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In the early fifties, at age 14, I started dancing, attending all dances at teenage clubs, VFW's , and Civic Centers in the Portsmouth, Virginia area. Shortly thereafter, approximately 1956, I started going to Virginia Beach where "The Real Dancing of The Time" was going on at The Top Hat, Mecca, Waverly Hotel, and Casino. These places wre "jumpin" and had bands that you could really dance to.

A few miles up the beach, to the North, was Ocean View with lots of dance clubs such as Billy's, Jolly Roger, Ebb Tide. Throughout our Tidewater, Virginia area other clubs - Moonlight Room, Geno's, Rendezvous, and Candlelight offered great dance music so there was always somewhere to dance growing up in Virginia.

In the mid 70's and early 80's, we danced at various disco clubs at the beach hotels or on the waterfront in Tidewater, Virginia.

I made my first trip to Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, in 1968, but didn't go on the Strand (I didn't know it was there!) There was a club at each end of the 17 Strip and that's where I danced.

In 1981-1982, I began traveling to Myrtle Beach regularly on golf trips with my country club and found Ocean Drive. . . Cagneys, Fat Jack's, Harold's Across The Street, and later Duck's, Spanish Galleon, and Zack's.

All this brings back a lot of "Good Memories". The music was so great, and people still danced without jumping all over the place.

Now, it's 1994, I'm 56 and having a GREAT TIME!

GOD has been good to me and I thank him EVERY DAY.