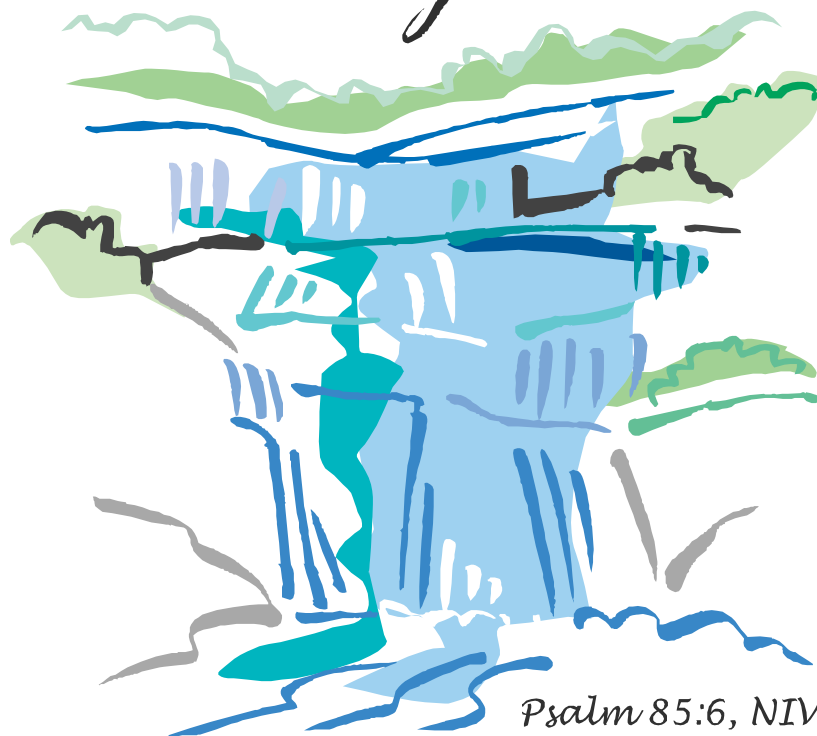


# Independent Assemblies

## July 2008 Newsletter

*Will you not revive  
us again,  
that your people  
may rejoice  
in you?*



*Psalm 85:6, NIV*

Churches brought together by God's Love and our common beliefs.

Whereas our Lord Jesus has said, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature," we, the members and churches of the Independent Assemblies, do associate ourselves together, and pledge ourselves to fulfill this command by giving ourselves to the service of our Lord through the operation of the Spirit, and submitting to His direction, we shall minister the "Good News" of Christ through every avenue made available unto us by God. And our lives shall be spent in this purpose and Holy calling that our Lord may be glorified on that Day that He shall gather His people unto Himself.

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## ***2008 Interstate Meetings & Events***

**July 14-16 - I. A. MINISTERS CONFERENCE**  
Bricktown Hotel, Oklahoma City, OK

**August 11- FAITH COMMUNITY CHURCH - Whitefield, OK**  
918/967-2554 - Pastor, Rev. Bill Fitzer

**September 8 - CAPITOL HILL FULL GOSPEL --Moore, OK**  
405/793-7727 --Pastor, Rev. Jim Robertson,

**September 11 & 12 - IA Golf Scramble**  
Purcell, OK - Call Ken 405/527-6030

**October 13-15 FALL MISSIONS CONFERENCE - THE TABERNACLE**  
Blackwell, OK 580/363-2734 or 363-4210 - Pastor, Dr. Robert Johnson

**November 3- CYRIL FULL GOSPEL CHURCH, Cyril, OK**  
580/383-6675 - Pastor, Rev. Donnie Miller

**November 10-12 - AVANT HOUSE OF PRAYER - Avant, OK**  
918/263-2955 - Pastor, Rev. M.E. Anthony, Jr.

**December 8 - MENDING HEARTS CHURCH**  
Newalla OK - 405-386-4351 - Pastor, Rev. David Tompkins

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*Aug 18 - New Life Ministries, 101 S. Main St., - Red Oak, TX 972-617-1135 - Pastor Mark Lowrey*

