

## **Tom Garber Author Bio**

Tom Garber is a retired engineer and imaginative author who recently released a volume of comical and lighthearted tales. He facetiously titled the book "Chronicles of Wise Old Chicken," and has injected many of the stories, but not all, with his distinctive brand of humor.

Since grade school and throughout his education Garber gravitated towards friends who loved to share jokes and puns, any good laugh even at their own expense.

Other than the "Chronicles of Wise Old Chicken" stories, Tom also regularly crafts serious tales based on episodes of real life, about love, betrayal and death.

During his lifelong love of writing, Tom has worked at a string of jobs, involving structural and mechanical engineering, plant management and owning a small factory that produced hundreds of wood spiral stairs a year and sold them in all 50 states, Canada and the Caribbean.

He lived in New Zealand for seven years where he was a newspaper reporter and a market gardener. It was here that he sold his first short story in 1972 about a young man and unrequited love.

When he returned to the United States he shelved his writing in order to take on work to provide for his family.

He also holds two patents and has logged 520 hours as a pilot of single-engine planes.

The author is now retired and writing full time. He lives with his wife of 53 years, Anna, in Seymour, TN.

He enjoyed letting his vivid and quirky imagination roam as he crafted the witty and outlandish short stories in "Chronicles of Wise Old Chicken."

Tom and Anna's son, David, survived a near-fatal car accident six years ago. On the ride back from David's last follow-up appointment in Nashville, to ease the boredom of the drive, father and son listened to audio tapes of classic fables. They thought the fable endings were unclear and needed improvement. Consequently they began making up their own goofy stories and laughed for the rest of the ride.

Tom continued making up the tales over the next weeks and soon the Wise Old Chicken's character came alive. Readers will wince and smirk at the rooster's cantankerous or kindly spirit as he pops in and out of various situations in the stories of "Chronicles of Wise Old Chicken."