



AL SMITH (2008)

Al started dancing the shag/swing in high school. During his teen years he was president of the Virginia Beach Community House that was the old USO Club, located at 18th St. and Artic Ave. After three years in the military, he returned to his hometown and was a lifeguard at the beach while attending college.

He danced at the Mecca, Top Hat, Peppermint Beach Club, Jolly Roger in Ocean View, Chesapeake Beach and the Fort Story Officer's Club. His dance partners were mostly flight attendants from the old Capital Airlines.

When the Shag started at the Round Room in 1985 at the old White Heron Motel, he was one of the first 15 people to join the Tidewater Shag Club (the pre-cursor to the Virginia Beach Shag Club-VBSC). He made a concerted effort to dance with new members and everyone that did not have a partner.

Al also worked on several VBSC committees throughout the years and was a regular at SOS events.