*Sept. 23 - Unassigned*

*Oct 20 - Abundant Harvest, 1008 Mill Run - Road, Athens, TX  
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*Nov 17 - Yearly Pastors Planning Meeting*

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## ***August 2008 Interstate Meeting***

***Faith Community Church***, Whitefield, Oklahoma, will host the August I.A. Interstate Fellowship Meeting on Monday, August 11th. ***Pastors Bill and Mary Fitzer*** invites everyone to attend this great time of ministry and fellowship. **Note:** (*Pastor Bill Fitzer is recovering from a triple by-pass surgery and still desires your prayers for 100% recovery.*)

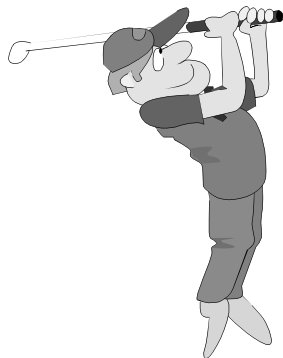
The afternoon speakers will be announced later. The guest speaker for the 7 pm service will be ***Mark Shell***.

A complimentary meal will be served at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Pastors Bill & Mary Fitzer and their congregation are excited about hosting the Interstate Fellowship meeting again this year. Their heart's desire is to bless you, making it possible for you to attend. Therefore, arrangements have been made to accommodate ministers for an overnight stay (Monday night) at the Twin Lakes Motel in Stigler for \$25 per room. Faith Community Church will pay the balance. The motel is located about 8 miles from the church. It offers a weight room, pool, and continental breakfast. Call the motel at 918-967-3700 to make your reservations. Be sure to tell the motel you are attending the IA Fellowship Meeting at Faith Community Church.

Faith Community Church is located in 1-1/2 miles West of Whitefield on Highway 9 between the towns of Stigler and Eufaula. From I-40 at the Warner exit, go south on Highway 2 about 17 miles to Whitefield and turn right at the stop sign. If you are coming through Eufaula, follow Highway 9 for approx. 22 miles to the church. For additional information you may phone the church at 918-967-2554.

***Deliverance Temple International and Family Worship Center*** invites you to their upcoming Annual Conference 2008, which will be held Sunday, September 21 through Wednesday the 24th. in Elgin, Texas. They are expecting this year to be a directional and confirming time for each person who attends. Each year they have a season of fasting and prayer for the direction and purpose that the Lord has for each conference. Come experience

the baptism of His presence. Please make plans to attend. You can reach their office at (512) 281-5146 for more information. P.O. Box 862 Elgin, Texas 78621. Online registration available at [www.FWCElgin.com](http://www.FWCElgin.com)



## 2008 2-man Golf Scramble

The Golf Scramble was rescheduled for September 11 & 12, 2008. We are now taking registrations. Contact Ken Anderson for complete information. Please let him know if you are planning to come so we can complete our plans for this exciting event. If you are a golfer interested in email updates, send me your email address at [kda@valornet.com](mailto:kda@valornet.com)

## ANOREXIA NERVOSA

by Pastor Iris D. Smith

*"Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies..." (Psalm 23:5).*

Natural "Anorexia Nervosa" is an aversion to natural food syndrome. In another sense, spiritual Anorexia Nervosa is an aversion to spiritual food.

Solomon's Song declares that we are brought to God's banqueting house where the banner reads, "LOVE" (Ca. 2:4). It is in God's house that we praise and worship and feast on His Holy Word. It is here that our spirits and souls grow fat and strong with the "milk" and "meat" of the Word.

Yet, there are some in the family of God that never seem to grow. These are the ones who wonder why such hard trials and temptations consistently plague them. Invariably, spiritual battles overwhelm them. Unfortunately, God is blamed for their misfortunes and unanswered prayers.

Why does this happen? Is it because these Christians come to God's banqueting table only to "pick" at their food? Could it be that these are those who are uncommitted to regular church attendance? Is there any unfaithfulness toward tithing and the "cheerful" giving of offerings? Are these the folk who draw back from praise and entering His gates with thanksgiving? Could these be among those who nod or yawn (sometimes with indifference) during the preaching time, occasionally glancing at their watch, wishing it were all over? I mean, are Bibles seldom brought to the feast, much less opened? Do they arrive late and leave early? Is prayer left to the minister?

