. South. On Monday September the 15th from 12pm till 5:30 pm, Main St. will be closed off for the biggest party around. Gary Lowder & Smokin' Hot, East Coast Party Band featuring Jackie Gore, and the Swingin' Medallions will be playing. There will be a drawing during the concert to give out five prizes to some lucky people. The first prize is \$5,000, 2nd prize \$1,000, third prize \$500, 4th prize \$250 and the 5th prize \$250. When you buy your ticket or tickets just know that it is going to a good cause. After all the expenses are paid out any remaining money is sent to the SOS Charitable Foundation to be given to different charities in the area. Please take advantage of everything that is available. We all love this carefree lifestyle, so I tell everybody to just keep living the ShagLife!!

Sincerely, Dwayne Baggett



ACSC Chairman Candy Long

Hello Everyone!

It's hard to believe that summer has already come and gone! Kids are back in school and vacations have become memories to be cherished at another time. My family lives in a cul-de-sac at the end of the road, so we are lucky enough to have close access to each other all year round. We are blessed to live on Lake Wylie where we can enjoy the water, boating, etc. most of the year. As I count my blessings, I realize that the shag world is an intricate part of our family. Shaggers are just like relatives...some I see often, and some I get to play with only occasionally. But we are family just the same.

We share a love and lifestyle that surpasses the boundary of relatives. I've been looking forward to seeing all of you...anticipating the fun that comes with Fall Migration. The music, the dancing, the friendships old and new...nothing can beat it!

I hope each of you have a wonderful SOS. Make more memories, reminisce the old, and let's keep this fun alive! Enjoy! Candy Long



ACSC Vice Chairman Allan Guazzo

Fall Migration is upon us again. Welcome back everyone to the greatest 10 days in the dance community. What other organization puts on a better event than SOS and the shag clubs of the ACSC. SOS Fall Migration is so much more than the opportunity to renew friendships with shaggers from other clubs. It is 10 days of dancing the night away at our favorite SOS club, hearing great beach music played by so many Hall of Fame DJs, and maybe learning a new step or two from the best of the best professional shag dancers. All of this while lazing your days away on North Myrtle Beach's beautiful sandy beach or relaxing on your beach chair on main street during Fun Sunday and Monday listening to the sounds created by the shag world's best beach bands. What a great life we shaggers have been blessed with! And it is all because of each and every one of

you that makes our dance and our lifestyle what it is today and will be into the future. As the Vice Chairman and newest member of the ACSC Board I am looking forward to getting around to as many club events as I can and meeting many more people I hope one day to be able to call my friends. Safe travels.



SOS Board Chairman Ronnie Gregory

Yes! Oh Yes, it's SOS!

Welcome back to the beach. Great to be back at N. Myrtle Beach with all your friends. This promises to be one fun-filled week. Starting off with the return of Fun Sunday and if that is not enough, there will be Fun Monday. Please support the event by purchasing the Fun Monday Tickets and hopefully winning a lot of money. The board has been preparing for your return to make sure your visit is safe and memorable. Don't forget the ACSC meeting on Saturday morning where there will be Elections and good information. Also, Ron Whisenant, President of SOS will be retiring. Thanks to the City of N. Myrtle Beach for their hospitality and keeping us safe. Let's be a good steward, by obeying the laws, being curious and keeping this city clean.

Thank you for all your support. Now, let's all go enjoy our lifestyle.
Regards, Ronnie Gregory



SOS Carefree Times Editor Janet Harrold

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Welcome to 2025 Fall Migration. Looking forward to seeing all your smiling faces and those happy feet on the dance floor. Please support the advertisers in the Carefree Times and thanks to our advertisers through the years. Feel free to contact me through messenger on facebook or email.

Have an awesom Fall Migration and make those wonderful new memories! See ya on the SOS Facebook page, Vickie

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Important Message from Nick Mathis, Chairman HOFF

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After more than 34 years of assisting families and individuals in need, we are approaching the million dollar mark in payouts for assistance. Last year our "Vegas at the Beach" event was our most successful fundraiser ever but our profits were given to assist the recovery efforts of the Hurricane Helene victims in the mountains of western North and South Carolina. All of this means the Foundation is now in need of support from everyone in order to continue our mission of "FRIENDS HELPING FRIENDS."

