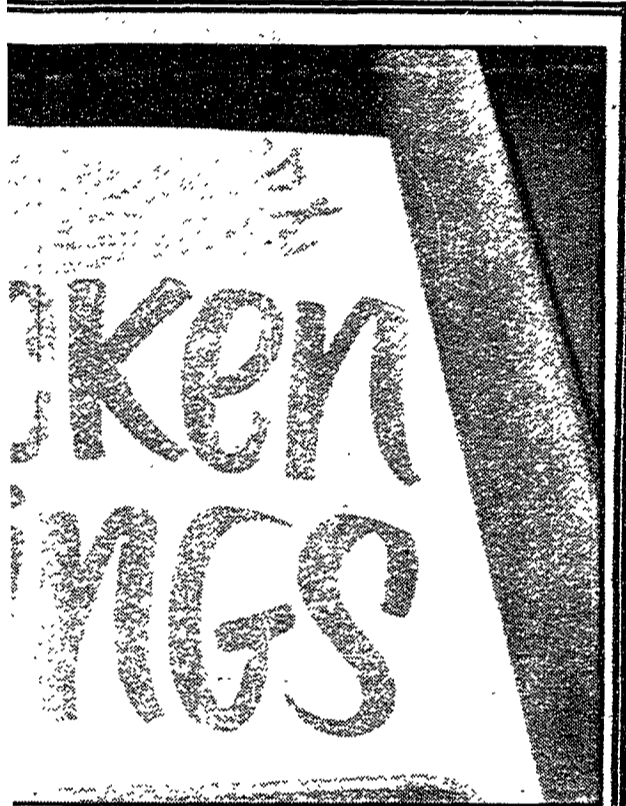


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Hot Wings

Erie-Style  
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Stack's  
Original  
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### Establishments

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**The King's Rook Club** - 1921 peach. This is a member's only place so you need to find a friend who is a member. If you have no friends then I will take you if you buy the wings. They have specials on Sunday and Monday and they will make the wings anyway you like them. The prices are average and I'm pretty sure that I've been charged several different prices on different occasions, but maybe I was just drunk. The wings are usually great, but the last time I was there they were cooked unevenly. I'm not sure how that happened.

**Lefty's** - 1248 Brown ave. This is a special case because Lefty's serve Stack's wings. That is strange because Stack's in North East no longer serves Stack's Erie-Style wings. There was some sort of recipe sale or something, anyway Lefty's along with On Deck and the Avonia Tavern all bought the sauce, but when Stack's Tavern was sold, they didn't take the sauce.

Let me tell you that Stack's Original Erie-Style wings are arguably the best wings in the word. They are also unique because the wings themselves are huge. I normally like small wings with lots of sauce primarily because I like the sauce better than I like chicken. Somehow, however, Lefty's cooks the wings so well that the wings themselves would be excellent even without the sauce. With the sauce, they are stunning.

I will warn you that they are expensive, but don't be fooled. They are three times as filling as most other wings and they do run good specials. On Monday 32 wings and a pitcher for \$6.75 and on Tuesday buy 16 get 16 from 5-8 pm.

**Lucky Man's Peteseria** - 3362 W. Lake Rd. I like their style. They don't screw around with anything but hot - they come in mild, medium, hot, extra hot and screamers. Be warned, screamers were not casually named. They are the hottest of the hot and they will make you scream or at least cry. I like honesty in advertising. Their less extreme hot are just fantastic and they are usually cooked to near perfection. The sauce is really tasty. The prices are not cheap (25 for \$6 including veggies and dip) and quite frankly the wings are not as filling as some. Still, Lucky Man's serves fine wingage.

**On Deck** - 1137 E. 11th. (see Lefty's for wing style) The wings here are a bit more expensive (\$4.45 for 16) than the comparable wings at Lefty's but they do run some good specials: Monday 32 wings + pitcher for \$7.75 and Saturday and Sunday for 1-4 pm you can get a bucket (32 I think) for \$5.75.

**Plymouth Tavern** - 1109 State St. They serve hot, mild and BBQ and on Sundays and Mondays baskets of 12 wings, veggies and dip are 2 for 1 (\$2.95). These wings are really quite good, although a little sweet for my taste. The atmosphere is fine and they have a wide variety of imported beer.

**Warsaw Cafe** - 602 E. 24th. The lady who answered the phone when we called was less than cooperative so I couldn't get a confirmation on the prices, but I can tell you from years of experience that these wings are fine and on most nights (starting at 5 pm I think) you can get all-u-cans of BBQ, hot and B&Gs. The beer is inexpensive and the atmosphere is working class. It is the classic wing bar. The veggies and dip will cost you extra, and you have to walk into the kitchen to buy them, but the wings are totally unique. The butter and garlics are super salty and the BBQ are fine, but the hot are the real gems.

A few words of warning. On Friday nights they make jumbo wings and they really aren't that good. Also it is always better to go there when there is a crowd because these really need to be fresh and crowds keep them making fresh, hot wings. Jim Martin (the editor of this fine publication) and I once ate a total of one hundred and twenty wings in one sitting at the Warsaw and that is not an exaggeration. We had a pile of wing bones that looked like wood pile just before winter.

So there you have it. The best (and to my knowledge the only) Erie wing review. Just remember a few things. First all of the information listed above is subject to change and to typos so you might want to call first. Second, I basically used the words "hots," "Erie-Style," and "Buffalo-Style" interchangeably.  
Enjoy.

Lefty's

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