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President's Letter...

by Audrey Borja

Can you believe we are already half way through the summer! We have had our hot days and we have had our rainy days...but we continue to have each other..! This is good! Actually, we have had many fun events in and around that a bunch of our members attended: the Beach Music Festival, Va.Beach in May, First Friday, Fredericksburg, the Margartaville Party in Falls Church and the Band of Oz in Culpepper both in June. (See articles in newsletter). At such events, we always give flyers to the crowd to let them know about our BBC. I am proud to say that our BBC is growing. Our mem-

bership is doing a lot of dancing each Tuesday night at the Loft and with high spirits! If you are not among us, we miss you! We had one enthusiast that lives in London, England join us again recently when she was in town. She said she always enjoys us and our dancing. -We are excited about these positive experiences going all the way to London!

We had our general membership meeting this quarter to review the state of the club. Our BBC is growing and thriving. We filed our club taxes and everything looks fine with our finances. For promotion purposes and places to dance, I applied to have the BBC officially registered as a club at the Lake of the Woods where we live. This will give us free use of the clubhouse ballroom for dances, free advertisements in the newsletter, and an opportunity to be placed on the community web site. This new exposure should result in new memberships. As we market and promote the BBC, we must stress that we need volunteers to keep it going. We may be calling on you!

As sent out earlier, **our annual BBC Cannonball Blast is on August 26**. We are rounding up folks to help with this major club event. If you are contacted, please lend a hand. Its actually fun to help and will make you feel good!! Check the BBC web site for Cannonball Blast details. Also, don't forget the Northern Va. Capital Classic July 28-30. If you don't have a ticket yet, I urge you to get it now because time is running out. The weekend party is sure to be success! Check the NVSC web site for details. On July 22, the Competitive Shag Contest will be held in Richmond, Va. This is a one-day event, and will be

attended by many of your fellow shaggers, some of the best in dance!


And, still on the "drawing board" is a light lake-side picnic at the home of "yours truly." We are trying to plug in a date that does not conflict with other scheduled events -and that is a challenge. We will firm up a date soon and get the word out to you...so stay tuned. We celebrated the May and June birthdays on June 13, I hope you were there taking a lesson, dancing and mingling among friends. Our line dancing has become popular since we offer lessons once or twice a month—guaranteed to get lots of folks out on the floor, even some usually reluctant guys!.

I want to thank the Loft management for their hospitality and friendship that have so graciously been present now for over a year. Sometimes we have music system problems, but the Loft management quickly helps us resolve them. In fact, management had a new, expensive music "mixer box" installed in June—geared toward improvements in technology. The first night that we used it there were some major glitches. But, after adjustments and a little help from the band that was playing the same night, our DJs got us going. Music filled the room. Yeah! Thanks to the Loft, the Blues band, our own DJs, and members for your patience and skillful resolve. The "down time" played a real test on the nerves! I want to thank our BBC officers and Board for their loyalty, enthusiasm, and continued support to me and

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Shaggin' the East Coast.... by Heather Jennings

Recently Craig & I made our annual pilgrimage to Atlanta, GA for the Grand National Dance Championship and as usual, "Hotlanta" lived up to it's name because both the weather and the dancing were HOT!

This event is hosted yearly by past National Shag Champions, Charlie Womble and Jackie McGee over Memorial Day weekend. It is a world class event held at the spectacular Renaissance Waverly hotel. For those who have never attended, you should definitely consider adding this event to your calendar for next year!

The event weekend begins with an "early-bird" party on Thursday night in the Grand Ballroom. Friday the "real

fun" begins with FREE beginner shag, swing and lindy workshops starting off the day and then later that evening the "Carolina Classic" (shag) division opens the competition. Continuing on

Saturday and Sunday, 10 more divisions of competition follow, but Grand Nationals isn't just about competition and world class dancing. It also provides over 15 workshops throughout the weekend. Both shag and swing workshops are offered at a very reasonable price of \$10 per person - so you have multiple



options, but only pay for those you want. You also have ample opportunity to social dance in between the competitions or you can skip a division (if you must) to social dance in the 2nd ballroom where social dancing is the rule, often until the wee hours of the morning.

Sunday of course, is also the "night of truth" where the winners are announced and the awards given away. Following the awards, there is lots of partying and general dancing. A fantastic end to a fantastic weekend! For more info, see the GNDC web site at: <http://www.usagrandnationals.com/>.