On Saturday, November 15, 2025, we are planning another "Vegas at the Beach" night at the OD Resort/Spanish Galleon and are hoping all of our friends and sponsors will participate. Information about the fundraiser is available in this issue of the SOS Carefree Times and will also be available on the HOFF Website. There will be various ways of contributing and any donation you can make will certainly be appreciated. If you have questions or need information/forms, don't hesitate to contact me at (843) 249-4556 or any member of the HOFF Board!

Thanks! Nick Mathis, Chairman

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Susan Harrell



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Novelene Powell during SOS at the ACSC meeting on Saturday, September 20, 2025. Those submitted by mail must be postmarked no later than November 1, 2025. For questions, contact Icon Committee Chair, Novelene Powell at npowell09@aol.com



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6pm Fat Harold's |
| Nov. 15 | Thanksgiving Party
6pm Fat Harold's |
| Dec. 20 | Christmas Party
6pm Fat Harold's |

ODSC will be selling raffle tickets for a Low Speed Vehicle/Golf Cart. Winner will be drawn on Saturday, September 20, 5:00 in Fat Harold's parking lot.

OD Shag Club Merchandise will be displayed and sold in Fat Harold's parking lot during Fall SOS.

Membership Applications are available on our website:
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The OD Shag Club extends a warm welcome to everyone coming to our little bit of Paradise in Ocean Drive for SOS Fall Migration! We hope you have a great time while you are here and come back often to tear up the dance floor!

Monica Powell
2025 ODSC President

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MEMBER SPOTLIGHT: BILLY WALDREP

By: Tom Wilburn, President of R&B Shag Club



Bill Waldrep and I had a chance to discuss his thoughts and journey of shag. I admit that talking with Billy was like having the opportunity to savor a first taste of filet mignon. Billy was open and humble about his appreciation of the love of people and the music.

Here goes! -

Bill Waldrep attended Woodruff High School and furthered his education at Presbyterian College in Clinton, SC. Once he graduated he began with Phillips Fiber in manufacturing and was promoted to Technical Service representative where he traveled for the company.

It started with a girl as with most things. Billy would hitchhike to Myrtle Beach to the Pavillion where a Greenville gal taught him to shag. Billy was 18 & 19 years of age. As a young man, he listened to WLAC an AM station in Nashville. They played black artists -blues and he fell in love with the music. My guess is his transistor radio was by his pillow at night as he listened.



Billy attended the first SOS in 1980 and all other SOSs for over 30 + years. In 1998, during an introduction from Cooter Douglas about Billy's induction into the Hall of Fame; he said Billy " White Trash " Waldrep was Mayor of a trailer park. It stuck, but there is more to the story. Criteria must be met:

Billy's bio: Officer in the shag club, love for shag dance and music, taught lessons over 30 years, member of 7 or 8 shag clubs where he DJ 'ed regularly, and was a business owner for dance

Billy taught shag with Sandy Coley & Elaine Cabness for years. He has judged contests in Florence, Charlotte, Greenville, Spartanburg, and Atlanta. When I asked him, "Did you compete, " he commented, " I did see myself once or twice on video dancing with others like John English & Shad Alberty.

Mr White Trash Waldrep was a business owner with a group of investors who all loved the lifestyle and music of shag. They opened Club Sovy with operating manager Rick Hubbard, which later became the Sand Flea. As a reference point, Club Sovy was open before Ye Old Fireplace.

