



Tom's Message Board



Pun Intended

While chatting with one of my staff, Debbie, to come up with some fun tweets for the Paw Print twitter page, www.twitter.com/pawprintmail, she introduced me to the world of *Tom Swifties*, or *Tom Swifty's* as some people spell it. Those punny little *wellerisms* that are fun and mildly thought provoking. Digging deeper, I found that there's quite a society out there that create, collect, and publish Tom Swifty's. The origin of these puns come from Tom Swift himself, the central character in over 100 volumes of juvenile science fiction and adventure novels that emphasize science, invention, and technology. First appearing in 1910, Tom Swift is the consummate inventor whose exploits are treated as admirable and even heroic. Fun, fantasy, and adventure... Tom Swift did it all.

Tom Swift's legacy continues with a sampling of the following Swifties to add a little levity to your day!

- "I have a split personality," said Tom, being frank.
- "I love hot dogs," said Tom with relish.
- "I've only enough carpet for the hall and landing," said Tom with a blank stare.
- "Pass me the shellfish," said Tom crabbily.
- "That's the last time I'll stick my hand in a lion's mouth," the lion-tamer said off-handedly.
- "I might as well be dead," Tom croaked.
- "I've had my left and right ventricles removed," Tom said half-heartedly.
- "I hate milking cows," Tom uttered.
- "I took out the trash," Tom said literally.
- "You're burning the candle at both ends," Tom said wickedly.
- "I hope I can still play the guitar," Tom fretted.
- "My tongue feels numb," Tom said distastefully.
- "My grape juice has fermented," Tom whined.
- "Don't try to pull the wool over my eyes," Tom said sheepishly.
- "Thanks for shredding the cheese," Tom said gratefully.
- "You can't go faster than the speed of sound," Tom said mockingly.
- "I'm as busy as a bee," Tom droned.
- "Those ants will never get in here," Tom said defiantly.
- "Why do you want me to act like Gilda Radner's husband?" Tom asked bewilderingly.
- "Someone stole my wheels," Tom said tirelessly.

And my personal favorite: *"It all comes back to me now," said the Captain as he spat into the wind.*

Tom Brassard
President