

BROWN LOBSTER TANK



I did this interview via the internet (as well as the Integrity interview)... I emailed the band... they emailed me back... It's been awhile since I've done interviews thru the mail... When FOE first started back in 1984, I used to do all of my interviews thru the US Postal System. Anyhow, I tried to make the interviews as "conversational" sounding as possible...

A lot of the success of an email interview rides on whether the person on the other end feels like elaborating or just giving a simple answer... It's easy to make someone elaborate face to face... This I suppose will be my new challenge...

Something I've always wanted to do in FOE, was to include a lot of short interviews to get more attention to different bands, we'll see how this evolves in future issues. This may be a lot easier to do with more bands getting email addresses, but I'm not sure I like the way they are turning out... In any event, Brown Lobster Tank and Integrity are both excellent bands and I'd recommend both of their discs...

* Brown Lobster Tank are Travis Buchanan on guitar, Guy Julian on Bass, Steve Sanderson on Drums and Ken Conte on vocals, who also answered the questions.

FOE Your voice sounds familiar, did you ever sing for another band?

BLT Yes, but none worth mentioning.

FOE Why'd you name the disc "Tooth Smoke"? Do you have a fear of dentists? (The disc's cover has this insane artwork of some guy in a dentist's chair and an incredible amount of drills etc.. pointed at him.)

BLT No. In the studio, while recording the album, our producer (Brian Kehew) was explaining this trip to the dentist that he had. He had gone to get a filling and as the dentist was drilling his teeth he could smell the tooth burning and then he saw smoke rising from his mouth and that's how the name came about.

FOE Please give a brief history of the band.. (when started, releases, motivating factors...)

BLT We became a band in the summer of 1993 and in the summer of 1994 we put out our own 10 song cassette on our own label "boring records". In the fall of 1994 Dr. Strange records heard the tape and asked if we wanted to do a 2 album deal with them, and of course we couldn't say no..

Brown Lobster Tank releases include:

- 1)"Our First Album" on Boring Records
- 2)"Static ep" on Dr. Strange Records
- 3)"Tooth Smoke" on Dr. Strange
- 4)"Ron Jeremy" 7" on Smut Pedlurz records
- 5) various comp on devil doll records

FOE You do a song "Ron Jeremy" on "Tooth Smoke" and also on the 7" . how did you hook up with him to appear on your disc? (Ron Jeremy is a great porn star in case you didn't know... he is sort of like a big bear... and I do mean big and hairy... they got him to do an intro and an ending to the song.)

BLT Travis tracked him down at the Rainbow in Hollywood and told him about our song and just asked if he would come into the studio and speak, and he said yes!

FOE What film would you recommend for those inexperienced with the work of Ron Jeremy?

BLT Best of Ron Jeremy Vol. I and II.

FOE Why the hell did you name the band Brown Lobster Tank?

BLT We thought it was a good name at the time...

FOE What do you have planned for the near future... tours etc...

BLT We just finished a short 13 day tour and are planning a 3 week US tour late summer. If any one wants to get on our mailing list they can either e-mail us at BlobsterT@aol.com or write to Brown Lobster Tank: 1070 N Batavia #246 Orange CA 92667. Thanks, Ken Conte....



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