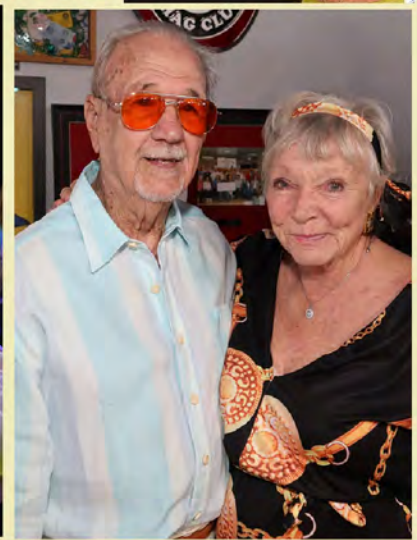
What thoughts do you have about being a DJ?

- 1- Be who you are!
- 2- Make the crowd happy and sometimes satisfying the crowd is difficult.
- 3- Speak to people and remember the songs they enjoy hearing

What is the best part of being a DJ? Watching friends dance and enjoying themselves.

What struck me was Billy's comment "All the money I have spent is nothing compared to the friends I have made."

In closing: There is nothing White Trash about Mr. Waldrep - just a catchy name. He is a friend, gentleman, statesman and ambassador. He has spent his life loving people, music, and the lifestyle of shag.



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**2025
Fall SOS
Schedule**

Fat Harold's Beach Club

DJ Schedule Front Back

Wednesday, Sept. 10

6pm Jay Kinlaw Glenn Pridgen
Dennis Brumble

Thursday, Sept. 11

2pm Keith Williamson
7pm Jimmy Buffkin Darrell Gaither

Friday, Sept. 12

1pm Jay Kinlaw Adam Holmes
5pm Dennis Brumble Phil Long
9pm Buck Crumpton Bill Harper

Saturday, Sept. 13

1pm Jimmy Buffkin Ervin Ellington
5pm Buck Crumpton Norman Mills
9pm Darrell Gaither Glenn Pridgen

Sunday, Sept. 14

1pm Glenn Pridgen Phil Long
5pm Roger Holcomb Bill Harper
9pm Gene Sistare Richard Conner

Monday, Sept. 15

1pm Adam Holmes Ervin Ellington
5pm Eddie Anderson Norman Mills
9pm Darrell Gaither Glenn Pridgen

Tuesday, Sept 16

1pm Jay Kinlaw Craig Jennings
5pm Bill Harper Adam Holmes
9pm Jimmy Buffkin Roger Holcomb

Wednesday, Sept. 17

1pm Jay Kinlaw Richard Conner
5pm Eddie Anderson Ervin Ellington
9pm Dennis Brumble Roger Holcomb

Thursday, Sept. 18

1pm Randal Hight Roger Holcomb
5pm Jim Rose Frank Price
9pm Gene Sistare Chad Farlow

Friday, Sept. 19

1pm Dennis Brumble Chigger Woods
5pm Eddie Anderson Randal Hight
9pm Roger Holcomb Jim Rose

Saturday, Sept. 20

1pm Jimmy Buffkin Vinyl Party
5pm Keith Williamson Vinyl Party
9pm Buck Crumpton Vinyl Party

Sunday, Sept. 21

2pm Darrell Gaither
6pm Jay Kinlaw

Event Schedule

Wed., Sept 10

94.9 Jump Start Party
Free Hot Dogs 6pm

Friday, Sept. 12

Too Much Sylvia 2-6

Saturday, Sept. 13

The Castaways 2-6

Sunday, Sept. 14

The Featured Attraction
Band 2-6

Monday, Sept. 15

Fun Monday

Tuesday, Sept. 16

The Embers 2-6
N. Va. Shag Club 3-5

Wednesday, Sept. 17

Jim Quick & Coastline 2-6
Free Chicken Bog 6:00 pm

Thursday, Sept. 18

Winston-Salem Shag Club 12-3
The Collegiates 2-6
Rock Hill Shag Club 5-9

Friday, Sept. 19

Gary Lowder &
Smokin' Hot 2-6

Sunday, Sept. 21

Jim Quick
& Coastline 6-10

Bye Bye Party!

