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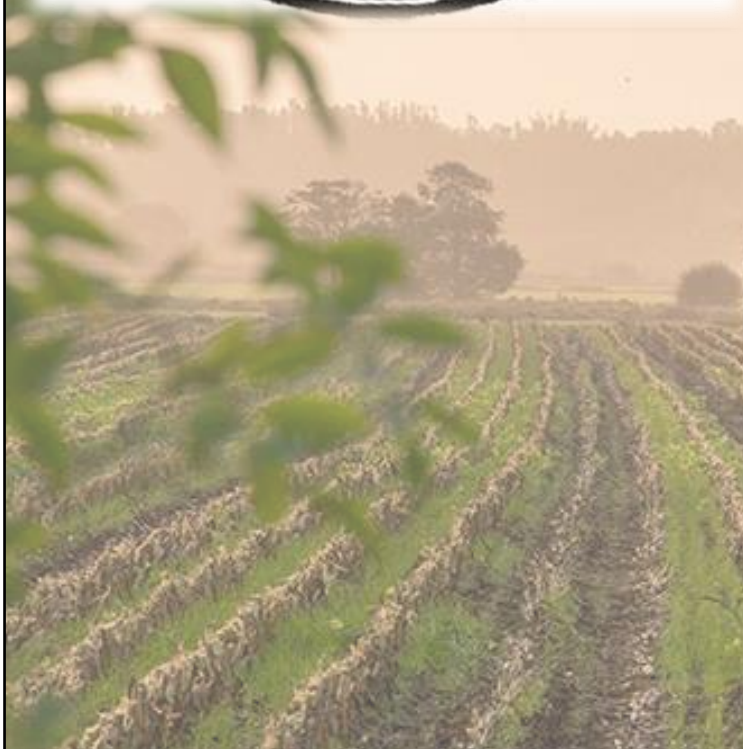


ELECTRIC CITY SHAG CLUB

"Best Little Shag Club in Dixie"

SHAG "N" TALES

September 2025



**ECSC dances every Tuesday night from 6-9 at
Raines on Main
312 South Main Street, Anderson SC**

President's Message

Hello ECSC,

The summer seems to be flying by. And I for one want it to slow down. I am not a fan of winter. It makes me feel trapped inside because I am so cold natured. Scotty loves cold weather. And I do complain about it being hot, but I also complain about it being cold. One time when I worked, I told my friend I am not going to complain all day. Well, it lasted about 5 minutes. I think sometimes we don't even realize we are complaining until we think about what we are saying. When I say thank you to God for all of my blessings I have more "thank you's" than complaints.

Well one thing I have no complaints about is our ECSC. We are not perfect, but we are a great club. This has been an amazing summer. It makes my heart so happy to see each and every one of you each week. I try to talk to every single one of you. If I don't make it to you just know I love all of you.



Cheryl Hughes

President's Message

I feel so honored to be your president. This is something I would have never imagined I would be doing especially during this journey Scotty and I are going through. But it is amazing how much all of you are helping me to keep my mindset where it should be. Dr Doster said I was doing better than most of his patients so thank you.

Can't believe that SOS is right around the corner. To those who are going have an amazing time. If things work out, we may try to go for a few days. We can't come for the Tea-party but all of you have a great time.

If you take any lessons, you can show the rest of us. We are always ready to learn new steps.

Please be safe and remember,

Pray for each other

Love each other

Now let's have some fun.



Cheryl Hughes



Tuesday Night DJ Schedule



September 2	Norman Mills
September 9	Mike Swords
September 16	Riki Vernon
September 23	Becky Wilson
September 30	Bobby Vaughn
	Guest DJ

