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I have lived in Greensboro, N.C. my entire life except for three years in the U.S. Navy. I was first introduced to what is now called the Shag in 1963 at the High Point City Lake Pavilion; there was a Juke Box and a concrete floor to dance on. There were no instructions on how to dance, we just picked up steps from watching others dance. I loved the Castaways in Greensboro and went every Thursday and Sunday until I went into the Navy.

While in the Navy and home for the weekend, I met Helen Landreth at a Southern Life party. After the service I started dating Helen and married her in 1969. We went to the Castaways often. We danced old school shag in those days. We loved the music and visited Butch Metcalf's record store, The Old Clock Shoppe, Keith's Records and Thirsty's Record store often. We would listen to Professor John Hook and try to find the latest song. We attended a few of the early SOS's and watched the greats dance. In the late 90's we joined the Greater Triad Shag Club and danced at The Ballroom and the Clubhouse. When I joined GTSC, I started taking Photographs and developed a website for them. I was on the GTSC board for over seven years and Helen and I edited the GTSC News letter.

When Thirsty's 2 opened it was our home away from home, we were there Thursday, Friday, Saturday & Sunday most weeks. I was proud to be inducted into the Thirsty's 2 Wall of Fame in 2007. Thurston & Linda Reeder, Vivian Weaver, Peggy & Jimmy Waye and Phil & Betsy Pritchard became like family. I began taking photos for Thirsty's 2 right after they opened and have since taken thousands of photographs. When Vivian & Jimmy would play at the ODP, I was there to photograph them.

I would be remiss not to thank my bride of over 50 years for putting up with me and sometimes having to fend for herself as I photographed events... she deserves a lot of credit! I have enjoyed developing the websites for the BSNHOF, Keepers Of The Dance and Shagattack. It all started with a conversation at Loafers with Bob Myrick for the Keepers and has gone on to what it is today. Eddie Monsour later asked me to take on the website for the Hall Of Fame Foundation (my Favorite Charity) and Ellen Taylor asked me to assist with the Ellen Taylor Foundation for Juniors website.

Passion is the word I would use to explain what I love to do. I have a passion for The Dance, The Music and the camaraderie of the shag world. It just doesn't get any better than this! Thanks to the BSNHOF Board for inducting me as an Honorary Member of the Beach Shaggers National Hall Of Fame, It is an Honor!