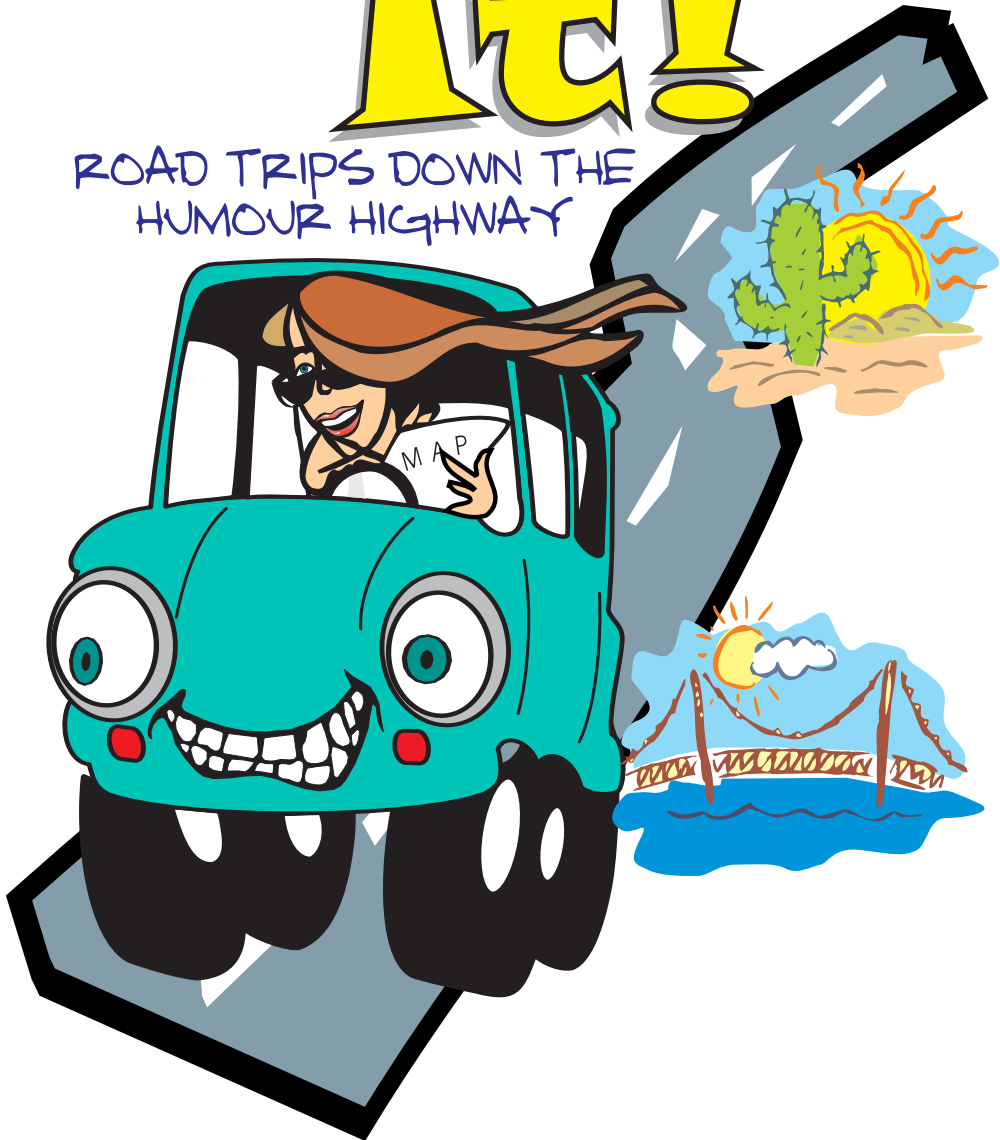


# Floor It!

ROAD TRIPS DOWN THE  
HUMOUR HIGHWAY



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"Flip Side to Music would like to announce a new member joining our staff! Shelly Ryan will be sharing with all our readers her hilarious comedy as we journey down the HUMOR HIGHWAY with her each month!" – Tracy Lewis, Flip Side to Music (Apr. 15, 2009)

## The Journey Begins

As a result of deciding on a name and 'theme' for this adventure, I'm sharing this travel blog: *A REAL Road Trip (originally written by Shelly Ryan Wednesday, September 19, 2007)*

It's no coincidence the title of my blog on MySpace is "A Road Trip into Shelly's Mind". I guarantee if you were ever a passenger in my mid-sized SUV a trip on a REAL road would be every bit as much of an adventure. Guess it's funky travel karma.

Last weekend's journey to the Festival for Change was different. Most of my longer trips have been to various locations in the Southeastern US when my son played travel ice hockey. My daughter asked me if I was going to be bored on the 6 hour (thanks to MapQuest it was more like an 8 hour drive. Don't get me wrong, I adore my son and his friends, but after a few hours in a vehicle...