God provides an abundance but there are those who allow it to simply lay within the church building. Nothing is taken into their spirit and soul. No doggie bags are taken home. They go through

the motions of eating, but leave as hungry as they came. What little nourishment received, is usually "purged" by a carnal mind. Sometimes appetites are whetted, but only by puffy, whipped up deserts. Ahhh! To binge on revival but immediately "purge" when the evangelist moves on.

No matter! We must pray for these poor, anemic, undernourished brothers and sisters. We must pray that they will once again become hungry for God's love and fellowship. Then families will stay together; churches will grow; and America will be strong again.

*"Then he did continually eat at the King's table" (II Samuel 9:13).*

*Pastor Iris and her husband, John shepherd the Sanctuary Church in Lexington, OK*

*Satan trembles when he sees  
The weakest saint upon his knees;  
The hosts of hell can that one rout,  
Who meets him with a praiseful shout!*



**David W Binford  
Plumline Ministries**

## Ministry Highlights

David Binford and his wife Dawn have been married for 15 years (July 24, 2008) and they have 5 children ranging in age from 7 to 19. For the past 7 years they have attend Refiners Fire Ministries Intl., in Ennis, Texas where David serves his Pastor, Cord Blankenship, in whatever ways needed. Some of those ways have been as an Assoc. Youth Pastor (Crossforce Assembly), Youth Leader, a Junior High Sunday School Teacher, a Sound Technician (which he still does from time to time as the need arises), an alternate bass player and currently as a vocalist on the Praise & Worship Team.

David has been a licensed minister with the IA since 2001 and serves as a corporate trainer and recruiter for an international energy brokerage firm. He has helped in the mission/outreach field with Pastor Dick Davis of Lordsburg, NM. for the Lord's Living Water Lighthouse Community Outreach in 2007. David has worked with his friend Pastor Jimmy Ybarbo of Fishers of Men Ministries of Dallas with outreaches to the homeless community in downtown Dallas, both preached and taught Sunday School for Pastor Charles Ellis of The Plentiful House of Harvest in Plano, TX., along with speaking at various youth rallies and churches, as well as lead Praise & Worship in different venues ranging from small home groups, outreaches, to large corporate meetings.

David is a board member of Common Ground Ministries in Waxahachie, Texas, a ministry that reaches out to it's surrounding community by offering after school and summer programs to the neighborhood children; giving them a positive place to go, a place to get help on school work, develop positive character traits, and most importantly learn to build a lasting relationship with Jesus. He also serves as a member of Clergy with the Ellis County Detention Center in Waxahachie, Texas where he helps serve the chaplaincy with Praise & Worship, and by teaching/training, and preaching an encouraging, inspiring Word of God to lift up fellow believers.

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***“No arsenal, no weapon in the arsenals of the world, is so formidable as the will and moral courage of free men and women.” -- Ronald Reagan***

## *What is True Revival ?*

**Editor's note:** Mickey Keith, our president of I.A., felt that the following article taken from an article by Rev. George O. Wood, should be read by all our members and recipients of our newsletter. I agree, as this is about the best I have ever seen on the subject. Please take time to read it and let it become a part of your understanding of the times we are living in.

*1 Thessalonians 5:19-22 NIV “ Do not put out the Spirit's fire; do not treat prophecies with contempt. Test everything. Hold on to the good. Avoid every kind of evil.”*

First, the church should above all be committed to the inspiration of Scripture, for the Bible provides the assessment tools needed for evaluating doctrine and experience. We should also be deeply hungry for the continued filling and empowerment of the Holy Spirit.

Rev. Thomas F. Zimmerman once compared the Holy Spirit to a mighty river, and the Scriptures to the banks of that river. He said that great harm occurs when the river overruns the banks, but that the river does great good when it stays within the banks.

It is good for us to look at the safeguards the Bible provides in helping us "test everything." Here are the questions we should always ask concerning revivals.

**1. Is Jesus Christ exalted?** The purpose of the Holy Spirit is to testify about Christ; and to convict the world of sin, righteousness, and the judgment to come (John 15:26, 16:8). To the Corinthian church that had become overly enamored with charismatic manifestations, the Apostle Paul reminded them that "**I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and him crucified**". **1 Corinthians 2:2 NIV**

The focus for any lasting revival always must be on Jesus. The Holy Spirit has not come to glorify Himself, or any human or angelic personality.

