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## Carousel Lounge

3206 Spenard Road, Anchorage, AK (907) 229-3902

License Issued: 1967 to Steve and Dorothy Cooper

**CLOSED May 15, 2016**

Amenities: Pool tables, darts, TVs, pinball, video games, juke box, weekend live music.

Web site: Facebook; YouTube

History and Notoriety: The first Carousel Lounge opened in 1957 at 232 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue. By 1963, it was no longer in business. The current Carousel Lounge is a Spenard institution that has been doing business in the same location since 1967.

During the pipeline days, the Carousel gained a reputation for catering to the wild and crazy crowd that also frequented the dozen or so massage parlors along this section of Spenard Road. The Carousel has always been very popular with bikers. And pool and dart teams have long used the Carousel as their home base. A 1987 article in the *Anchorage Daily News* about dart teams in town touted "Carousel Lounge is generally acknowledged as the best men's team in the city, having dominated local competition for the last six years." The Cooper's sold the bar to Christopher Cox in 2004.

In 2005, Christopher had a TV commercial made that was intended to improve the reputation of the bar. The low-budget commercial even showed a sleazy dude being tossed out the front door!

Visiting the Carousel Lounge: The Carousel has an interesting L-shaped bar which is a good place to sit and get the feel of the place. There is still a biker theme to the decor. The crowd here enjoys the very reasonable prices for beer and snacks. This is a great place to listen to live music (usually hard rock) on the weekends. The backyard is a nice place to be on a sunny day.

<http://www.adn.com/article/20160504/longtime-spenard-bar-carousel-lounge-shut-its-doors-month>

