

♫ Northern Virginia Shag Club, Inc.

SHAG RAG

Shag Dancer Newsletter



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Keep on Shaggin'

July 1994

From the President - By Dee Bassett

Dear Members:

As this goes to press, Libby and I have just returned from a wonderful weekend in Augusta, Georgia -- The Association of Carolina Shag Clubs Summer Workshop.

We are required to attend three workshops, submit information about our club and then present it to them at a workshop.

The first step taken, they now have selected a club (Virginia Beach) who will visit to get further information and report back at the fall workshop held in Myrtle Beach. At this time we will be voted on by the membership.

As Joe (Pres. of ASCS) reviewed our request, he looked at me and said, "You're not a Yankee are you?" My answer: "The cut-off is the Mixing Bowl at 95 & 495. We're just under the line."

Thanks to each of you from a Happy, Happy President.

General Membership/Board Meeting Monday, July 11th

7:00 p.m. - Board Meeting
7:30 p.m. - General Membership Meeting

Heatherwood Retirement Community
9642 Burke Lake Road
Burke, VA 22015 -- tel: 703-425-9642

Directions: 495 to Braddock Road West
Left on Burke Lake Road
6 lights -- Heatherwood is on the right
3-story gray brick building

Treasurer's Report - by Dave Rapson

Our Club has \$471.85 in the bank. All our obligations are paid, and we have an additional \$270 from t-shirt sales. There are a limited number of Shag Buttons and t-shirts still available. See Dave or Libby for the First Edition of each!

OPPORTUNITY TO GROW ... Ripete Records Night - July 24th

Another dance club (Potomac Swing Dance Club) will have a special Carolina Beach Music Night at Randy's Lounge (Tyson's Westpark Hotel, Rt. 7) on Sunday, July 24th, 8-11 p.m. Admission is \$8.00 -- *but that includes a couple of drinks, and you might even win a Ripete CD!*

Since 1979 Ripete has excelled at preserving Carolina Beach Music, with the ultimate goal of reissuing as many of these lost treasures as possible, while at the same time promoting artists seeking to recreate the sound and magic of the past.

This is a chance to show Carolina Shag to a LOT of interested dancers! Come on out and help NVSC to grow!

New Members in June

Welcome! David Jones, Al Martina, Carol Montague, and Jan Piotrowski.

News / Info -- Contact: Janis Grimes, 202-737-2824; or 703-536-7362 - leave message.



Eastern Carolina Shag Blast!

ARE YOU GOING to the shag weekend in Fayetteville, N.C. this month? It's a joint effort of the Capital Area•Dillon•Fayetteville Area Shag Clubs, and it takes place the weekend of July 22nd-24th at the Howard Johnson's in Fayetteville.

Several of our NVSC members will attend, and YOU should TOO! See attached flier for details. We hear this is one FUN EVENT!!

Speaking of Fun . . .

Have you heard about the RICHMOND Shag Club's FIRST ANNUAL SHAG SPLASH, which is happening the weekend of August 12th-14th??

Well, it is sure to be a blast, and you can call Larry Jones of the Richmond Shag Club for information at 804- 346-3473 (w); or 804-745-1680 (h). For room reservations call 804-276-6450. Registration Form included with this newsletter! COME AND JOIN THE FUN!



ATTENTION SHAGGERS

Dance Saturdays at CHECKERS LOUNGE

Have you been to check out our NEW PLACE TO DANCE on SATURDAYS? Well, it's happening at Checkers Lounge at the Holiday Inn near Tyson's Corner! We can BRING OUR OWN MUSIC, and they're very happy to have us there, so COME TO CHECKERS on SATURDAY nights, 9 p.m. - until you drag.

Please come out and join us for dancing and fun! Bring some friends; support your Club.

(Directions: Rt. 7 West, pass Tyson's Corner, Right on International Drive, 2 blocks, DRIVE PAST the Holiday Inn on the LEFT, turn left into service road, drive back into the lot, parking out front.)

Happy, Happy Birthday . . .



July Birthdays:

7	Karen Rogers
10	Larry Boyer
22	Joanne Bothwell
28	Dickie Gee
29	Gary Salpini

Please Note: *This is Dee speaking. Starting in July, we will celebrate all birthdays for the month at our first get-together for each month. We don't want to overlook anyone, but we're growing so fast, all this baking is getting to be a bit much. So, we'll have one birthday cake at the first get-together of each month. Happy Birthday to You!*



Top Ten Reasons To Shag

10. Decrease the popularity of break dancing
9. Great source of exercise
8. More fun than doing income tax returns
7. Beats listening to political candidates
6. Spinning is a natural high
5. Prime time television stinks
4. Evening telemarketers can't reach you on the dance floor
3. The economy needs the help
2. Too hot to do anything else
1. You don't have to deal with Lounge Lizards anymore!

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THANKS!!