**2. Is the Word of God proclaimed?** Every revival with lasting effect has always been rooted in the preaching of God's Word. This is in keeping with the spread of the Gospel in the early Church as recorded in Acts.

• Following the first persecution, they "**spoke the word of God boldly**" **Acts 4:31 NIV**

• Following the second persecution and flogging, "**day after day, in the temple courts and from house to house, they never stopped preaching and proclaiming the good news that Jesus is the Christ**" **Acts 5:42 NIV**

• After the selection of deacons, "**the word of God spread**" **Acts 6:7 NIV**

• Resulting from Saul's persecution of the church, "**those who had been scattered preached the word wherever they went**". **Acts 8:4 NIV**

• Samaria "accepted the word of God" (8:14).

• The Gentiles of Cornelius' household "**received the word of God**" **Acts 11:1 NIV**

• Paul and Barnabas preached "**the word of God**" on their first missionary journey and "**the word of God spread through the whole region**" **Acts 13:46, 49 NIV**

• Before departing for their second missionary journey, Paul and Barnabas and many others "**taught and preached the word of the Lord**" at Antioch. **Acts 15:35 NIV**



- The Holy Spirit kept Paul and Barnabas from "***preaching the word in the province of Asia***" **Acts 16:6 NIV**
- The Bereans "***received the message with great eagerness and examined the Scriptures every day to see if what Paul said was true***". **Acts 17:11 NIV**; Paul "***was preaching the word of God at Berea***". **Acts 17:13 NIV**
- At Corinth, "***Paul stayed for a year and a half, teaching them the word of God***". **Acts 18:11 NIV**
- Through Paul's ministry at Ephesus, "***all the Jews and Greeks who lived in the province of Asia heard the word of the Lord***". **Acts 19:10 NIV**
- Paul's farewell words to the Ephesians elders are: "***For I have not hesitated to proclaim to you the whole will of God***". **Acts 20:27**

It is clear from the above references that great focus was given in the early Church to the preaching of the Word, sometimes also identified as 'proclaiming the Gospel'. This is consistent with the first commitment of the early Church following the day of Pentecost - "***they devoted themselves to the apostles' doctrine . . .***"**Acts 2:42 NIV**

So we see that a doctrinal test for any revival is whether the content of the preaching is the same as Jesus and the apostles. **The Word of God stands over personal viewpoints**. Any Biblical revival must "***contend for the faith that was once for all entrusted to the saints***". **Jude 3 NIV**

If so-called truth is being proclaimed that cannot be found in Scripture, then that proclamation violates the specific announcement of Scripture that the faith "was once for all entrusted".

Such a proclamation also deviates from the apostles' fidelity to preach the Word, and from the early Church's devotion to the apostles' doctrine.

The Azusa Revival (1906-1909) unabashedly proclaimed that the sure plumb line of truth was God's revealed and written Word. William Seymour and others were criticized sharply for their insistence on "*checking everything out with the Word.*" But, they were unashamed. In fact, Seymour responded to these criticisms in the September, 1907, issue of The Apostolic Faith.

*"We are measuring everything by the Word; every experience must measure up with the Bible. Some say that is going too far, but if we have lived too close to the Word, we will settle that with the Lord when we meet Him in the air.*

**Miraculous manifestations are never the test of a true revival - fidelity to God's Word is the test.** Jesus Himself said there would be many who would do miracles in His name and even cast out demons, but He does not know them (**Matthew 7:15-23**). Jesus warned that "many false prophets will appear and deceive many people" (**Matthew 24:11**). Paul warns, "If anyone teaches false doctrines and does not agree to

the sound instruction of our Lord Jesus Christ and to godly teaching, he is conceited and understands nothing" (**1 Timothy 6:3**).