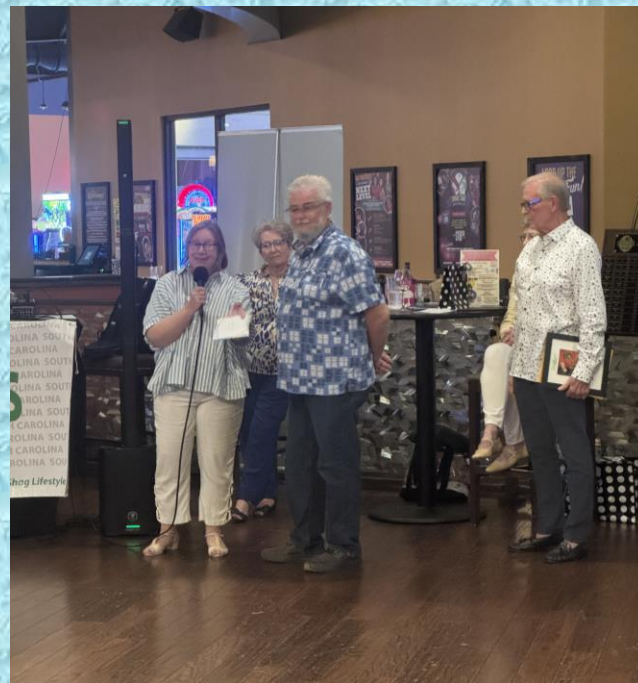




Calling all Line Dancers!

**Maggie Weathers will be teaching a new line dance
Tuesday, September 2 at 6:00 at Raines on Main**

**Rick Wilson was inducted into the
Greenville Area Shaggers Hall of Fame on August 6.
Congratulations Rick!**





**1 – Shirley Bayne / Richard Campbell /
Salley Hubbard**

2 – Maggie Weathers

8 – Jody Beusse

10 – Charles Spearman

22 – Ronny Hall

23 – Pamela Brown

26 – Tommy Stewart

27 – Dennis Hurley

**happy
birthday**

The background of the slide is a vibrant, celebratory scene. It features two champagne flutes filled with bubbly liquid, a single lit sparkler with bright sparks radiating outwards, and several large, reflective disco balls in shades of blue and silver. The background is a soft-focus bokeh of warm, golden-yellow and orange lights, creating a festive and elegant atmosphere.

8 – Deborah and Dan Williams
9 – Cheryl and Scotty Hughes
16 – Janine and Vance Rahn

**HAPPY
ANNIVERSARY**

SOS DJ Schedule

**Norman Mills will be playing at the following times at SOS.
I hope everyone will come out and support Norman!**

Saturday, September 13 - Fat Harold's	5:00-9:00
Monday, September 15 - Fat Harold's Back Room	5:00-9:00
Thursday, September 18 - Pirate's Cove	4:00-7:00





STORM 2026

A Weekend "Park & Party"

Celebrating America's 250th Birthday

February 6 & 7, 2026

Hilton Garden Inn/Destination Pointe Event Center – Anderson, SC

Let's celebrate all our freedoms of living in the USA...

Beach music, Shag dance, Friendship & Good food and Drink!

Ticket Cost: \$105

- Two Meals: Friday & Saturday Evening Dinners
- DJs: Norman Mills, Mike Swords, Riki Vernon & Becky Wilson
- Saturday Line Dance Class with Maggie, Dionne & Cheryl
- Saturday Shag Step Class with Instructors Ashley & Tobitha Stewart
- Saturday Evening "Red, White & Blue" Dinner & Dance
with Music by **Hall of Fame Guest DJ Gene Sistare**

- Only 250 Tickets
- Large Dance Floor – Centered in Ballroom
- Nearby Local Shopping and Lunch Options
- Complimentary Breakfast Saturday & Sunday for Hilton Overnight Guests (2 Free Per Room)

Cash Bar – 50/50 Raffle – Lucky Draw Raffle – Shopping With Your Favorite Vendors

No Outside Drinks or Personal Cups allowed in Ballroom



New for 2026: New Placement of DJs and Dance Floor Centered in the Ballroom AND Lucky Draw Raffle Room & Vendors will be located in the Event Center on First Floor...Keeping the party under one roof!!



Freedom Isn't Free...

A Special Military Tribute Honoring all our Veterans and Active Military

Many of our fellow Shaggers have served our Country and ECSC wants to Honor You!

Tables of 10: Complete Request Form by Texting **Lisa Caveny** at **803-984-4144**, emailing to **storm2026@yahoo.com** or find form and party updates on our new website: www.electriccityshagclub.com

Name _____

Veteran? Yes No

Email Address _____

Contact Phone Number _____

Shag Club Affiliation _____

Tickets are NON-Refundable, but can be TRANSFERRED with Written Notice to Lisa

Hilton Garden Inn Room Rates: (Two Night Minimum)

\$145 plus tax – Standard King or Queen Room

\$165 plus tax – King or Queen Suite with Sofa

RESERVATIONS: (864) 964-0100

Group Code:

Storm 2026

@Lisa-Caveny



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Pack your Red, White & Blue...Because ECSC Looks Forward to Partying with YOU!!

