## Sayings used by Cliff Fithian during his career in irrigation:

## **Cliffionary: second edition**

A real barn burner...

- 1. Lots of sales activity.
- 2. A large order.
- 3. Somebody's barn is really on fire.

Choke your motor...

1. Hold your horses.

Hang on to your bootstraps...

1. see "Choke your motor".

I am looking at it on my fancy television...

1. I have it up on my computer screen.

We got him in his cage...

1. He is in his office.

I'll throw him a banana and put you over to him...

1. I will transfer your call to his office. note: Can be used in conjunction with "We got him in his cage..."

First thing in the morning when I get up...

- 1. In the middle of the night for most people.
- 2. Around 3:00 AM.

Keep the shiny side up...

- 1. Be careful driving.
- 2. Don't roll your company car,,, again.



You're clean and green...

- 1. You are good to go.
- 2. There are no phone messages.

We'll put it in a brown paper bag and get it over to you...

1. We will ship it today.

We'll throw it on that dirty brown truck...

1. We will ship it via UPS. note: Can be used in conjunction with "We'll put it in a brown paper bag and get it over to you..."

We'll wait right here for ya...

- 1. I ain't going nowhere.
- 2. Go have lunch, I'll stay and answer the phone.

Burn a copy...

1. Make a photocopy.

The Boulevard...

1. The whereabouts of potential orders.

Commin' down the pike...

1. The whereabouts of orders before we get them.

In the Hopper

1. Where orders go after we get them.

Just a tink...

- 1. Less than a little bit.
- 2. The sound of his contribution to the donut fund.

You're gonna be suckin' pond water...

You are in trouble.
note: Can be used even in drought conditions
when you have no water in your pond.

You're a gentleman and a scholar only exceeded by your good looks...

- 1. It has been nice talking to you, but I have to get off the line now.
- 2. You're not only stupid, you're ugly (when used sarcastically).

Uncle Sam's Canoe Club...

- 1. U.S. Navy.
- 2. The cruise Cliff took in his early 20's.

Able to sit up and take nourishment...

- 1. Substitute for the word "fine".
- 2. Generally used in response to the question: How are ya?