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Old Kia Kima Gets Its Camp Vehicle

Another milestone has been passed. At the recent work weekend generous OKK sponsors took the camp vehicle fund over the top. When you arrive for the reunion in September your handsome OKK Taxi will await you.

At the April 2006 board meeting the board approved three new projects.

- Rebuilding the old hospital ruin,
- building a bathroom adjacent to the dining pavilion, and
- acquiring a golf cart size vehicle to move people and material to the more difficult places to reach in the camp.



flashy top, windshield and headlights, too. Most importantly, it has a four-cycle gasoline engine which will meet the challenges of the OKK hills.

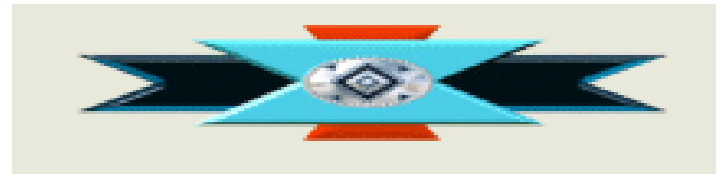
Mason Ezell is in the business of making advertising displays and has committed his company to provide a computer generated OKK Special iron on covering of the quality one sees on TV golf carts dolled up for advertising. Wow, is this thing going to be sexy!

“Hey, Dad, can I have the car keys? I’m going to run into Hardy tonight.”

Thanks to you all!

The fund for the camp vehicle stood at \$670 going into the weekend. President Rick Phillips challenged those present to fulfill the needed \$2100 by the end of the weekend.

We are delighted to announce that the goal was met, and the vehicle has been ordered. It is a late-model EZ-GO® four seater with a fold-down rear seat for carrying cargo as needed. It has a



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Miramichee Memorial Day Weekend at Old Kia Kima



Old Kia Kima Preservation Association is proud to have 14 members of our association who come from the YWCA Camp Miramichee experience. These ladies are rapidly becoming a significant number in our organization, and we're happy to have their financial and spiritual support for the OKK mission and vision.

The Old Kia Kima Membership Committee is constantly in search of new members who share our passion to provide a positive future for today's youth. It is particularly gratifying when we can find new members who share with

us the South Fork experience from OKK, KKSR, Camp Miramichee or Kiwani (GS of the USA.)

The accompanying picture is from Miramichee's 2006 Memorial Day sojourn to OKK. We're happy that they will be back this Memorial Day where once again OKKPA is sponsoring a recruitment drive along with their spring get-together. If you're from Miramichee and reading this, we hope you'll plan to come to OKK on the weekend of May 25-27th. If you're interest Email ademster@oldkiakima.org or call 248-620-8914.



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**Miramichee Memorial Day
Weekend at Old Kia Kima**

May 25 - 27, 2007



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Old Kia Kima Loses a Longtime Friend

OKKPA Honorary Director and long time friend of Scouting, "Sunny" Carson, died on March 31, 2007 in Memphis. Sunny was an avid supporter of Girl Scouting having served many different positions with the Girl Scouts of the USA over the years. Most notably she served on the Kamp Kiwani staff from 1946-1960. She rose to the position of Camp Director. She was a contemporary of Ralph Young and Julia Hall of Old Kia Kima and Camp Miramichiee respectively. All three of these giants in youth development have gone on in the last several years to the great campsite in the sky. Even after retirement Sunny continued to maintain a keen interest and close relationships in the Girl and Boy Scouting organizations. She was elected an Honorary Director of Old Kia Kima Preservation Association in 2002. This is an honor reserved for Scouters with exceptional distinction in their Scouting careers.

The Hardy, AR, Scouting leadership community has always been small and close-knit. Sunny's daughter, Winnie, was the first wife of OKKPA Director, David Fleming. Through the years, Sunny and Pat Moody, another current OKKPA Director remained close friends right up to Sunny's last breath.

Pat tells a beautiful story of arriving as a sheltered seven year old at Kamp Kiwani not fully realizing that her parents intended to leave her at Girl Scout camp for several weeks. Once the family car had disappeared around the bend, the full import of the event fell on young Pat's shoulders. Pat had never been away from home without some family member, and she was bewildered.

It was Sunny Carson, who came to Pat's rescue. A young woman at the time, Sunny took Pat under wing and soothed her and assured her that she would be AOK and have a great time, which she did. Pat never forgot the gentle kindness of Sunny and when they reconnected years later, their friendship was rekindled and burned brightly through the rest of Sunny's life.

In addition to her Scouting activities, Sunny taught in the Memphis City Schools for 35 years where she favorably influenced hundreds of young lives.

Sunny, we miss you.



*The unforgettable Sunny Carson
(middle with two Kiwani friends)*

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