

Best of the Burger Beat: Vol. II

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The search for the Lowcountry's best handmade burgers continues...



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"You can find your way across this country using burger joints the way a navigator uses stars."
– Charles Kuralt

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Long ago in a misty age known as “The 80s” a visionary reporter named Jim Atkinson set out on a quest to document the great American institution of the Dive Bar, or in Atkinson’s terminology the “bar bar.” It was a risky and thankless task, but Atkinson stuck to it and eventually published a book of his findings entitled The View From Nowhere.

Atkinson never took his dive bar tour to the Lowcountry, but I’m convinced that had he carried on he would have eventually stumbled upon Mike and Leslie Pressley’s fine example of his beloved art form.

Michael or “Mikey” to his regulars, calls Rosie O’s “a five star dive bar.” Step inside and you’ll get it. The bar’s adjacent to the K-mart off of Boundary Street, but don’t let the shopping center location fool you. There’s a classic neighborhood vibe to the place with just the right amount of neon and miscellaneous junk. This is also one of the few spots left in Beaufort where you can shoot a friendly game of pool and – to the best of our knowledge – the only joint in town with more than one table.

Pressley spent a good chunk of his childhood in the wilds of Hunting Island where his

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