



G. F. Smith Bio-bullets

- My dad was born on the 4th of July; he was a factory worker most of his life
- I almost choked to death when I was around 8 years old, from swollen glands due to some viral thing
- I went to country schools and city schools; I was the “city-slicker” and the “country-bumpkin,” so understandably I was alone a lot
- I loved climbing trees, riding and doing stunts on bikes and mini-bikes, and I had a lot of dogs and cats around while growing up
- My Grandfather died the day after my 12th birthday
- My mom was a stay-at-home mother until a divorce—I was fourteen, and basically on my own from then on
- I had my own apartment and worked full time at seventeen
- Hitch-hiked around the country—*twice*—back in the late seventies
- Lost everything I had in a flood once
- Became insatiably curious about life and the reason behind it all
- Found God, Science, the Big Universe—and Purpose
- Married at twenty-three
- Had a Protestant wedding in a Catholic Church

- We're still married—33 years to date
- My wedding day was the last time I had a full shave for about 19 years, that is until I burned the beard off when a carburetor backfired in my face; fortunately my youngest son was behind me at the time; I looked around the raised hood at my wife hanging out the window of the van; she went into hysterical laughter
- We have four children, born in: '82, '84, '86, and '91 respectively
- We have 5 grand children to date—3 boys and 2 girls
- We have several awesome daughter and son in-laws (they're our kids too, and we love them all to death)
- I've lived in the wooded hills of southern Indiana most of my life
- My father died of liver cancer
- I've picked up snakes, bats, catfish, horned owls, blue herons, and mice with my hands, and have had leeches on me
- I like to fish, and have hunted a few times: rabbit, deer; not too into hunting...pretty messy; I am carnivorous though
- I took down a deer once—with a 300 caliber Chevy Chevette
- I've hit 3 deer total while driving, and had one deer hit me (not all at the same time)
- Seen a wild turkey take flight and chase a hawk through the woods—courageously protecting its young, I assumed
- We've had wild turkey, deer, beaver, coyote, and other assorted animals grace our property and pond over the years
- I've played guitar since I was very young—sang and performed at 3 different weddings, and a few concerts with several hundred people in attendance; I've also written a few original pieces
- I've sang Karaoke in a true Karaoke Bar, in Japan
- Been a trade carpenter, woodworker, mason, dry-waller, painter, minor electrician and plumber for a living
- Built a Gazebo, a Boat Dock, a Grotto, a Church (the one we were married in), several Log Cabins, numerous houses, additions, commercial buildings, along with assorted cabinets, doors, and various other woodworking projects
- I've had construction projects that I've worked on appear in two Hollywood movies

- I've cut several very large trees down with chainsaws—only one came close to falling on a house, minus the branches that broke one of our picture windows that one time
- I've been a laborer, salesman, contractor, draftsman, CNC operator, supervisor, manager, six sigma greenbelt, website designer, publisher, and writer
- I started college when I was 39 years old; graduated with a BSM degree in business—magna cum laude
- I've given presentations to CEO's of major corporations, and trained hundreds on Continuous Improvement, Kaizen, and Safety
- Had a few minor car and motorcycle wrecks
- Broke collar bones, twice—once because I ran straight into a block wall; the other I went over the handle bars of my dirt bike
- Cut myself myriad times; once with a circular saw
- Had a few close friends die at early ages—health, and accidents
- Been Spelunking dozens of times
- Also been lost for a short time in a cave while Spelunking—I was terrified
- Had to squeeze through passages that required me to exhale all the way just to fit
- Known people who've died while Spelunking
- I've hiked and camped in the Rocky Mountains, and the Smokies
- Nearly drove a car off a thousand-foot cliff in the Rocky Mountains while driving on snow covered back roads once
- I've snorkeled off the coast of Miami, FL; seen fish bigger than me; set personal swimming speed record getting back to shore
- Driven cars and motorcycles in excess of over 120 mph
- Jumped out of various airplanes - 28 times
- Hung on the wings of airplanes while they were flying
- Landed parachutes standing up - 27 times
- Had one accidental low-opening parachute experience while freefalling—learned to pay greater attention from then on
- Knew a guy who died while Skydiving
- I've never landed in a small airplane before

- I've hung out with the wild ponies on Assateague Island, MD.
- Been on very high zip-lines and cable rides
- Experienced numerous Roller Coasters, several of which nearly made me pee myself—loved them all
- I've shot numerous high-powered weapons and made tennis ball cannons
- Was with a friend, in my Mom's car, when he accidentally shot himself in the leg with his dad's borrowed .22—yes, road signs were involved (I was 16)
- Been in the middle of a large fireworks mortar that accidentally went off on the ground once—no one was injured, but we all felt like we were inside some 1960's Star Trek alien space creature; or maybe it was just the alcohol (no, I was in my 30's that time)
- Stood in a tee box while a guy got a hole-in-one on the hole behind me; the guy I was out there with witnessed it
- Been to a few other countries: Germany, Japan, Mexico, and Canada
- Been to NASA's Kennedy Space Center, FL.—absolutely loved every minute of it
- I've been following the Hubble Space Telescope, the Space Shuttles, the Mars missions, and the ISS since their inception
- I was never in the service, but I have the utmost respect for those who are, and have been—my father was a medic in the Korean War at the DMZ—my heartfelt thanks to you all!
- My mother had Alzheimer's and died on my birthday
- All the above has, and continues, to inspire me to think, to write, to live, and to trust God that life has its reasons
- I just wish I could grill food without burning it—I choose to keep trying

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