To the Galatians, Paul writes: "**But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach a gospel other than the one we preached to you, let him be eternally condemned.**" **Galatians 1:8 NIV**

Paul also warns us: "**Do not let anyone who delights in false humility and the worship of angels disqualify you for the prize. Such a person goes into great detail about what he has seen, and his unspiritual mind puffs him up with idle notions. He has lost connections with the Head, from whom the whole body, supported and held together by its ligaments and sinews, grows as God causes it to grow.**" **Colossians 2:18-19 NIV**

Peter warns us that "**there will be false teachers among you. They will secretly introduce destructive heresies . . . Many will follow their shameful ways and will bring the way of truth into disrepute. In their greed these teachers will exploit you with stories they have made up.**" **2 Peter 2:1-3 NIV**

In summary, the message must always be examined. If the message and the messenger line up with God's Word, then the revival is on safe Biblical ground and it should and must be embraced. If not, then even though miracles and manifestations occur, it should be avoided.

This raises the question of how healings and miracles can occur if the message and/or messenger are not consistent with Scripture. *The attribution for the healings and miracles is the grace of God and his mercy for hurting people.*

**3. Are persons repenting of sin and being baptized in water and the Holy Spirit?** Repentance has been called the first word of the Gospel because it is the initial response called for by John the Baptist (Matthew 3:2), Jesus (Matthew 4:17), the Twelve (Mark 6:12), Jesus after His resurrection (Luke 24:47), Peter (Acts 2:36), and Paul (Acts 26:20). With repentance comes baptism in water and the overwhelming or baptism in the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:38-39).

Unless these initiatory events of the Christian life occur, along with the sanctifying work of the Spirit that leads to a holy life - then the miracles, crowds, and enthusiasm will quickly wane.

Of course, there are additional questions that can be raised, but my purpose is to give some starter reflections for those who have honest hearts to "test all things" as Paul admonished. If the above three questions cannot be answered with a resounding yes, then perhaps other questions are unnecessary.

The modern Pentecostal revival is now over 100 years old. Within that revival, there have been some significant centers of

activity. For example, the Azusa Street Revival generated a missionary movement whose effects we still see today. The Charismatic Renewal brought refreshing both to Pentecostal and non-Pentecostal believers. However, there have also been some tornadoes that have brought destruction. In other words - there have been good winds and ill winds.

It is our responsibility to maintain a deep hunger for God and to keep our focus on the mission He has given us: **To bring glory to God, to evangelize the lost, and to make disciples.** We cannot do this on our own. We need the empowerment of the Holy Spirit along with the signs that follow those who believe.

Someone has said that revivals are like child birth. They are messy, but you like the final result.

Certainly, every revival has been marked by some elements that would be regarded as extreme. Dr. J. Edwin Orr, who studied and wrote more on the history of revivals than any one else in Christian history, once said that, *Revivals are like a cabin on the Maine coast that has been shuttered up for the winter. When the winds begin to blow, the first thing that begins to make noise is all the loose hinges and shutters.* “

And, that may well be the case - so we must be cautious at the initial onset of a revival to let some "loose hinges and shutters" have their freedom - but, ultimately, if the revival is to have enduring fruitfulness, it must be pastored carefully with doctrinal soundness, moral and financial accountability, and care to give publicity to Christ rather than to the revival.

The Azusa Street revival had such enduring fruitfulness precisely because the three questions raised above can be well answered - both then and now: **Christ was exalted, the Word of God was the plumb line, and people responded to the Gospel with repentance, and baptism in water and in the Spirit.** And, like the early Church, they were full of the Holy Spirit and went everywhere to share the Good News!

Let us keep the prayer of **Habakkuk 3:2** in our hearts and on our lips:

*LORD, I have heard of your fame;  
I stand in awe of your deeds,  
O LORD. Renew them in our day,  
In our time make them known.*

***W.B. GODBEY - Godbey's Commentary on 1 Cor. 12:28  
And God hath set some in the church, first apostles,  
secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that  
miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, governments,  
diversities of tongues.***

**Helps:** Oh, the infinite value of the humble gospel helpers. Thousands of people who have no gifts as leaders are number one helpers. How grand revival work moves along when red-hot platoons of fire-baptized helpers crowd around God's heroic leaders of the embattled hosts.

