

JEFF BLANCHARD IS PART OWNER OF ONE OF THE COOLEST CLUBS
IN NEW YORK, **LUCKY 13 SALOON**. LOCATED ON SACKETT ST. IN
BROOKLYN, LUCKY 13 IS A HEAVY METAL FAN'S PARADISE. THE REAR END OF THE
ROOM HAS A STAGE FOR BANDS WHILE THE FRONT OF THE CLUB MORPHS INTO
A GO-GO BAR IN THE EVENING. BLANCHARD HAS HIS OWN BAND
EYES OF THE SUN. YOU CAN OFTEN SEE JEFF'S HARLEY
PARKED OUT FRONT OF LUCKY 13.



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Dan Lorenzo: When did you first start to ride?

Jeff Blanchard: I used to ride dirt bikes when I was a kid and always dreamed of riding a Harley. I got my first Harley 15 years ago and joined **Redrum** motorcycle club 5 years after that.

Tell me about the bike in these photos.

The bike in the photo is a 2002 Ultra ground pounder with a new S&S 111 in it. This bike was built for ripping around the city.

With all the traffic in Brooklyn...is it conducive to riding your motorcycle?

I love riding around Brooklyn! All the cars and the cabs and the people. It's a constant rush weaving in and out of traffic. The sound of the bike bouncing off of the buildings! It's a huge rush. Especially going out for a ride with my brothers during hot summer nights. I do love getting out of the city at times but there is nothing like riding around Brooklyn!

Have you had any accidents on the bike?

I've had a few small accidents. Nothing too serious. I've forgotten to put my feet down at a light or two. Not something I like to admit or look behind me and see someone shaking their head at me like, "you dumb bastard!" But I've also grown up a little and pay better attention now.

Your club Lucky 13 is paradise for metal-heads. In addition to being part owner you're also in a cool band. What's new with your music?

My band, **Eyes Of The Sun**, is in the recording studio at the moment working on our second record for **blacklight media**. It should be done by early 2020 and we will be playing some shows around the East Coast. We will be doing a record release party at Lucky 13 Saloon.

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