In June Craig & I found ourselves on our 2nd annual trip to New York City for the Liberty Swing Dance (continued on page 3)



We extend a warm welcome to the following new BBC members:

Diane	Christian	5/06
Bea	Cornwell	5/06
Jim	Childers	6/06
Evelyn	Shepard	6/06

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If you are interested in helping, contact someone above. If you have ideas, an article, or something of interest, please let us know. Your help, service, & input can make a difference.

Shaggin' the East Coast.... by Heather Jennings (cont from page 2)

Championships. This is more of a swing event than a shag event, but that's ok because mostly we are there to sightsee and dancing, while a major bonus, is a secondary consideration for us at this event.

We arrive on Thursday, June 15th and after taking a shuttle from LaGuardia to the hotel (a fabulous Hyatt right across the river from Manhattan with a view that has to be seen to be believed) we met some friends and made our way to Le Rivage, a French restaurant in Manhattan, followed by the new hit play "Jersey Boys" - which tells the story of Frankie Valli's life. If you ever get a chance to see it, do so. I promise you won't be disappointed.

Friday we ate at the world-famous "Carnegie Deli" which lived up to its reputation. If you haven't eaten there, you have to try their cheese-cake... it's incredible!!! We then toured the southern half of New York City on the Gray Line Bus Tour, which

were the red buses that stopped all around the city at various points of interest.

After a couple of hours of getting on and off the bus, we visited the Empire State Building and spent a leisurely couple of hours learning about the history and enjoying the fabulous views. We headed back to the hotel and after a quick nap, we were off to Little Italy, where we all had an absolutely exquisite dinner in Little Italy at Il Pallazzo (The Palace) seated at outdoor tables, enjoying the best Italian wine and food we had eaten since last year!

Later, we headed back to the hotel via the subway for (FINALLY!) some dancing.

Saturday we headed to Greenwich Vil-



lage, where the guys found a couple of old record stores—we couldn't pry them away! After lunch in the Village, we headed to

Manhattan for a tour of the north side, which included Harlem, the Apollo Theatre and Fifth Avenue. We pretty much just sat and enjoyed the tour this time, without the 'off and on' stops we had made the previous day... reserving what little energy we had for the rest of the day.

The tour took longer than expected because of traffic and we found ourselves in the 'dash of our life', rushing back to see the National Shag Dance Team perform their winning dance. After the competition was over, we headed back to Little Italy for another fabulous Italian dinner—this time at Trattoria Canta Napoli with thirteen of our closest friends. Everything was, as always, incredible; but we had to laugh at AC's "green spaghetti" and, once again Craig ordered the best dish at the table. We should know by now that you ALWAYS wait until Craig orders and then just say "I'll have what he's having"!! Later, we headed back to the hotel for more dancing! Yay!

Sunday morning we decided to sleep in and have a simple lunch at a nearby diner instead of going back into the city. Naturally there were lots of dance workshops, competitions and social dancing at this event as well, some of which we enjoyed, but a lot of which I have to admit we missed since we were busy enjoying the city.

However if you have never been to some of these weekend dance events (like the upcoming Capital Shag Classic hosted by the Northern Virginia Shag Club) I strongly recommend that you try one out. They are a ton of FUN and you will get to dance yourself silly while also seeing/making lots of shag friends. So—Go forth and SHAG!!!



Virginia Beach Music Festival.... by Ann Martin

Submit your leave card now for May 16 – May 20, 2007; these are the dates for next year's Beach Music Festival in Virginia Beach, VA. If you like that relaxed feeling you get from listening to Jim Rose's music every week at the Loft, you'll LOVE the feel of being there in the sand, drinking a cold beer, or two, and listening to the live bands that perform, right on the beach. The event itself is free.

This year's festival, which started on May 17th, was incredible, as usual. The event kicked off at Steppin' Out on Wednesday night. On Thursday night, we listened to sounds from the Band of Oz and on Friday night, we were treated to the Craig Woolard Band. Saturday is always a big day; the bands start playing at noon and continue until 11:00 p.m. This year, we heard the Holiday Band, the Coolin' Out Band, the Tams and



Virginia Beach's own, the Original Rhondels.