*Club Opens
11am everyday
during SOS*

**Shag
Workshops
Charlie Womble
&
Jackie McGee**

**See Separate
AD for their
Fall Schedule**

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**Try our World Famous
Bologna Sandwich**



**Open Daily
11 am**

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2025 SOS Fall Migration

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Grill Opens 11am

SOS CARDS ON SALE DAILY



Fall DJ Schedule

FRIDAY, September 12

12-4 Roger Holcombe

4-8 Dana Grubb

8-til Tommy Samole

SATURDAY, September 13

12-4 Roger Holcombe

4-8 Tommy Samole

8-til Gene Hensley

SUNDAY, September 14

12-4 Billy Fanning

4-8 Gene Hensley

8-til Furman Dominick

MONDAY, September 15

12-4 Buck Crumpton

4-8 Larry "Bigfish" Calhoun

8-til Dana Grubb

TUESDAY, September 16

12-4 Kenny Loftis

4-8 Butch Davidson

8-til Larry "Bigfish" Calhoun

WEDNESDAY, September 17

12-4 Craig Jennings

4-8 Gene Hensley

8-til Furman Dominick

THURSDAY, September 18

12-4 Craig Jennings

4-8 Ron Teague

8-til Tommy Samole

FRIDAY, September 19

12-4 Gene Hensley

4-8 Tommy Samole

8-til Furman Dominick

SATURDAY, September 20

12-4 Gene Hensley

4-8 Butch Davidson

8-til JJ Kinlaw

Patio/Porch DJ Schedule

Friday, September 12

Saturday, September 13

Sunday, September 14

Monday, September 15

Tuesday, September 16

Wednesday, September 17

Thursday, September 18

Friday, September 19

Saturday, September 20

12-4

TBA

Live Remote Ray Scott/Riptide

FUN SUNDAY (1-4)

Glenn Pridgen

Furman Dominick

Ron Teague

Furman Dominick

Dana Grubb

Glenn Pridgen

4-8

Glenn Pridgen

Furman Dominick

Ron Teague (5-8)

JJ Kinlaw

Richard Conner

Dana Grubb

Glenn Pridgen

JJ Kinlaw

Ron Teague

Special EVENTS

Tuesday, September 16 8 pm
ROOKIES REVENGE (sign up 7pm)

Wednesday, September 17 2pm
OLD SCHOOL CONTEST (sign up noon)
Must be 62 years or older

Thursday, September 18 2 pm
SMOOTHIE CONTEST (sign up noon)

Shag Club Tea Parties

Sept. 13- Burlington Shag Club 6-8

Sept. 14- OD Shag Club Brunch 9:30am

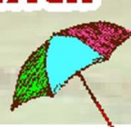
Sept. 18- Palmetto Shag Club 4:30-5:30

Sept. 19- Lake Norman Shag Club 3-5

Sept. 19- Electric City Shag Club 3-5

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Lunch and Dinner Specials Monday - Friday





WELCOME TO 2025 FALL MIGRATION

SOS Cards Available

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DJ & BAND SCHEDULE

<p>Wednesday, Sept. 10 6pm Kick Off Party Deb Browning & Marlisa Small</p>	<p>Tuesday, Sept. 16 2-6 Gene Sistare 6-10 Kenny Loftis</p>
<p>Thursday, Sept. 11 3-6 Gene Sistar 6-10 Cecelia Jeffrey</p>	<p>Wednesday, Sept. 17 2-7 Mike Stalls 7-10 Sea Cruz w/ Dino, Butch & Allie</p>
<p>Friday, Sept. 12 12-4 Gene Sistare 4-8 Riptide Radio Deck Party w/ Ray Scott 8-11 Carolina Coast Band</p>	<p>Thursday, Sept. 18 12-3 Mike Stalls 3-6 Kenny Loftis 6-10 DJ</p>
<p>Saturday, Sept. 13 12-4 Gene Sistare 4-7 Ricky T 7-11 Carolina Coast Band w/ Rhonda McDaniel</p>	<p>Friday, Sept. 19 12-4 Chuck Weaver 4-8 Riptide Radio Deck Party w/ Ray Scott 8-11 Gene Sistare</p>
<p>Sunday, Sept. 14 12-3 Chuck Weaver 3-6 The Pink Slips Band 6-10 Jeff James</p>	<p>Saturday, Sept. 20 12-4 Mike Stalls 4-7 Steve Carter 7-10 The MacDaddy's Band</p>
<p>Monday, Sept. 15 2-6 Steve Carter 6-10 Ricky T</p>	<p>Sunday, Sept. 21 3-6 Rick & Lesa 7-10 Jeff James</p>

