## The Association of Beach and Shag Club DeeJays Presents:

## The Top 50 Shag Songs of 2008



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Dedicated to the memory of Charlie Byrd (Carawan) and The Charlie Byrd Beach Blast

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n the next page are the Association of Beach and Shag Club DeeJays' Top 50 Shag Songs of 2008 (actually the top 51 since there was a tie for number 50). This list is compiled from the members who chose to rate the music of the past year, based on what they see filling the floor and requests received wherever they DJ or attend a shag event. Points are assigned based on how many DJs submitted the song on their list and where they rated it. Then a simple numerical calculation determines which songs accumulated the most points and those songs make the top 50 in order based on those points. This is not a list of the top 50 new songs of the year, but of those shag songs that people are dancing to across the region. We also do not rate slow songs or line dance songs, although they may be played for shaggers to dance to.

s is tradition with our organization, this list is dedicated to the memory of Charlie Byrd (Carawan) and his syndicated radio show, the Charlie Byrd Beach Blast. Charlie Byrd, with his vast knowledge of beach and shag music, was a role model for many within our association until his death from cancer.

N 2008 we again set several records. We again exceeded the number of DJs participating and had 47 of our members send in their list this year. This topped our record from last year of 34 participants. W also had the largest number of total songs submitted, a total of 789 different songs, indicating how many different songs are being played and are popular across the area where our music is played.

The number one song of the year, "Mama's Drinkin' Liquor Again," was listed as the top song on 17 of the 47 lists submitted by our members. The number two song "It Only Hurts Me When I Cry," was the top selection on another 7 of our members Top 50's. 25 of the 51 songs on the 2008 list are repeats from 2007.

Six different artists had two songs to make the top 50 this year. They included Jim Quick and the Coastline Band/King Tyrone, Lonnie Givens, The Hardway Connection, The Holiday Band, Rick Strickland and James Hunter. James Hunter probably would have had more to make it, but he had so many shag hits (a total of nine different songs of his were submitted on one or more of the 47 lists) in different areas of shagdom, that this may have weakened his chances by spreading votes over so many different songs.

he oldest song to make the list this year, once again, was "I Used to Cry Mercy Mercy" by the Lamplighters, released in 1954. Other classic songs that continue to make the list included "Come Get To This" by Marvin Gaye, "Lady Soul" by the Temptations, and "How Do You Stop" by James Brown.

e hope you enjoy looking over this list and that you will see many of your favorites from the past year. We also hope you will support those DJs listed on the back page, who took the time to put together their list of the Top 50 Songs of the year to help make this final Top 50 of the ABSCDJs possible.

We miss you Charlie,

David Sessoms ABSCDJ Historian, Newsletter Editor & Webmaster

## The Top 50 Shag Songs of 2008

1. Mama's Drinkin' Liquor	King Tyrone and the Graveyard Ramblers
2. It Only Hurts Me When I Cry	Raul Malo
3. Rhythm	The Inmen and the Impressions
4. Stuck On You	3T
5. In This Mess	Snooky Pryor
6. Hey Mr. DeeJay	Lonnie Givens
7. Money Honey	The Craig Woolard Band
8. Crazy	Gnarls Barkley
9. My Big Sister's Radio	The Mighty Mike Schermer Band
10. There Goes My Baby	Kenny Vance and the Planotones
11. Do That Thing Again	Archie Bell
12. Emperor Of My Baby's Heart	Paul Craver
13. Lady Soul	The Temptations
14. Dirty O Man	The Hardway Connection
15. Turn Me Over	The Coastline Band
16. Shadow Shaggin'	Tommy Black and Blooz
17. Come Get To This	Marvin Gaye
18. Fool If You Think It's Over	The Holiday Band
19. Ain't That The Truth	Danny Brooks
20. Hold On To The Blues	Lonnie Givens
21. Eyes On You	The Hardway Connection
22. See See Rider	Elmore James, Jr.
23. Boogie Down Bronx	Angel Rissoff
24. I Used To Cry Mercy Mercy	The Lamplighters
25. Over And Done	Ryan Shaw
26. If You Can't Shag	The Rev. Bubba D. Liverance and the Cornhole Prophets
27. Mercy	Duffy
28. Carina	James Hunter
29. Nine Times A Man	Don Covay and Wilson Pickett
	William Dell and the Wee Jams
30. Most Of Those Pretty Young Girls	James Brown
31. How Do You Stop	Sea Cruz
32. Walk Away From Love 33. Sure Cure For The Blues	Miranda Louise
34. This Little Light Of Mine	Scooter Lee
35. Shame	Mighty Mo Rogers
36. Why Am I Crying	Rhonda McDaniel
37. Getaway Car	Hall and Oates
38. I Ain't Never	Little Richard
39. Something Smooth	Rick Strickland
40. Don't You Wish It Was True	John Fogerty
41. Got It Bad For You	The Holiday Band
42. This Old Man	Fuzzy Deider Leven
43. Big Fat Mama	Reidar Larsen
44. Heavy Love	The Fantastic Shakers
45. It's All Right	Aaron Neville
46. Why Me	Reggie P
47. Heartbreaker	The Butch Hargett Project
48. Back That Thang Up	Tyrone Davis
49. One Step Closer	Rick Strickland
50. (Tie) A Little Meat On The Side	Sea Cruz
50. (Tie) I'll Walk Away	James Hunter

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