On Sunday, the beach started filling up to listen to Sammy O'Banion and the Mardi Gras Band, performing at 1:00 p.m. And

last, but not least, the Embers came on at 4:00 and played until 6:30 p.m. Throughout this entire weekend, you are free to dance and shag in the sand by your chair, or up front by the band. If you've never been to the Beach Music Festival, you've really missed a

memorable experience. Once you go, you'll find yourself counting down the days and months until it's time again. You'll have fun, meet new friends and shaggers, and see old friends from previous years. It is truly a great event and will leave you wanting more and more of those relaxing sounds we refer to as "beach music".

Keep on Shaggin'



Spinnin' Round...

News from the DJ Booth

By Jim Rose

Beach Music Top 40 courtesy of www.beachshag.com



Wk s	L W	T W	Title	Artist
20	1	1	MY BIG SISTER'S RADIO	Schermer Band, Mighty Mike
15	3	2	WHAT'S GOING ON	O'Banion, Sammy & Mardi Gras
31	2	3	ES AMOR	Velasquez, Jaqi
34	4	4	I'VE GOT A FEELING	Woolard, Craig Band
26	6	5	I GOT A FEELIN'	Mischo, R.J.
18	5	6	YOU'LL NEVER FIND ANOTHER LOVE LIKE MINE	Buble, Michael & Laura Pausini
20	8	7	CANDY	East Coast Party Band
40	7	8	ONE DROP OF LOVE	Woolard, Craig Band
32	9	9	YOU'VE GOT TO CRAWL BEFORE YOU WALK	Chairmen
17	11	10	TOUCH	Charles, Ray
17	12	11	AS GOOD AS IT GETS	Chairmen of the Board
41	10	12	OCEAN DRIVE SUNDAY	Franklin, John
12	14	13	TOO HURT TO CRY	Shaggy Maggie
14	15	14	WHO SHOT JOHN	Peterson, James
9	16	15	SLOW DANCE	Lia and the Wave
26	13	16	MESS AROUND ON YOU	Edge, Ray
17	17	17	MY NATIONAL INQUIRER BABY	Hollywood Blue Flames
8	20	18	YOU GOT WHAT IT TAKES	McDaniel, Rhonda
42	19	19	BIG BLUE CADILLAC	Mark, Kevin
29	18	20	INVENTORY ON HEARTACHES	Trexler, Susan
7	24	21	SO HUNG UP ON YOU	Brown, Gary
25	22	22	BLUE MONDAY BLUES	Maher, Big Joe
12	23	23	WE'RE GONNA MAKE IT	Craver, Paul & Pam Russell
6	25	24	TWISTED	Santana w/ Anthony Hamilton
5	26	25	LOVIN' AND JIVIN'	Enchanters
6	29	26	WHEN I'M READY FOR LOVE	Proctor, Jay
9	28	27	TRAPPED BY THIS THING CALLED LOVE	Subway w/ Belinda Owen
6	31	28	I FOUND SOMEBODY	Freeman, Dave
26	21	29	CLOSED FOR THE SEASON	Scott, Billy
5	32	30	SENSITIVE KIND	Santana w/ Anthony Hamilton
5	33	31	FOOL (IF YOU THINK IT'S OVER)	Brooks, Elkie
10	30	32	POPSICLE TOES	Krall, Diana
6	36	33	SOMETHING NEW TO DO	Sheen, Bobby
4	38	34	NO ONE COULD LOVE YOU MORE	Knight, Gladly & Pips
8	37	35	THEY SAY THE GIRL'S CRAZY	Dawkins, Earl & Anthony & Aqua Lads
3	39	36	WILD THANG	Band of Oz
2	40	37	SLIP AWAY	Pendergrass, Teddy
19	27	38	STOCKBROKER BLUES	Catfish and the Crowdaddies
1		39	MACK THE KNIFE	Jones, Jack
1		40	I WANNA GO HOME	Dells

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What's Up in the shag world!