## Fourteen Ways To Kill A Good Church



1. Don't come.
2. If you do come, come late.
3. When you do come, come with a grouch.
4. At every service ask yourself, "What do I get out of this?"
5. Never accept an office, It is better to stay outside and criticize.
6. Visit other churches about half the time to let your pastor know you are not tied to him. There is nothing like independence.
7. Let the pastor earn his money by doing all the work.
8. Sit pretty well back and never sing. If you do sing, sing out of tune and behind everyone else.
9. Never pay in advance. Wait until you get your money's worth, and then wait a bit longer
10. Never encourage the preacher if you like a sermon, keep mum about it. Many a preacher has been ruined by flattery, don't let his blood be on your head.
11. It is good to tell your pastor's, and other members failings to any



stranger that might happen in. They might be a long time in finding out otherwise.

12. Of course, you can't be expected to get new members for the church with such a pastor.
13. If your church unfortunately happens to be harmonious, call it apathy or indifference or anything under the sun except what it is.
14. If there happens to be a few zealous workers in the church,. make a tremendous protest against the church being run by a clique.

## ***“A Merry Heart Doeth Good Like A Medicine”***

### *PROVERBS 17:22*

For a holiday, an Irishman decided to go to Switzerland to fulfill a lifelong dream and climb the Matterhorn. He hired a guide and just as they neared the top, the men were caught in a snow slide. — Three hours later, a Saint Bernard plowed through to them, a keg of brandy tied under his chin. "Hooray!" shouted the guide. "Here comes man's best friend!" — "Yeah," said the Irishman. "An' look at the size of the dog that's bringin' it!"

Three convicts escape from prison. They make it to a nearby town but are confronted by a policeman. — "Hey, aren't you those three escaped convicts?", asked the policeman. — Thinking on his feet the first convict looked around him and said "no, I'm Mark, Mark Spencer." — "The second followed his lead and said "My names is William, W H Smith." — The third said "My name is Ken... Ken Tuckyfriedchicken!"

The aspiring psychiatrists were attending their first class on emotional extremes. "Just to establish some parameters," said the professor to the student from Arkansas, "What is the opposite of joy?" — "Sadness," said the student. — "And the opposite of depression?" he asked of the young lady from Oklahoma. — "Elation," said she. "And you sir," he said to the young man from Texas, "How about the opposite of woe?" — The Texan replied, "Sir, I believe that would be giddy-up."

My therapist told me the way to achieve true inner peace is to finish what I start.

So far today, I have finished two bags of chips and a chocolate cake. I feel better already.

A fellow nurse at my hospital received a call from an anxious woman. "I'm diabetic and I'm afraid I've had too much sugar today," she said.— "Are you light-headed?" my colleague asked.

"No," the caller answered, "I'm a brunette."

Down in the south, there are many churches known as "answer back" churches. When the preacher says something, the congregation naturally replies. — One Sunday, a preacher was speaking on what it would take for the church to become better. He said "If this church is to become better, it must take up it's bed, and walk." The congregation said "Let it walk, Preacher, let it walk."— Encouraged by their response, he went further. "If this church is going to become better, it will have to throw aside it's hindrances and run!" The congregation replied, "Let it run, preacher, let it run!" — Now really into his message, he spoke stronger. "If this church really wants to become great, it will have to take up it's wings and fly!" "Let it fly, Preacher, let it fly!"the congregation shouts.— The Preacher gets louder. "If this church is going to fly, it will cost money!"— The congregation replied. "Let it walk, Preacher, let it walk."

One Sunday morning, the pastor noticed little Alex standing in the foyer of the church staring up at a large plaque. It was covered with names with small American flags mounted on either side of it.— The seven year old had been staring at the plaque for some time, so the pastor walked up, stood beside the little boy, and said quietly, "Good morning Alex." "Good morning Pastor," he replied, still focused on the plaque.— "Pastor, what is this?" he asked the pastor. The pastor said, "Well, son, it's a memorial to all the young men and women who died in the service." Soberly, they just stood together, staring at the large plaque.— Finally, little Alex's voice, barely audible and trembling with fear asked..... "Which service, the 9:45 or the 11:15?"

You might be a redneck if you think the last words to "The Star-Spangled Banner" are "Gentlemen, start your engines."

*That's  
All folks !*

