



GARY "U.S." BARNES (2008)

Gary Barnes loves music and loves to dance. He has been dancing all his life and watched his parents dance in their basement while growing up. The people and the life style are ingrained in his soul. Gary Barnes was born in Petersburg, VA and raised in Hopewell. He grew up with a love for music and dancing. Through high school and college, he played guitar and sang with a band. The band's claim to fame was being the opening act for Bill Deal and the Rhondells on more than one occasion when they played in Richmond, Hopewell and Va. Beach.

Through the years, Gary has maintained and nurtured his love of music and dance. He is a member in good standing of The Association of Beach and Shag Club DeeJays, a social organization comprised of members interested in the preservation and furtherance of beach and shag music and the directly related lifestyles that accrue from it. His ear for a new tune with just the right beat, along with playing the old favorites have made him a favored DJ at Stepping' Out and Dockside in Virginia Beach.

In 2000, Gary pursued a long-time dream of purchasing his own business: Catherine's Restaurant & Lounge on Indian River Road. He promptly declared Thursday as beach music night at Catherine's and you could find him there DJing for his shaggin' fans.

A note for the ladies, if you've never danced with Gary, you're missing a real treat! It's obvious when you see him and his wife, Pam, on the dance floor that they both love to dance, been dancing since childhood and do it well. But, when you dance with him yourself, you find out how he likes to play with the music, his steps are natural and he is easy to follow. He makes dancing fun. Gary and Pam travel often to North Myrtle Beach to attend SOS.