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Dive Bar: The Sunset Grille City,State: Annanale, VA Your Name: Dave Date: 1/04/09

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| <p>Antiquity</p>  | <p>A good dive bar never updates its décor. Ever. With the exception of beer signs, tacky pictures and random crap bolted to the wall. If you even use the word décor in a dive bar you will be punched in the face. How far back in time does this dive bar take you? If you see any outstanding relics list them here.</p> <p><i>It's hard to say much about the age. Most of the crap could be new, depending on how rough the regulars are on a Friday night. It has a tiki bar sort of feel with a ceiling from 1978 that has never been replaced, giving it an all-around aged Jimmy Buffett meets crap feel.</i></p> |
| <p>Low Cost Swill</p>  | <p>Cans of Pabst. Pitchers of High Life. Need we say more? What rock bottom poison did you down and how easy was it on your wallet?</p> <p><i>No PBR! When I asked for it I got a blank stare, then she said "P-B-R, Pabst - Blue - Ribbon, I'll have to check" - there wasn't any. (Rolling Rock was cheap, and on Wednesdays happy hour has 2.75 22oz Bud's) Generally cheap, but not rock-bottom.</i></p> |
| <p>Filth</p>  | <p>The thicker the layer of dust, the richer the history. If you can take a core sample of grime and learn things about the last several decades then you are in the right place. Give us the dirt here.</p> <p><i>30 years of grime on the ceiling, but nothing that would stop me from eating there, assuming it's been fried to hell and back.</i></p> |
| <p>Stench</p>  | <p>Relish the scents of cigarette butts, old beer, vomit and unwashed alcoholics. Don't be fooled by the sickeningly overpowering perfume blasting stench box in the bathroom. It reeks in here! Take a whiff and write the first thing that comes to your mind.</p> <p><i>Not bad, but I smoke and have low standards. My wife says it smells of stale cigarettes, but that's about it. Note that we did go on a Sunday afternoon when it was pretty empty.</i></p> |
| <p>Graffiti</p>  | <p>One should always have reading material when taking a whiz or dropping the kids off at the pool, although you shouldn't even think of sitting down on the piss covered seat in this joint, if there even is a seat. What better things to read than the rambling nonsense of fellow drunks? A good dive bar's hallowed bathroom walls will have lots to say and contain much wisdom, like who is a homo. Write your favorite sayings here.</p> <p><i>Nothing in the way of graffiti, but a blue toilet, duct tape urinal plumbing, roofing shingles on the wall and what looked like pee stains on the slate backsplash above the sink.</i></p> |
| <p>Rockin' Tunes</p>  | <p>It's very important to have an arsenal of 80s metal (or classic rock if you're even older) at your disposal at all times. This sets the mood for the dive bar experience. A jukebox is a must. DJs should be shot on site. List the music source and classic tunes that you played or heard here.</p> <p><i>Football on Sundays, bands or karaoke Tues through Sat. Have to go back on a Monday night to find out what tunes are rocking! Given the clientele, it seems like Lynard Skynard or classic rock may be the regular song set.</i></p> |
| <p>Amusements</p>  | <p>All proper dive bars should have pinball machines or classic arcade games, and we're not talking about Golden Tee, pretty boy. Although modern, bar top touch-screen games with nudie Photo Hunt are always a plus. Space permitting, run down, coin-operated pool tables are also a sign of a good dive bar. If you spot and/or play any games, list 'em here.</p> <p><i>Dart boards, and Golden Tee - Damn high brow bastards!</i></p> |
| <p>Vermin</p>  | <p>Insects are an important part of our ecosystem, and dive bars are a perfect environment for them. If honey bees weren't so stupid they'd nest in these safe havens instead of dying off like a bunch of pussies. List the creepy crawlies you spot here. Feel free to name them, and then squash them just for fun. If you spot any rodents or other vermin, list them here too.</p> <p><i>Didn't see any - but it is January and the vermin generally hide in the walls.</i></p> |
| <p>Hazards</p>  | <p>The world is a dangerous place. This is what makes life interesting. Every good dive bar should have its hazards, from rotting floors to seedy derelicts. List them here.</p> <p><i>Crap load of guys wearing Harley Davidson T-shirts, but the only motorcycles in the parking lot were my wife's and mine. You can tell it's a RUB (Rich Urban Biker) bar, expensive SUVs in the parking lot and the obligatory 'no colors' sign (which implies no 'gangs' allowed). The female clientele were pretty rough looking, though.</i></p> |
| <p>Distinguishing Characteristics</p>  | <p>What makes this place so special? Does the bartender have big tits? Do they allow dogs to roam around freely and take dumps on the floor? Do they happen to have the best glory hole in town? Use this space to list this dive bar's distinguishing characteristics.</p> <p><i>Our bartender did have a belly turtleneck sweater (where would you find those?) - but not the body to pull it off (If you did, would you wear one?) Since the beer was cheap and the other bar-goers pretty friendly, as a dive bar aficionado, I would return for the people watching and booze, but not for anything</i></p> |

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| | <i>in particular. Perhaps on a busier night or during the summer when the tiki island feel will be more appropriate, the real personality will emerge. 3 out of 5 FBRs.</i> |
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