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\$10 per person per workshop

Monday, September 15th - 10:00am
Lead Follow Patterns - Smooth out your dancing with simple technique tips

Tuesday, September 16th - 10:00am
Footwork Patterns- you can do in place and through passes

Wednesday, September 17th - 10:00am
Fun Together Step- that you can do together or individually.

Thursday, September 18th - 10:00am
Footwork & Turn Variations you can do! Bonus Step - Trivot



Shag Workshops held at The OD Arcade
100 Ocean Blvd. NMB

FALL S.O.S. 2025



Steve Balok

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WORKSHOP MENU
\$10 Per Person

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\$10 Per Person

Saturday September 13th
11:00- Fun Lead Follow
12:00- Building Footwork

Sunday September 14th
11:00- Male and Female Footwork
12:00 - Easy Combo Step

Wednesday September 17th
11:00- Adding Style
12:00- Easy Together Step

Thursday September 18th
11:00 - Pivots
12:00- Fun Combo Step

Friday September 19th
11:00- Lead Follow step
12:00 Building Footwork

Saturday September 20th
11:00- Shoulder Spins
12:00-Sweep, Scoop, Swivel



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All Classes \$10

Sat., Sept. 13	10 AM 11 AM	Male/Female Combo Ladies Only
Sun., Sept. 14	11 AM	Lead Follow
Mon., Sept. 15	10 AM 11 AM	FREE BASICS Pivot & Whip
Tues., Sept. 16	11 AM	Easy Fun Shag Step
Wed., Sept. 17	11 AM	Smooth & Easy
Thurs., Sept. 18	10 AM 11 AM	Twists and Turns Lead Follow
Fri., Sept. 19	10 AM 11 AM	Steps & Hesitations with Music Ladies Only- New Basic Variations & Turns
Sat., Sept. 20	11 AM	Intermediate Step (Challenge Yourself)

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**2025
 Fall
 Safari**



SOS Shag Workshops

Sam & Lisa West

Upstairs in the OD Resort Ballroom \$10 per person

9
 Straight Days
 Fri. 9/12
 Sat. 9/20

BASIC TRAINING 11:30
 Beginner Level class teaching the Basic plus at least two other beginner patterns in every class. No partner needed.

BUILDING SOCIAL DANCE SKILLS 12:30
 Concentrating on Lead and Follow Technique with Male and Female Variations

TAKE IT TO THE NEXT LEVEL 1:30
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Fall SOS Workshop Review



SPECIAL EVENING CLASSES 5:00-6:00

Thur. 9/11- Male and Female Tues. 9/16 - Adv. Turns and Spins
 Fri. 9/12- Dance With Me Routine Wed. 9/17- Dance With Me Routine
 Sun. 9/14- Adv. Together Step Thur. 9/18- Fancy Footwork

Sam and Lisa's Shag Page
 910-995-5144 Lisa
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Bopper's Shag Club's 35th Birthday Party

Bopper's Shag Club celebrated our 35th Birthday on Saturday, June 28th, 2025 with our very own DJ Gene Hensley. Robin Morley, SOS President presented the certificate of honor noting that only a few other clubs are as old or older than Bopper's Shag Club.

Highlights of the evening included: John Carpenter touting his unique talent by playing his harmonica as the shag dancers enjoyed the music. Our members Kim & Tommy Beacham, both National Living Legends of Dance 2023, taught an advanced shag workshop. Bopper's member Ben Rickman taught "Boots on the Ground" Line Dance, a trending line dance at shag events. Our dinner, catered by Jake's in Concord, consisted of barbeque pork, baked beans, coleslaw and cornbread. Cupcakes accented with custom-made club logos rounded out the meal. Guests and members enjoyed a photo booth with fun beach props to pose with friends throughout the evening.



