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2016 - Band Members (Present Core Line up) –

Joe Longo – Rhythm / Lead Guitar and Vocals

Tom Koop, Sr. – Drums and Vocals

Phil Bickhart – Bass and Vocals

2015 - ONE BLUE SKY Album (Band Members and Contributors)

Joe Longo – Rhythm / Lead Guitar and Vocals

Tom Koop, Sr. – Drums and Vocals

John Zawicki – Bass and Vocals

Craig McMurray – Contributions on Lead Guitar

Chris Shrive – Contributions on Acoustic Guitar

2014 - BAD DECISIONS Album –

Joe Longo – Rhythm / Lead Guitar and Vocals

Tom Koop, Sr. – Drums and Vocals

Slug Yankowy – Bass and Vocals

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## uMan ERA - ONE BLUE SKY Bio -

**ONE BLUE SKY** is uMan ERA's all New, 8 Track, Original CD with many new sounds and features for our listeners to enjoy; brought to you by band members Joe Longo (Guitar / Vocals) and Tom Koop Sr (Drums / Vocals). Contributors on the One Blue Sky project are: former member John Zawicki (Bass / Vocals), Craig McMurray (Leads Guitar), and Chris Shrive (Acoustic Guitar). Each song tells a story, played and sung through our music about human nature, our own life experiences, and our disappointments and hopes concerning national and world affairs. The CD is a cool, melodic, groove mix of rock genres, with some new departures from our past CD, BAD DECISIONS, into Rockabilly and Hard Blues Rock realms, culminating on track 8 with an epic tale! We feature the lead guitar wizardry of Graig McMurray on 5 tracks with harmonic dueling leads and rhythms played with Joe Longo. Chris Shrive plays acoustic guitar on the title track, One Blue Sky. We once again, enlisted the expertise of SI Studios, in Old Forge, PA. to accomplish our goals for this latest CD production. Many months of hard work went into the creation of each song, with melodies and lyrics written by Joe Longo. Each band member created their own interpretation of the music with a new focus on vocal harmonies and playing style improvements. John Zawicki wrote his own vocal part, from the heart, for One Blue Sky to enhance the final section of the piece and share his own personal feelings. The message really comes through! Our CD cover and label art were created in co-operation with Craig McMurray and by his son, Alec Rodriguez. One Blue Sky was a great team effort by all band members, our guest players, the sound engineers at SI Studios, and some very special, supportive people in our lives. As a band, UMan ERA, has shown vast improvement in its music production and performances. We are proud to present this new work to you, our listeners, and hope that you will enjoy it as much as we enjoyed creating it! The ONE BLUE SKY album is available for download on CDBaby.com. Please visit our website at <http://www.umanera.com>.

### **ONE BLUE SKY – Track descriptions and credits**

Johnny Thunder - A short story song about a swaggering, drunken' bar brawler who takes it one step too far! Song concept, melody, and lyrics by Joe Longo. Performed by Joe Longo, Tom Koop and John Zawicki - uMan ERA.

The Gambler - A short story song about an overconfident, addicted gambler who seeks nothing but the thrill of living on the edge. Song concept, melody, and lyrics by Joe Longo. Performed by Joe Longo, Tom Koop and John Zawicki - uMan ERA with lead guitar by Craig McMurray.

Demise - A short story song about a man (perhaps the gambler above) on death's doorstep, who has been abandoned in a desolate desert hell on earth of his own making. Song concept, melody, and lyrics by Joe Longo. Performed by Joe Longo, Tom Koop and John Zawicki - uMan ERA with lead guitar by Craig McMurray.

One Blue Sky (Title Track) - Somewhat of a political statement by us inspired by current affairs dealing with racism, freedom, and world peace and how it affects us all on a personal level. Song concept, melody, and Part 1 lyrics by Joe Longo, Part 2 lyrics by John Zawicki. Performed by Joe Longo, Tom Koop and John Zawicki - uMan ERA with lead guitar by Craig McMurray and Chris Shrive on acoustic guitar.

Time Travelers - A man's view of living life through the years with his best friend and life partner; his wife. Song concept, melody, and lyrics by Joe Longo. Performed by Joe Longo, Tom Koop and John Zawicki - uMan ERA.

Apocalyptic Rock - A short story song about a man who finds himself suddenly thrust into a frantic, chaotic, post apocalyptic world. Song concept, melody, and lyrics by Joe Longo. Performed by Joe Longo, Tom Koop and John Zawicki - uMan ERA with lead guitar by Craig McMurray.

Biker Boots - A humorous twist on a familiar tune from a bikers perspective. Song concept, melody, and lyrics by Joe Longo. Performed by Joe Longo, Tom Koop and John Zawicki - uMan ERA.

Highlanders - An epic medieval tale of a battle cry to defeat the forces of evil and tyranny that echoes to our world of today. Song concept, melody, and lyrics by Joe Longo. Performed by Joe Longo, Tom Koop and John Zawicki - uMan ERA with lead guitar by Craig McMurray.