- July 14-16 Junior SOS in Myrtle Beach
- July 22 CSA event in Richmond, VA
- July 28-30 Capital Shag Classic, Holiday Inn, Old Town, Alexandria, with Ellen Taylor, music by Butch Metcalf !!
- August 3-6 Swing Fling (Charlie & Jackie will be here)
- August 4-5 Richmond Shag Club's Annual Party
- August 26 **SAVE THE DATE!**
Battlefield Boogie Club Annual Party
- Sept 10 Sunday Social at Rene's
- Sept 15-24 SOS Fall Migration, NMB
- Oct 27—29 VA Beach Bash (see www.vbshagclub.com/)
- Dec 9 Northern Va Shag Club Holiday Party

President's Message...

by Audrey Borja
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the club. We have a very special group of folks that give of their time and that go beyond the call of duty to make things happen. Thank you! I am sure there are others among our membership that would be delighted to participate in the BBC and to give of their talents toward making our BBC a strong, smoothly run club. — Lets get on the map with that reputation, and work with other clubs to promote and preserve the Carolina Shag. We can do it if we work together!

See you at the Loft and

Let the good times roll!

Audrey ☺

Happy Feet Do Six Steps

Steps for July / August

Beginner Steps for July

- July 4 No dancing this week!
- July 11 Basic, Triple Basic
- July 18 Basic, Start
- July 25 Basic, Female Turn

Beginner Steps for August

- August 1 Basic, Male Turn
- August 8 Basic, Side Pass
- August 15 Basic, Half Turn
- August 22 Basic, Male Half Turn
- August 29 Basic, Triple Basic

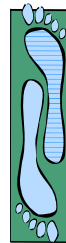
Intermediate Steps for July

- July 11 Craig & Heather Side to side basic, Pivot variation
- July 22 Don & Audrey Hesitation basic, The Tuck

Intermediate Steps for August

- August 8 Craig & Heather Back & Shift w/kick basic, The Arch
- August 25 Don & Audrey Back prep/front prep, Instructor pick

Line dance classes are held the 3rd week of each month!!!!!!!



July/August Birthdays

- Angie Abbot 7/23
- Dan Gilham 8/02
- Chuck Russell 8/03
- Riley Crawford 8/05
- John Bowers 8/09
- Jewell Pradier 8/09
- Debra Love 8/16
- Ann Thompson 8/27
- Dennis Berry 8/30



The Band of Oz Was Where?

By Jim Childers

If you love beach music & shagging, and since you're reading this you must love both, then you know the Band of Oz is truly one of the premier acts in beach music. So it was quite a delightful surprise to learn they would be appearing the evening of June 15th in a somewhat unlikely locale-Culpeper, Virginia.

Apparently the same thought occurred to me and to more than a few folks of our club – time to go boogie in Culpeper. This is probably not a thought that occurs to most of us on a regular basis but it was a good one this time and the evening was perfect. The town had blocked off the parking lot of the train depot and erected a huge tented stage for the band. The local vendors were on hand offering their wares of fried chicken, popcorn, ice cream, sodas, beer & wine and as the crowd grew it took on a distinct carnival atmosphere. Those in the know brought lawn chairs and somehow as if everyone knew the same thing a fair sized area was left vacant directly in front of the stage. A dance area appears in a crowd without a word being said-the magic must be there somewhere.

Anyhoo, about 5:30 or so the concert began and the music was just as anticipated-pretty darn good. The Fredericksburg contin-

gent sat quietly for awhile giving reasons why they didn't think they would dance that night. Wrong shoes, a tad hot, didn't want to dance on asphalt, etc. – Right. The mind might say one thing but the feet are gonna take control if the music is right and someone you like to move with is there. It wasn't too long before the feet did take over and the shaggers hit the streets of Culpeper dancing to The Band of Oz. Not a bad way to spend an evening. I did learn that ladies in sandals or tennis shoes dancing on asphalt seem to get a bit nervous at the mention of double or triple spins. While I would never do such a thing it was kinda fun to put the possibility out there.

There was one thing that was very interesting to watch. Before the shaggers hit the streets there were the more traditional dancers there-I don't know a better way to describe it. It was fun to watch those sitting in the lawn chairs watching the band and dancers and see their reaction to the first pair of shaggers, then another, then another-a kind of “what the heck is this” look comes over their face at first and then a look of amazement at some of the moves and on more than a few a look of “wow I wish I could do that.” Little did they know that



Audrey the current president of the BBC, working the crowd as always, would have gladly taught each and every one of them. The lady is tireless in her quest.

It was a very nice evening for shaggers, music lovers, families or anyone looking for a fun summer's night entertainment. The 3rd Thursday in July the train depot will again be roped off and Percy Sledge will take the stage. For only the 2nd time in my life I might say “time to boogie in Culpeper.”



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Fredericksburg, Virginia



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