Our motto has always been "We Are Family". We love our members and enjoy having other clubs come out to dance the night away.

We are dedicated to keeping the shag dance alive and with hard work, continuing our club's success. We look forward to our 40th anniversary.

Submitted By Dina Delevie, Vice President Bopper's Shag Club Photos by: Bob Klimas



Bopper's 35 Year Anniversary
BOPPERS SHAG CLUB

Congratulations to the present, past Board of Directors, and club members of the Boppers Shag Club upon reaching their 35th Anniversary goal.

A successful shag club is composed of many individuals who are willing to lend their talents, have a love of the shag dance and are strong in their commitment to take our shag dance into the future.

The Association of Carolina Shag Clubs and the Society of Strangers extends their appreciation for the Boppers Shag Club's membership and applauds their continuous success.

Sincerely
Candy Long, Chairman
Association of Carolina Shag Clubs

Candy Long Date: June 28, 2025 **SOS**

Candy Long - Chairman of ACSC



JUNIOR SHAG DANCE TEAM FALL 2025 UPDATES:

The Junior Shag Dance Team has been very busy this year performing a new routine that Brennar Goree & Jennifer and Joey Sogluizzo created for the team. They have been practicing and performing under the additional leadership of Ashley and Tobitha Stewart, and Kayla Henley alongside Jennifer, & Joey. Gene and Nancy Pope, our advisors, have been helping encourage new and fun fundraising ideas for this season. Keep a check on our JSDT Facebook page for all our fundraisers.

On behalf of the Junior Shag Dance Team, we have had an amazing start to the summer! We started our Memorial Day weekend by heading to Atlanta, GA for the USA Grand Nationals Dance Championships. Our Team competed and each couple of our team danced individually. Every one of them performed well and showcased once again what Carolina Shag is for many people to see from across the country!

Next up, we returned for a quick turnaround to repack suitcases for our first international trip since 2019! Paris, France here we come!

Our experience at the French Open West Coast Dance Swing Championships was an absolute joy! The entire dance community of France and other parts of Europe welcomed Carolina Shag with great respect, admiration and excitement. Even though our team finished second in the team's division, our junior shag dancers exuded humbleness and gratitude and showcased their capabilities, even competing against highly trained professional dancers. They intermingled all weekend long with the Junior dance community of France and it was a great experience seeing the two groups interact and learn from each other both in language and dance styles!

Next up, we performed our routine at Jr SOS in July at NMB, SC amongst a huge local crowd of attendees.

After our summer break, we will resume our training schedule and prepare for year-end finale at The Open Swing Dance Championships in Burbank, CA! This event brings teams and dancers from all over the world to compete for the last big event of the year!

This summer we have added two new team members who will be joining us for the remainder of the year. We are extremely excited to welcome Sam Williams of Mebane, NC and Lydia Davis of Mebane, NC!

JSDT hopes to bring home some hardware from The Open but at the very least the memories our juniors and families are making will last a lifetime!

Thank you for all your continued support and encouragement!

Keep Shagging,
JSDT Leadership



2025 Junior SOS

JR SOS 2025, the largest junior event of the year, has come and gone once again, leaving tons of fun for the memory books. It all started July 15th with the “early birds” arriving Sunday and dancing the night away at the OD Pavilion with a Junior DJ and the first Beginner Class of the week. Can we say “HOT!” Monday night everyone headed to Fat Harold’s Back Room for the PIZZA PARTY. The floor was full, and we had not even “officially” started.



The T-Shirt this year was designed by Lizzie Batten, one of our former juniors. It was fantastic and loved by everyone. Workshops started on Tuesday night and continued every morning with (4) different classes starting at 9:30. The youngest group was ages 3-5 years. Our regular events were in full force with Coastline Band at Ducks on Tuesday. Wednesday brought the Line Dance Challenge with (6) groups. The kids had 30 minutes to make up a line dance. First place went to “The No Names”. This is such a fun event. Then came the Line Dance Class learning the “Boots on the Ground” and the JR SOS 25 step. Then came our famous GLOW PARTY on Wednesday night. The night ended with the “Shag Showdown” which was won by a 5-year-old and his partner, Idris Bah & Elana Lassiter.