TABLE OF 10 REQUEST FORM:

CONTACT NAME & PHONE: _____

	SHAG CLUB:	VETERAN:
1. _____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____
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Venmo or Check made out to ECSC: \$1,050

Please only 10 chairs per table. If you have more people with your group, I will seat them at the table next to your table, so that everyone still feels together as a group. Also, there will be special recognition of our Veterans and Active Military, please make certain to mark with a YES each person in your group who is a Veteran. We don't want to leave anyone out of this special program!!



From our Historian Riki Vernon

This is an article from the
Anderson Independent
August 21, 2001

Rhythm & Romance



Cheryl Hughes, right, of Anderson, shag dances with her husband, Ronny, at the Uptown Lounge in Anderson.

shag lessons bring couples to the dance floor

By Jennifer Nelson

Because I moved here from North Dakota, a place where people cut left and plug their cars in at night to keep the engine from freezing, I was curious about southern staples. I loved the sweet tea but quickly learned that southern folk have, in my opinion, an attraction to gyms that just can't be explained.

However, one Southern tradition I was immediately drawn to is the shag. I decided to spend a few evenings at the Uptown Lounge in Anderson visiting with Electric City Shag Club members and shag students to find out what it is about shagging that gets couples out of their homes and onto the dance floor. Is it the music, the dance steps themselves, or perhaps something a little more?

Bob and Barbara Woodley of Pickens moved to the area from Michigan and have been shagging for about a year.

"It's the music we grew up with," Mr. Woodley said. "That got us interested, but meeting everyone kept us interested. We've met more people in the past year than we would've met in five years living in the same neighborhood in Michigan."

His wife said she had enough of being wallflowers at social functions and decided to put a stop to it once and for all.

"Back in Michigan, we were going to parties and weddings and we'd just sit," Mrs. Woodley said. "I said, I'm not doing that anymore. We're either going to take dance lessons or we're not going to go anywhere. It's learning to do



IF YOU GO

The Electric City Shag Club meets at 8 p.m. Wednesdays at the Uptown Lounge in Anderson. For information about shag lessons, call Bobby Simmons at (864) 978-8444.

things together.

We both have separate interests but we're both learning to shag from scratch."

One might walk into a roomful of shaggers as a stranger, but by God, you'll be on a first name basis with each and every person by the time you start for the door. Whether you're a beginner or a 20-year veteran shagger, many couples find the companionship of these nights out to be every bit rewarding as the steps they do and the music they hear.

Enjoying fellowship with other couples is part of what attracts Dave and Kathy Lash of Fairplay to shagging.

"The most important thing is the people you meet and the friends you make. (Shagging) is like a cream from a herd promoting lasting friendships," Mrs. Lash said. "Even when you're tired, you're always glad you came out. There's just something about being with your friends."

Although he and his wife, Laddie, have been shagging for seven years, Mitch Holcombe of Williamston said he wished they'd been doing it for 27.

"It's something you can do for the rest of your life. There's no age limit to it," Mr. Holcombe said. "It



Members of the Electric City Shag Club do the "Tuck Push" at the Uptown Lounge.

gives couples an outlet they can do together."

Apparently, the need to learn the staccato dance of South Carolina is so great that for some, it's either My Way or the Highway. You just don't mess with a woman who's serious about this shagging business.

"I wanted to take lessons and he didn't so I threatened to divorce him," Mrs. Holcombe said, laughing. On a serious note, she said learning to shag and getting out of the dance floor has made them closer as a couple and has made

them concentrate more on each other.

James and Norma George of



Scotty Hughes of Anderson, right, shag dances with Maggie Weather of Union at the Uptown Lounge in Anderson.

Greenwood have been part of the Electric City Shag Club for four years and the Greenwood Shag Club for eleven years.

"James and I did start taking lessons because it would be something we both could enjoy doing together and our children were older and were involved in their own activities," Mrs. George said. "I do think it helps in creating a stronger bond for couples."

Although the Richard and

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HISTORY OF ECSC – ESTABLISHED IN 1987 “SHADOW SHAGGERS”

Updated 8/5 – Added Welchel, Annette
Updated 8/14 – Added Bob Swank

THE NEXT NEWSLETTER PAGE IS A LIST OF NAMES OF MEMBERS WHO HAVE PASSED ON. WE REFER TO THEM AS OUR “SHADOW SHAGGERS”.

