



BACK TO THE FUTURE



The dining hall as it was with the stage and enclosed

it to its' original configuration where it could be used for meetings and inclement weather activities. This meant removing the wooden stage area, taking down the walls where the screen used to be and striping out the insulation etc. This would also make it more fire resistant.

Bill LaCount of Ash Flat, a member of OKKPA, volunteered to do all of this work for the materials removed. This meant that there would be very little monies used to make the dining hall another very useful restoration project.

As you probably are aware Old Kia Kima acquired the old dining hall and adjacent property. It had been used by the Village Players for their theater productions. In the years since Old Kia Kima closed the dining hall was enclosed and a stage area was built on the west end of the building,

Since the Village Players quit using the building it had deteriorated inside (insulation that had been added was falling down and other problems).

Without any specific needs for an enclosed building, the board of director's deided that the best use of the building was to restore



The dining hall being restored to its' original configuration



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Thunderbird Lodge to be Dedicated as the Official Old Kia Kima Museum

by : David Logan

The original goal of OKKPA was to restore the camp and preserve our heritage. With the exception of the old dining hall, the restoration phase is nearly complete and we are in full swing, into utilization of our wonderful facility and beloved campground.

A major task that remains is the preservation of our heritage. One way we can preserve our past for future generations is to enjoy by displaying memorabilia from by-gone years that tells the story of Old Kia Kima.

At the September 2008 Board of Directors meeting a motion was passed to dedicate the T-Bird Lodge as the official Museum of Old Kia Kima.

The Historical/Heritage Committee comprised of David Logan, David Fleming, Ron Tate, Gene Bradberry, Fred Carney, Jim Bottrell, Mike Bowman, Don Garretson, and Chip Benson, is charged with the collection, preservation and display of artifacts which help tell our story. We have decided to build 6 custom made display cases to be housed on the second floor loft area of the T-Bird Lodge.

After months of planning to determine the style and location of these cases, we have come up with a plan to have 6 cypress and glass cases with locked sliding glass doors.

The initial bids for these cases came in at around \$3,800 each. Thanks to the hard work of Board Member, Buddy Keltner. All of the glass for the cases has been donated. We took bids from several custom cabinet makers and, with the donated glass, the current cost for each case will be \$1,500 for a total need of \$9,000.

Our goal is to have these display cases built and installed by the April Board Meeting. The cabinet maker needs 6 weeks to complete them and we need to raise the needed funds to start the project. We are currently seeking six people or groups of people to sponsor a cabinet and get this project completed. As is usually our custom a small plaque will be placed on each case honoring the donors. This one final task will bring us very close to fulfilling our original OKKPA goals. We are counting on the generosity of our members to complete the dream.

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This type of erosion along The South Fork is now being averted.

Old Kia Kima Steps Up as a Good Neighbor Again



With the help of Stephen O'Neal of the Arkansas Stream Team, the river stabilization project, which was partially funded by the Arkansas State Land Owners Incentive Program Fund has been completed on Old Kia Kima's section of the South Fork river.

The total cost of this project was \$46,600. Old Kia Kima's portion of this was \$11,650. All of the funds have been collected and dispersed.

This is just another example of the members of The Old Kia Kima Preservation Association stepping forward to preserve our revered campsite and being good neighbors to our friends along the South Fork.



Spring 2009 Board Meeting and Work Weekend

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Board members to arrive on Wednesday, April 22, 2009

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**Board of Director's meeting to begin at 9:00 AM, Thursday, April 23, 2009
and run until completed**

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Work days to include all day Friday and Saturday, April 24-25, 2009

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Depart on Sunday, April 26, 2009

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This is an invitation to the girls of Miramichee to attend Old Kia Kima's spring cleanup weekend and fellowship.

There is always a lot of work to be done to get the camp ready for a summer full of campers. Also there is plenty of fun and fellowship to go around.

We hope that all of you Miramichee girls who receive this will attend and bring a friend. There is going to be a special camp dinner on Saturday night straight from the Miamichee cookbook. Maybe we guys can learn the proper way to prepare SMORES.

April 24th to 26th



The other night I sat in on one of our scout's Eagle Board of Review. Since this scout has never missed a camping trip with the troop the District Commissioner asked him which one stood out as the best. Without hesitation the scout said, "The time we went to Old Kia Kima." Then I had to explain to the Commissioner what Old Kia Kima is.

The scout passed.

Thanks for all you have done to provide the best camping experience for a scout on his trail to Eagle.

Jim Bottrell



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Donations, Honorariums, and
Memorials



Endowment Fund Donations

Carl (Herb) Schmid
Frank Simonton
William M. Dixon

Hospital Shades

George Clarke

Rivier Bank Project

Arkansas State Land Owner Fund
Incentive Program

**Honor of the Gooch Family
(Brooks, Bryant & Tyler)**

David Fleming

Memorial to Harry (Chigger) Danciger

Richard D. Phillips

Memorial to Amerigo Cappellari

Richard D. Phillips

Memorial to Miller Huckabee III

Frank Simonton

Memorial to George & Alice Spore

Frank Simonton

Memorial to Doris Huffman

Frank Simonton



**Harry C. "Chigger" Danciger
November 27, 2008**

On November 27, 2008, **Harry C. "Chigger" Danciger** left the earthly bonds to soar the heights among and beyond eagles.

Fond memories and appreciative thoughts about Chigger's earthly presence from a few of his Kia Kima brothers are offered on our Web Site www.oldkiakima.org. They are located under the section "Remember When".

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