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I started dancing at Church Social Dances in Brooklyn, New York. After joining the Navy in 1947, I was stationed in Norfolk, Virginia. While in Norfolk, I attended the Navy "Y" and U.S.O. dances. It seemed like everyone could dance. I soon joined in.

I danced at Ocean View and Virginia Beach, Virginia. After the Navy, my job consisted of traveling. I soon ended up in North Carolina. I danced at Groucho's and the Steak and Ale in Charlotte, North Carolina and at the Columbia Shag Club in South Carolina, of which I was a member.

My wife and I went to the first S.O.S. in September 1980 at Ocean Drive. I continue to support the dance.

I am a Charter Member of the: Virginia Shaggers Hall of Fame

And a Member of the: National Living Legends of Dance  
National Bopper Hall of Fame

Thank You for this Honor,  
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