# About the Author

*Once upon a time there was a little girl who loved to make people laugh...*



Michele Wendling (Shelly) Ryan was born in the kingdom of Minneapolis. After being enlightened by great literature (okay, storybook tales), she developed a vivid imagination. Being an only child this trait was useful, although her parents never determined how many imaginary siblings Shelly had.

Children eventually have to decide what they want to be when they grow up. Not easy when your role models give conflicting messages. Could a happy medium exist between innocent fairy tale princess and buxom fashion model? Shelly thought this incongruity was funny!

By high school Shelly realized a sense of humor was more than entertaining; it was therapeutic! This marching band nerd (who stayed home cleaning the fireplace waiting for Prince Charming to show up) spent her weekends laughing with Saturday Night Live, especially Gilda Radner.

Inspired by great sketch comedy, Shelly began her adventure in 2004 by joining other writers at SketchWorks, where two of her scripts were produced in a showcase. She also co-wrote a piece that appeared as the closing act in one of their main stage performances.

After graduating from Funny Farm University in 2005, Shelly's appeared at several Atlanta comedy clubs and has emceed for a variety of events. Her closest brush with fame was Nickelodeon at Nite's "Funniest Mom Contest." But don't let the mild-mannered, middle-aged mom persona fool you!

Shelly's comedy has been enjoyed world-wide on live streaming radio. In addition to numerous guest appearances and co-hosting gigs, she produced a virtual comedy cabaret and hosted her own variety talk show. She regularly observes the absurdities of life and is a prolific blogger.

She's a regular contributor to the e-zine Flip Side to Music with her monthly Humor Highway column and audio commentaries. Shelly's joined other artists at the Feel Teal Club, promoting awareness for ovarian cancer by adding her gift of laughter and a very personal tribute to the late Gilda Radner.

Shelly considers herself to be a late bloomer rapidly making up for lost time. Her mission: to make the world a better place by spreading the universal language of laughter. She shares her own fairy tale in her CD "Shelly's Nursery Rhymes: The REST of the Story..."

*...and everyone laughed happily ever after!*



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# The Rumors are True!

“Shelly Ryan is of the people and for the people! All she ever wanted to do was to make people laugh and that she has done over and over again. Her well of comedy has never run dry and we all know that the laughs that come from her comedy can be a healing thing, so in her own way Shelly has discovered the fountain of youth. It is laughter that will keep us all smiling and smiles are the best medicine ever.”

- Gary Steffins, *Tunestuff Records, LLC*

"You're definitely a born-comedian my dear, keep making us laugh & remembering dear 'Gilda'...cheers!"

- Debbie Stevens, *Feel Teal Club*

"The story lines allowed me to eavesdrop into moments of her life... I also loved it because it was like a conversation with a friend; reminiscing about life, funny moments and crazy times. It is easier to enjoy comedy when you can feel it!"

- Louis Brown

"Shelly takes all those world shattering or 'I can never show my face again' moments of our youth and shows how truly hilarious they were!"

- Margie Fortune Saulnier

"Here she is ladies and gentlemen your own personal laugh-a-thon!"

- Debbie Ramsey, *author*

You have me crying, I'm laughing so hard, Shelly!! Thanks for bringing so much light and laughter into my life!

- Martha Ann Brooks, *singer/songwriter*

“If you love old school American comedy, Shelly Ryan's style of humor is definitely for you. There's just not enough of it around these days. So if you need a good hearty belly laugh, take a ride on Shelly's humor highway. You won't regret it!!”

- Sherri Turner Stone, *author*



### **Michele (Shelly) Wendling Ryan**

is a late bloomer making up for lost time. She's finally going global with sharing the greatest gift God gave her...her sense of humor. Laughter is truly therapeutic, and her mission is to help YOU lead a happier, healthier life.

On the two year anniversary of road trips, the Humor Highway came full circle...and she's STILL not lost! Since May 2009, her monthly columns at Flip Side to Music have served as a GPS to laughter. This e-zine is a proud supporter of the **Feel Teal Club/Titans of Teal campaign**, and it is through this connection that she likewise is honored to share the gift of humor with ALL her 'sisters' for such a vital cause!

Fasten your seatbelts and get ready to "Floor It!" This book, **a portion of the proceeds of which will be donated to Ovarian cancer organizations worldwide**, is hitting the highway and make a healing difference with what has come to be known as Comedylove.

This collection of columns includes a fun bonus: **a writing prompt at the end of every chapter with journal entry pages** so readers can reflect upon and capture their own personal journeys from life's road trips!

*As you listen to the humour served up by Shelly Ryan, be prepared for more than you had ever expected, for you are not only sharing the laughs, but also the journey! From her side-splitting interpretations on "life", to the hilarious spin on our childhood Nursery Rhymes, Shelly Ryan will take you on the trip of a lifetime, meeting different characters along the way...sharing all the moments that make us laugh, while laughing at life! Shelly has traveled many roads and has taken her comedy along for the ride...to familiar places and those unknown destinations, always a story left to be told! ~Deb Stevens, Titan's Trip (Feel Teal Club News May 2011)*