**Apocalyptic Rock is included on the FIREWORKS Magazine Sampler CD.**

### **uMan ERA – BAD DECISIONS Bio -**

**BAD DECISIONS** is uMan ERA's first CD album release from 2014. Many of the songs are written from personal experiences and take a humorous look at aspects of human nature and relationships. These recordings are a good representation of uMan ERA's live performance and sound, as we recorded our songs as we would play them on stage live, with very little over dubbing or special effects. Bad Decisions is us, raw; plain and simple! uMan ERA is a NEPA based originals and covers Rock & Roll, Hard Rock, and Rockabilly Band . We are highly influenced by artists like Clutch, ZZ Top, The Doors, Led Zeppelin, Maylene and the Sons of Disaster, Johnny Cash, Stevie Ray Vaughn, and The Masters of Reality and Brian Setzer. Yet, we have established a sound of our own which come through on this album release. We are a high energy band on stage and enjoy the time we spend playing shows at local venues. At the time of this album release band members were Joe Longo (Guitar / Vocals), Tom Koop Sr. (Drums / Vocals), and former member, Slug Yankowy (Bass / Vocals). BAD DECISIONS was recorded and produced at SI Studios in Old Forge, PA. The creation of the album was a great team effort among uMan ERA band members, the studio engineers at SI, and some very supportive people in our lives. We hope you will enjoy our music on this Cd as much as we enjoyed creating it! The Bad Decisions album is available for download on CDBaby.com. Please visit our website at <http://www.umanera.com>.

### **BAD DECISIONS – Track descriptions and credits**

GOT TO RUN - A short story song about a biker caught in a bad situation, riding for his freedom and his life! Song concept, melody, and lyrics by Joe Longo. Performed by Joe Longo, Tom Koop and Slug Yankwy - uMan ERA.

3 STEPS BACK –Do you feel like you're taking 2 Steps forward and 3 Steps Back sometimes? Yah, Us too! But you have to appreciate the good things in life! Song concept, melody, and lyrics by Joe Longo. Performed by Joe Longo, Tom Koop and Slug Yankwy - uMan ERA.

BAD DECISIONS (Title Track) - A song about a chronic lapse in judgement, Lol! Song concept, melody, and lyrics by Joe Longo. Performed by Joe Longo, Tom Koop and Slug Yankwy - uMan ERA.

DOWNSIDE - We all have a downside that we eventually and unfortunately must reveal to our significant others! Song concept, melody, and lyrics by Joe Longo. Performed by Joe Longo, Tom Koop and Slug Yankwy - uMan ERA.

IT'S ALL ABOUT ME - A song about those people, we meet in life, who completely take advantage of everyone they know. Song concept, melody, and lyrics by Joe Longo. Performed by Joe Longo, Tom Koop and Slug Yankwy - uMan ERA.

A SPRINGTIME HIGH - A song for all you bikers, getting back out into the wind, after a long, hard winter! Song concept, melody, and lyrics by Joe Longo. Performed by Joe Longo, Tom Koop and Slug Yankwy - uMan ERA.

EVERYTHING BAD - A song, sung by a cocky and over confident troubler maker to his girl! Song concept, melody, and lyrics by Joe Longo. Performed by Joe Longo, Tom Koop and Slug Yankwy - uMan ERA.

BRING IT BACK HOME - A song sung by a man remembering his girl, knowing things went bad, but wanting her back home to start over again. Song concept, melody, and lyrics by Joe Longo. Performed by Joe Longo, Tom Koop and Slug Yankwy - uMan ERA.

### **uMan ERA Band Bio –**

Our present uMan ERA line up is Joe Longo (Guitar / Vocals), Tom Koop, Sr. (Drums / Vocals), and new member, Phil Bickhart (Bass / Vocals). Past members on recordings are Slug Yankowy (Bad Decisions Bass / Vocals) and John Zawicki (One Blue Sky Bass / Vocals). We now have 2 CDs published and to offer, CD1 - BAD DECISIONS (2014) and CD2 - ONE BLUE SKY (2015). These recordings are a good representation of uMan ERA's live performance and sound, as we recorded our songs as we would play them on stage with very little over dubbing. 'BAD DECISIONS is us; raw, plain and simple! UMan ERA, ONE BLUE SKY, takes it up a notch with some special effects, enhanced vocal harmonies, and additional sounds with lead guitar on several tracks by Craig McMurray, bass guitar by John Zawicki, and acoustic guitar by Chris Shrive. uMan ERA is a Northeast Pennsylvania based, originals and covers, Rock & Roll Band. We are highly influenced by artists like Clutch, ZZ Top, The Doors, Led Zeppelin, Motorhead, Maylene and the Sons of Disaster, Johnny Cash, Brian Setzer, Stevie Ray Vaughn, and The Masters of Reality. Yet, we have established a sound of our own. We are a high energy band on stage and enjoy the time we spend playing shows at local venues. UMan ERA is available to book club dates, events, concerts, festivals, and parties. We jam independently or often with partner bands, for a dynamic evening of entertainment.