

## **Bob Thompson Introduction**

Bob Thompson is an author, storyteller, handyman, dome builder and time / space explorer. He has been a storyteller for 30+ years. He was born on the banks of the Ohio River at Paducah, Kentucky. As a child he spent many hours on the front porch of my grandmother's country grocery store in Western Kentucky. He got to listen to the "regulars" swap stories and spin yarns. His grandfather told stories on the front porch in the summertime and around the pot-belly stove in the wintertime. These things cemented his passion for storytelling.

He has written two books, "Hitchhiker, Stories from the Kentucky Homefront", published in 2017 and "Stitched Together, Stories from a Kentucky Life", published in 2019. Both of his books were published by the University Press of Kentucky.

Colonel Bob, is the self-appointed "Commissioner of Kentucky Front Porches", and for 15 years has been the "Resident Front-Porch Philosopher", on the "Kentucky Homefront" WFPK Radio Show. He has been the producing director for the Corn Island Storytelling Festival. He is the Chairman of the International Order of EARS, which is a membership organization, whose purpose, according to the by-laws, "shall be to support and encourage the preservation and perpetuation of the age-old art of storytelling, to provide for the preservation and perpetuation of stories, tall tales, legends and yarns that might otherwise fall into oblivion."