To all our volunteers who worked at the Easter Seals concert by SECOND COMING in Chantilly on June 9th.

Many thanks for your support, and Easter Seals thanks you too!!

In Search Of . . . Carolina Shag Lessons



We are seeking a dance instructor for Basic, Intermediate and Line Dances. FREE SHAG LESSONS will be given promptly at 7:30, Wednesday nights, at the Juke Box Cafe.



MYRTLE BEACH, HERE WE COME

S.O.S. GOES TO TEN-DAY FORMAT!! Fall Migration to begin Sept. 9th

According to the S.O.S. Carefree Times Winter Newsletter, the 1994 Fall Migration in North Myrtle Beach, SC, has been extended to ten full days, beginning September 9th - 18th!

Plan to enjoy the Beach, the Strand, the Music and Shaggin' with old and new friends!

This could be your best vacation ever! We hear that once you've gone, you'll go back again and again.

Send now for your S.O.S. membership/admission card. (Application enclosed.)

Make your room reservations early!

Just a Reminder . . .

When we attend our weekly get-together or any other shagging function, please make sure that your behavior and attitude are Positive, reflecting credibility and good PR to all members of NVSC.

The Bones of Every Organization

**There are Four Main Bones
in every organization . . .**

The Wish Bone

Those wishing that someone would do something about the problem

The Jaw Bone

Those Doing all of the Talking
but Very Little Else

The Knuckle Bone

Those Who Knock Everything

The Back Bone

Those who Carry the Brunt of the Load
and Do Most of the Work

(Which Bone Are You??)

Reprinted from Sun Coast and Richmond Shag Club Newsletters

Shagger Profile -- Sara Elizabeth Hendrix

Nickname: Libby

Occupation: Legal Assistant

Birthday: January 21st

Home town: High Point, North Carolina

Marital Status: Lewis Patrick Hendrix

Self-portrait: Determined

Motto: I think I can

Dream: To move South

Inspiration: Motivational people (we have many in our Club!)

Bad Habit: Walking out of the Juke Box without paying the bar tab

Hobby: Dancing / Baking / Sewing (the latter two only when I have time)

Books at bedside: Motivational books (and some Danielle Steele)

Last Words: Never say "never."

NEXT MONTH -- The Origin of Carolina Shag

Tune in again next month, right here, in this very space, for the True Story of Shag, from our own Shagmaster, Rick Hendrix.....



From the Editor

HI, Y'all! What's happening?? Well, just let me know, okay? Have you been practicing any new shag moves? Want to teach some? Want to write an article; a column; this newsletter? Call me, Call me, Call me! See ya shaggin'.

FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK:
The following are synopses of past meeting minutes:

Membership Meeting-May 4, 1994 at Juke Box Cafe. Committee Reports included membership-(we decided to advise non-members that if they want to continue receiving the newsletter they will need to join Club); newsletter-(need to submit articles, pictures or information to Janis Grimes prior to the end of the month); lessons-be on time. Bylaws required election of three new Directors. Nominations were: Larry Boyer, Larry Camp, Gary Salpini, Janis Grimes and Donna Harrington. We had to vote twice due to ties! Your new Directors are Janis Grimes, Larry Camp and Gary Salpini. Congratulations!

Board Meeting May 11, 1994 at the Juke Box Cafe. First Board of Directors Organizational Meeting. Charlie Price presented our official Certificate of Incorporation dated 3/29/94. Dee Bassett read membership-approved Bylaws. Both were filed in minute book. Resolutions--Crestar Bank designated for corporation's checking account; Dee Bassett, Pres. and Dave Rapson, Treas. are authorized co-signers; timing of fund raising event decided to be held in March, 1995; future Board meetings are to be held first Monday of each month at Dee's home.

Board Meeting June 6, 1994 at Dee Bassett's home. Resolutions--charities (Club shall volunteer money or services for smaller, local charitable organizations--subject to change as needs arise; Annual Event-Fund Raiser slated for the 10th, 11th & 12th of March, 1995 [location to be determined]; Logo colors determined to be black, gold and turquoise (aqua blue). Other items-Dee to order membership cards upon receipt of camera ready art; Club banner for functions-Gary will have art work for final approval at next meeting--cost is \$125.00 (approved); Promos--shag tags, Virginia Beach Sunday Socials, radio station ads, flyers on tables Wednesday nights, Volunteers for Easter Seal Concert,

and sending flyers to non-members asking them to join our Club.

Special Board Meeting June 22, 1994 at the Juke Box Cafe. Meeting was called to get approval of ordering additional Club shirts since shirt prices are going up at the end of the month. Board decided to investigate cost of obtaining golf type/polo shirts with smaller logo on light aqua shirts. Libby to advise Board of costs of shirts and get approval prior to order.

P.S. If members have any questions, comments or corrections to the minutes, please advise me. Thanks, Libby Hendrix, Secretary

LATE BREAKING NEWS--WORKSHOP IN AUGUSTA, GEORGIA!

