



# Phillip Clegg Pritchard 2006

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I am from Asheboro, North Carolina and have lived in Asheboro most of my life. My parents were very conservative and did not allow us to listen to anything except religious music. That led me and my transistor radio to hide under the covers and listen to WOWO - IT Wayne and WLS Chicago - what great music.

In the mid sixties I turned sixteen years old and was able to drive to Greensboro, North Carolina where we went to the Boar & Castle. With a fake LD. card I went on to Hams, the Rathskeller, and my favorite, the Castaways. Thursday nights at the Castaways, Sunday afternoon at Hams and Sunday night back to the Castaways.

My first trip to Ocean Drive, South Carolina was in 1964. I went into a place called the Pad. The first songs I heard were Sixty Minute Man One Mint Julep - Green Door - White Cliffs of Dover - It was under the covers on the transistor and now it was alive and in person. The music and the dancing were unbelievable and I was hooked. During that summer we also went to Sonny's, the Beachclub and when they closed around midnight we headed to the Forks Drive-In. Thru 1964, 1965, 1966, and 1967 I would head for Ocean Drive every time I got the chance.

Later I got married and had two beautiful daughters, Kelly and Mandee. Divorce carried me to a place called "the Bushes" in the early 80's and my first SOS in 1982.

Thru the years I have met and made lifelong friends most who have been associated with dancing and music. I taught dancing for seven years. I was fortunate to be able to teach with Sharon Jackson Phillips for several years and later my wife, Betsy.

Ten years ago in 1996 I danced with Louise Hunsucker when she was inducted into the Hall of Fame. I am very honored and humbled that I am being inducted into the Shaggers Hall of Fame. For forty years I've been hanging around beer joints - listening to music, dancing, drinking beer and whiskey and chasing women and now I get an award for it. What a great country we live in.

Thank you.