Thursday afternoon brought a new event hosted by the Beach Shaggers National Hall of Fame members – “Jeopardy”. Kids were divided into groups. It was very informative and the kids learned a lot. At the end, they all were able to dance with the Hall of Fame members and the Keepers of the Dance. Thursday, Friday, & Saturday nights we held contests: Jack & Jill for Beginners, Intermediates, & Advanced; Pro-Am; Handicap Mixed Doubles; and Keepers Mixed Doubles. There were prizes for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd in each contest. This gave them a little taste of what competing is all about and that anyone can compete. Friday night brought spotlight dances from the champions of the National Shag Dance Championships and the Grand Nationals Dance Competitions. There were also performances by (3) teams this year: The Junior Shag Dance Team, Jukin’ Juniors, and Jacksonville Junior Shag Team. Once again, on Saturday night, we had the “Ageing Out Dance” for all the juniors that will be turning (21) before the next JR SOS. We had (5) this year. Scholarships were given out on three different nights this year, totaling well over \$16,000 plus a four-year merit scholarship. Who would have ever thought shag would contribute financially to our juniors’ future?

Our final award of the week was the MacKenzie Sleeper Spirit Award, which went to Abigail Hodges from Jacksonville, Florida. Abigail is such a joy and an inspiration to all juniors. She was a JR SOS Ambassador and is a member of the Junior Shag Dance Team. She has even organized a junior shag team in Jacksonville. Congratulations, Abigail. Well deserved.

This was truly a fantastic week. All this is put on by a board of (9) members, many volunteers, and the Ambassadors, who are juniors ages 15-20. We had (19) this year. There were (909) people registered with over (279) of those being kids. Go ahead and mark your calendars for JR SOS 2026: July 14-19. You do not want to miss the fun. Till next year, juniors keep shagging.



Submitted by: Debbie Brown,
JSA Board Member



A NIGHT THAT CHANGED EVERYTHING



by Janice Gassaway, RN CCRN (Retired)

It was a night like any other—laughing, dancing, socializing at Fat Harold’s, the soul of the shag community. But something happened that night that would change things forever. As I chatted with friends near the bar, a tap on my shoulder broke through the music: “Janice, someone is down in the back. We need your help.” I rushed over. The staff knew I was an ICU nurse with over 35 years of experience, and although I didn’t recognize anyone in the crowd huddled around the collapsed man, we moved as one—strangers working together seamlessly, like a seasoned trauma team.

CPR began immediately. It felt like an eternity as we waited for EMS, urging each beat of compressions to bring him back. When EMTs arrived, we helped guide them out the door quickly and safely. The staff at Fat Harold’s rose to the moment—clearing paths, calming bystanders, assisting however they could. Afterward, we sat down, emotionally drained. We replayed every second, searching for ways it might have gone differently. And then it hit me: in the ICU, I always had what I needed—monitors, defibrillators, pulse oximeters. That night, we had nothing.

Why don’t shag clubs have AEDs? Our crowd is aging. The stories aren’t rare—someone collapsing from a stool or the dance floor. SOS has always been a great organization. Maybe they could help? I reached out to Ron and was happy to see AED’s installed in all the shag nightclubs just before the next SOS. I was thrilled.

Then came the news: within the first week, an AED was used. That gentleman survived. He had open-heart surgery—and returned to Fat Harold’s three weeks later. Talk about a full-circle moment.

I never learned the name of the man we lost that first night. But he was the spark that lit the fire. Because of him, lives will be saved. If you or someone you know was saved thanks to the AEDs in shag clubs, please share your story. Let’s celebrate the lives preserved and the people who stepped up when it mattered most.

The Richmond Shag Club is Ready!