THE LIST IS COMPRISED OF NAMES REMEMBERED BY RESEARCHING PAST ECSC PUBLICATIONS AND PICTURES AND THE MEMORIES OF CURRENT ECSC MEMBERS WANDA ROBERTSON, JUDY SAXON AND KEN VALINE.

AS THE LIST BRINGS BACK YOUR MEMORIES OF ANY SHADOW SHAGGERS WHO ARE NOT INCLUDED IN THIS LIST, PLEASE LET WANDA ROBERTSON, JUDY SAXON, KEN VALINE OR RIKI VERNON KNOW SO THE NAME CAN BE ADDED TO THE LIST.

ALL OF OUR SHADOW SHAGGERS WERE INSTRUMENTAL IN THE SUCCESS OF ECSC AND THIS IS OUR WAY OF REMEMBERING THEM SO THEY ARE NOT FORGOTTEN.



ELECTRIC CITY SHAG CLUB – EST 1987

SHADOW SHAGGERS

Updated 8/5/25 – Added Welchel, Annette

Armstrong, Tom	Little, Mike - DJ
Ashley, Larry	Lyon, Charles
Bagwell, Tommie Ann	Makison, Ed - FM LTM
Barnes, Gayle	Makison, Gladys - FM LTM
Bayne, Jimmy	Martin, Ann
Bird, Dick	McLane, Linda
Blackburn, Harry	McLeod, Jeff
Bolender, George	Moore, Jack - DJ
Brady, Cathy	Moore, Joyce
Brissey, Melba	Owen, Barbara
Brock, Larry	Owen, Ted - DJ
Brown, Betty - FM PP LTM	Oxford, Mary
Brown, Finley	Palmer, Larry
Brown, Mike	Patterson, Darlene
Brown, Trudy	Perry, Bill - FM LTM
Cheney, Jeff	Perry, Don
Cummings, Earl	Rauton, Ann
Cummings, Jan	Rhodes, Loretta
Dalton, Steve	Roland, Olin
Daniels, Gary	Sammartino, Bob
Dodson, Gene	Shamlin, Elaine “Pinky”
Dodson, Shirley	Simmons, Bobby - PP LTM
Elliott, Granville - DJ	Smith, Kathy
Farmer, Danny	Smith, Kenny
Fleming, Craig - DJ	Smith, Shirley
Flinkenshelt, Herman	Sorrel, Joe
Foster, Jeff - DJ	Spears, Gary
Fullington, Emmett	Stonehocker, Terry
Gilliam, Mike	Streck, Jim
Gilliam, Sandra	Sullivan, Lewis
Graham, Harvey	Swank, Bob
Graham, Selene	Swords, Marilyn - LTM
Gray, John	Tate, Brewer
Greene, Kitty	Tatum, Bobby
Greene, Betty	Thackston, Don - FP FM LTM
Grimes, John	Thackston, Frances - FM LTM
Gulbrandson, Chuck	Thompson, Dean
Hall, Jim	Thompson, Leon
Hammond, Johnny	Union, Tony - LTM DJ
Harvey, Carmella	Wagner, Brownie
Holland, David	Wahlen-Meyer, Sylvia
Holland, Judy	Wardlaw, Guyton
Hunter, Bobby	Weathers, Willie - PP LTM
Hunter, Frances	Weir, Laura “Tink”
Jefferson, Joyce	Welchel, Annette
Jones, Zeno	Williams, Jim
Joyce, Larry	Wilson, John
Kibler, Bob	Woods, Carolyn
Landers, Horace	Woolsey, Bob - PP LTM
Landers, Patricia (Patsy)	
Lash, Kathy	
Leighton, Cheryl	

LEGEND

FM = Founding Member
FP = First President
PP = Past President
LTM = Life-Time Member
DJ = Club DJ

PRAYERS AND CONCERNS

- If anyone in our club has news that they would like to share concerning member illness, death, surgery, etc.....any news that an ECSC member might want to request prayer, bereavement, concern, or well wishes...please see below.
- Rose Ann Stamey has taken on the role of gathering that information. Please email Rose Ann at shagold@charter.net or see her at Raines on Main on a Tuesday night if you have a concern that you would like to share with ECSC members.
- Pat Germanier has agreed to continue her love of sending out the greeting cards on the club's behalf.
- Thank you, Pat and Rose Ann!

