Is Jimmy's Steer House worth the trip?

Jimmy's Steer House (111 Mass Ave., Arlington 646-4450)

In early October, I was told of what sounded like a pretty good restaurant at very reasonable prices. Since I was interested in finding a good cheap meal, I decided to try the place. I found out by calling them that they do not accept reservations, close at 11pm and are busiest between 7:30 and 8:30. Furthermore they told me how to get there via mass transit. I arrived with my party at about 9:30. By this time, there were no crowds, and several empty tables. The music that was playing in the background was harmonized by the clatter of silverware. The tables were sheathed with simulated woodgrain Formica. My overall opinion of the decor can be summed up as "Early Red Coach Grille.

We were seated promptly and served a basket of warm rolls. The tables were full. The dinner was a bit too small. Upon serving, the waitress inquired whether we wanted sides. We ordered a baked potato, salad, etc. and were well-paced. The service was prompt. The prices were reasonable. Since I was interested in finding a good cheap meal, I decided to try the place. I found out by calling them that they do not accept reservations.

The seafood was a bit overdone, but the steaks were excellent. The dinners of course are limited to the high class diner's fare with a sampling of baked potato, salad, etc. and were well-priced. The diners offered. The tables are a bit too small. Upon serving, the waitress inquired whether we wanted sides. We ordered a baked potato, salad, etc. and were well-paced. The service was prompt. The prices were reasonable. Since I was interested in finding a good cheap meal, I decided to try the place. I found out by calling them that they do not accept reservations.

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