“Help! Call 911! Someone, please! Steve collapsed, I think he may be having a heart attack. Does anyone know what to do before the EMTs get here?” Alice, a panicked shag club member yelled.

“Do we do CPR? Who knows CPR?” Ralph asked, voice quivering...

A room full of upset and scared people could only guess and stress. The clock is ticking and every minute counts...

The Richmond Shag Club (RSC) is ready. Out of abundance of caution, the Richmond Shag Club Board of Directors decided to be as proactive as possible, ready to provide emergency aid to a member in need. The Board authorized the purchase of a semi-automated external defibrillator (AED) machine and to pay for three hours of hands-on AED training for ten members. Additionally, the RSC purchased an anti-choking device and posted information at its weekly dance venue about how to identify a possible stroke victim.

Carolina Shag became the official dance of South Carolina in 1984 and the official dance of North Carolina in 2005. The RSC was founded by a small group of lovers of shag, bop and other forms of swing dance in 1986 and joined the Association of Carolina Shag Clubs (ACSC) in 1987. The RSC is proud that some of its founding members are still dancing today! Of course, as the club has aged, so have its members. Therefore, to help ensure our club members survive a life-threatening event during its club night, the RSC Board decided to invest in life-saving devices and training. The RSC Board encourages other ACSC member shag clubs to follow Richmond’s example. Further details of the AED equipment and training purchase are available for any clubs interested through RSC’s President Mary Eckert (rsc.eckert@gmail.com).

ODS FUN SUNDAY

September 14, 2025

1PM to 4PM

1st. Ave., Beside the OD Arcade



MC

Ray Scott



Raffle tickets will be sold for the Drawing on Fun Monday

1st Ticket Drawn \$5,000 ~ 2nd Ticket \$1000

3rd Ticket \$500 ~ 4th Ticket \$250 ~ 5th Ticket \$250

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SOS Fun Monday

September 15, 2025

12 PM TO 5:30 PM, Main Street OD



The Swingin' Medallions



**East Coast Party Band
featuring Jackie Gore**



Gary Lowder & Smokin' Hot



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**SOS Fun Monday
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1980-2025 ~ 45 Years and "It Will Stand"



Society of Stranders

Letter to The Editor
The Sun News
Myrtle Beach, S.C.



Sept. 25 '80

Editorial written to Sun News by
Gene Swink Laughter in 1980.
Tom Lily was very instrumental in
helping Swink with ideas to start
this REUNION. Thanks to Tom
Lily's son, David Lily for
submitting these letters to SOS!

C'mon now. "Beach Music Weekend Shouldn't Be Packaged." This coming from Myrtle Beach - the folks that brought us The Sun Fun Festival, condos, high rises, bright lights, glitter and chrome?

As one of those "former lifeguards from elsewhere" and organizers of the S.O.S. Migration, I detect a trace of envy in your editorial and find it amusing and ironic.

The First Annual O.D. Migration was a product of packaging, welcome promotion and publicity and otherwise would never have been a reality. Six months of planning, meetings and hard work went into this happening. It was pure marketing and media hype.

What you mistook for spontaneity was the genuine aura of joy and happiness. The beach "family" was back together! Contagious, wasn't it?

And, if you didn't think this year's reunion was commercial, you should have picked up some of the S.O.S. bar tabs. Absolutely staggering!

The press turned it into a mini-media event and did their own packaging. Bless them. They made it all possible!

Many reporters asked, "why"? Few understood.

The simple truth was, the Grand Strand was our true alma mater. We went to many colleges and universities but received our true education at the beach. We were a close-knit family, the beach community, and together we learned survival, sharing and coping.

Thus, a reunion was long overdue.

Do not worry about next year. We'll be back up there at O.D. with our pal, Mayor Joe Saleeby. Bells will ring. Horns will blow. And we will be packaged and tied with a gaudy red bow!

For that's how you taught us to do things - so many years ago when we played and worked at the beach. If the S.O.S. Migration becomes over commercialized, it will be because Myrtle Beach wants the spotlight.

See you next year!

Gene Laughter
Society of Stranders