Mark Your Calendars!

September 19 – SOS Tea Party – OD Arcade 3:00-5:00

October 17 – Inland SOS – Western Carolina Sailing Club

December 5 – ECSC Christmas Party – Palmetto Event Center

February 6-7 – Storm Party – Hilton Garden Inn

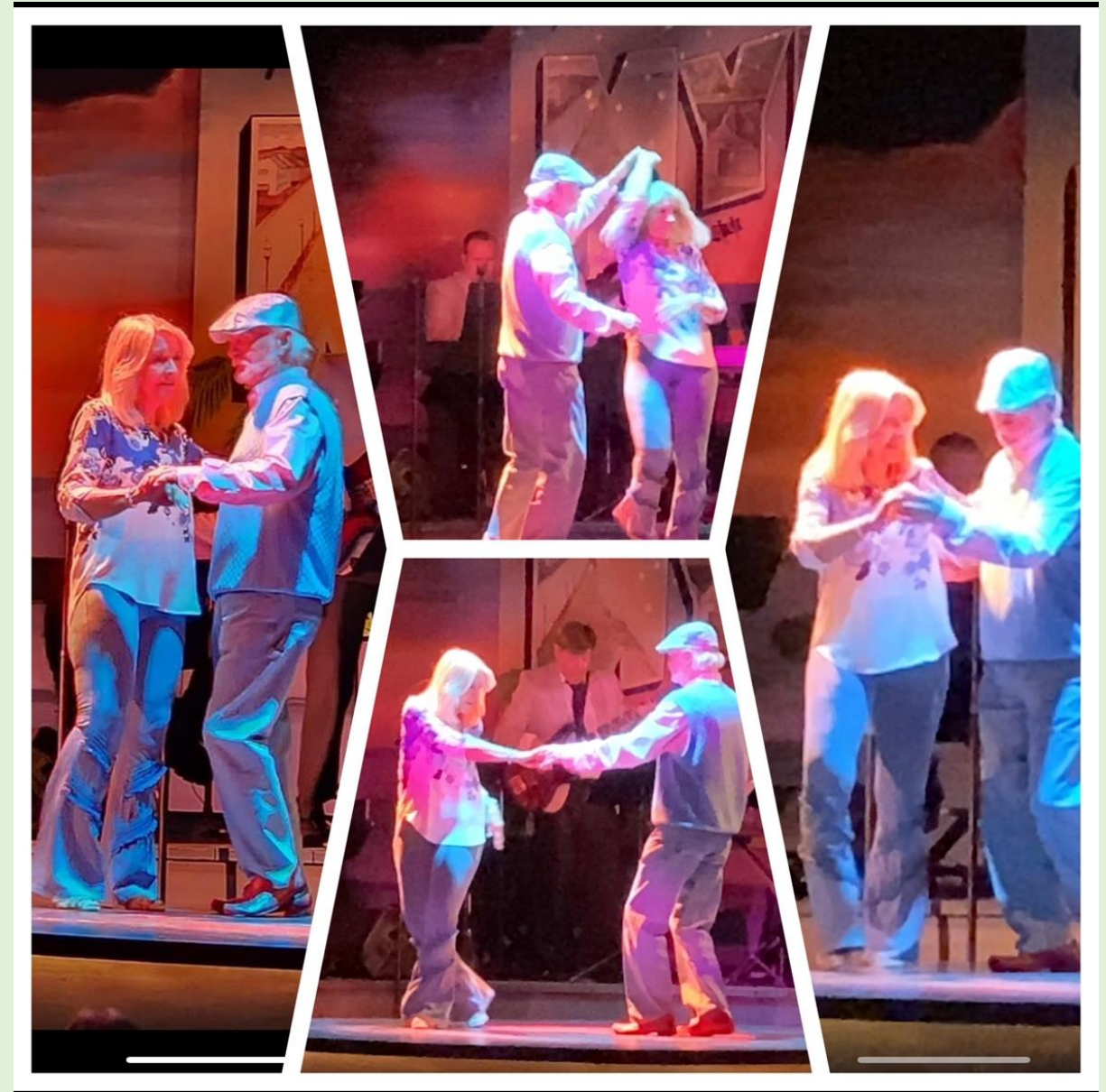
Watch for weekly updates with more details!