As you may know, Dee Bassett has been working hard to get our Club approved for membership in the Association of Carolina Shag Clubs (ACSC). In order to do that, many requirements had to be met. First, we had to get organized and be able to answer a certain number of questions contained in the application prior to submission. Application was made, then Dee had to attend a certain number of ACSC Workshops, one of which Dee and I attended this weekend in Augusta, Georgia (it was my first). Well, at that meeting, ACSC determined that we will be sponsored by Virginia Beach Shag Club who will come and check our Club out. This has to be done prior to SOS this fall! Once this has been accomplished, we will be voted on at the next workshop. Then, we'll be official members! I took five pages of notes. If any members are interested in reading them I'll have them available at the next few Wednesday night meetings.

The ACSC Workshop was hosted by the CSRA Shag Club (I believe that stands for Central Savannah River Association). Everyone was friendly, the dance floor was huge, the food was good, and what more can I say. The only bad part about our trip was the airline flight! It reminded Dee and I of a terrible bus trip! (But, we'll get over it!)

Sunday, May 29, 1994, 7th annual *MEMORIAL* parade, Washington, D.C.

They call it Rolling Thunder! Picture me riding on the back seat of a white Harley Davidson parading from the Pentagon through the streets of D.C. to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial with over 40,000 motorcycles. Picture me with the elite *Nam Knights* of New York and New Jersey riding near the front of the parade, so positioned because of the size and age of the club and the charitable things that they do. Picture the view behind me...a trail of 40,000 plus motorcycles of all sorts, shapes, and colors with a diversity of riders, passengers, accessories, and attachments filling the street...fringe and USA/MIA flags flying...each light beam glowing. Then picture the starting point, the north parking lot of the Pentagon, covered with motorcycles. Imagine the roar of 40,000 motorcycles starting their engines, leaping forward, raring to go. Picture the procession as they leave the Pentagon, four abreast, following a truck blaring *God Bless The USA*, flags flying. Crowds of people line the streets...pressing forward and reaching out, smiling, cheering, waving, saluting, giving those guys a pride-swelling thumbs up...men and women choked with emotion, weeping. Still photography and video cameras abound, but how, I wonder, could any photograph or video capture the enormity of the scene or the emotion of it...the continuous thunder of the engines lasting for at least an hour and a half as they pass...the skill of the motorcyclists...the sounds of the horns and sirens...the mix of the crowd itself, from a lady clad in a red, white and blue bikini to veterans clad in scruffy fatigues, and from young to old. How could a photograph portray all those parading veterans and their ladies with their long hair, tattoos and black leather vests, jackets, fringe, and hip high boots. The long hair, shaggy beards and tattoos are not mere adornment. They offer symbolic tribute to fallen and missing war veterans and are worn with extreme pride. I marveled at the men and women, especially women, of all sizes, shapes and ages skillfully driving those monstrous motorcycles across country to come here from every direction. Imagine the amount of money it took for them to get here, motorcycles costing as much as \$12,000. Imagine the cumulative value of 40,000 motorcycles. Imagine a crisp, sunny day in Washington, D.C., warm, but not energy-sucking hot. Imagine me having the experience of a lifetime and feeling very privileged. Well, that's the way it was. No where else but in America.

Riding with them, little did I know that I'd gain a greater understanding of the Vietnam era veterans, their suffering, and the camaraderie and loyalty that they share. They still don't get the public support and respect they deserve, but they give it to one another. And that's why they ride. Thanks again to Jay, Jack, Greg, Kenny and the *Nam Knights* for letting us outsiders join them even though we didn't pay any dues.

Patricia Parrott
Fairfax, VA

Capital Area - Dillon - Fayetteville Area

Shag clubs present:

Eastern Carolina Shag Blast

July 22nd, 23rd and 24th

Howard Johnson (1-800-253-7808)

Fayetteville, North Carolina (I-95 Exit 49)

Rooms \$50.00 per night



Friday July 22nd

5 pm Check-in and Registration (4th Floor)

Friday 22nd

Hospitality Suite
4th Floor

6:00 pm till 8:00 pm
Provided by



All Dancing
Grand Ballroom
4th Floor

Dance to music by **Steve Hardy** from 8:00 pm until 2:00 am

Saturday July 23rd

Hospitality Suite 10:00 am till 1:00 pm

Dance to music by **Judy Collins** from 1:00 pm till 6:00 pm

Light Hors d'oeuvres

Shag Vendors 2:00 pm till 6:00 pm Concourse and Gallery

Dance to music by **Charlie Byrd** from 8:00 pm till 2:00 pm

Heavy Hors d'oeuvres

Sunday July 24th

Hospitality Suite

10:00 am till Noon



Tickets are \$20.00 for the weekend
Advance Ticket Sales

Martha McNally

PO Box 40891

Raleigh, North Carolina 27629