Shag Lessons

Scotty and Cheryl Hughes have been dancing for 27 years and teaching Shag lessons for 21 years!

They teach private or group lessons.

**If you or someone you know is interested, send Cheryl a text message at
864-617-0552**



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

SPONSORS FOR FUN SUNDAY

OD ARCADE

MGA TRAVEL

SHAG LIFE

NO COOLERS PERMITTED

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



**MC
Ray
Scott**

**SOS Fun Monday
SPONSORS:**

SOUTHERN THREADS ON MAIN

**1st Ticket Drawn \$5,000 ~ 2nd Ticket \$1,000
3rd Ticket \$500 ~ 4th Ticket \$250 ~ 5th Ticket \$250**

OFFICIAL 2025 FLYER



FALL BASH 2025



Mountain Empire Shag Society Inc October 17th & 18th

Holiday Inn, Johnson City, TN at Exit-20 on I-26

**This is a true "park & party" event like the old days.
Park the car on Friday. Get back in the car on Sunday.**

All events at the host hotel.

Beautiful 6500 sq ft ballroom & 1024 sq ft (32 x 32) dance floor

Friday evening dinner, Saturday lunch, & Saturday evening dinner.

Free wine, beer, MESS punch, and setups during hospitality sessions.

Cash bar in the ballroom & no outside alcohol of any kind allowed.

DJ - Buck Crumpton from Fountain Inn, SC

DJ - John Smith from Andrews, SC

Shag instructors - Ashley & Tobitha Stewart from China Grove, NC

Returning shoe vendor - Carolina Shag Shoes (Nanci Donald) from Pinehurst, NC

No service animals or pets allowed in any party areas.

Through the National FastDance Association, this multi-day event is properly & legally licensed by:



TICKETS - Only 234 two-day tickets will be sold (no 1-day tickets sold) for 21 or older.

Tickets non-refundable, but transferable. You are responsible for selling your tickets.

HOST HOTEL: Holiday Inn, 101 West Springbrook Drive, Johnson City, TN 37604

Room Rate: \$119 per night + 17.5% taxes & fees.

You MUST purchase your tickets first & you'll receive a "tickets confirmation" email.

When you receive your "tickets confirmation" email, you must use the TICKET CODE & the phone number in the email for room reservations at the hotel.

DO NOT call the central reservation center for the hotel because they have no access to Fall Bash reservations.

BOTH DAYS - dancing in the ballroom & 50/50. **FREE** beer, wine, MESS punch, soft drinks, & water each day in hospitality until gone.

FRIDAY - FREE hospitality catered buffet dinner

SATURDAY - FREE shag workshop, lunch, & catered buffet dinner

SUNDAY - Pack it up. Go home. Rest up for Fall Bash 2026

Need more party info? Contact Larry Calhoun at 423-398-5129 or email bigfishdj@outlook.com. Website: www.messdance.org

PARTY BRACELETS WILL BE ISSUED AT THE REGISTRATION STATION

Confirmation by email or SASE. Make checks (\$85.00 per person) payable to MESS & please print your info clearly.

Mail to: MESS Fall Bash Tickets, 2943 Southbridge, Kingsport, TN 37664

Name(s): _____ Number of Tickets _____ Amt. Enclosed _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____ - _____ - _____ Email: _____

Preferred Shag Club Affiliation _____

SOS & ACSC Workshop DATES



2025



**SOS Mid-Winter &
Winter Workshop**

January 16-19

SOS Spring Safari

April 24 - May 4

SOS Fall Migration

September 11-21

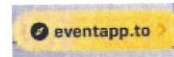
Add the SOS App to your phone to have the daily schedule of what's happening at SOS!

How to Install the SOS App.



1. Scan this QR Code either with a QR Reader or your Camera



Or if you use your Camera:
It will come up



Click on the eventapp.to (box)

1. If Android Phone Click on the Install Icon at the top  and then click install. (it will be installed)
2. If iPhone, If you Scanned by **QR Code** or clicked on the "**eventapp.to**" box the following screen appears:
3. Then click on this icon:  and **scroll down** and click on "**Add to Home Screen**"



4. Name it: **SOS APP** and Click **ADD**.