



Integrity Achievement Responsibility Courage

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River Bank Reclamation Project Update:

We've mentioned several times in the Smoke Signal our on-going project to arrest the loss of our riverbank downstream of

the new campfire ring.

The following pictures show just how serious this situation is.

This section of our property is about 400 feet in length and has been experiencing severe "head

cutting" over the years. . In order to address this problem, we've enlisted the help of the Arkansas Game & Fish Stream Team and the Sharp County Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS.)

Federal funding is available through a Wildlife Habitat Incentive Program (**WHIP**) grant, but to qualify, OKK had

to apply for a "farm number" through the Sharp County Farm Service Agency. So not only are we a camp, but also we are

an FSA farm (number 2818). The cost estimate for the restoration and control work is \$40,000 more or less. We qualified for \$25,000 from NRCS and because of the generous support of our

members, only a small deficit remains. If you are looking for a great OKK cause to contribute to BEFORE the end of the 2007 Tax Year, this would be a great one. Send your check to Alan Meierhoefer and mark it "SOS". That stands for "Save our Shoreline."



Boyd Billingsley receives the “Excellence in Leadership” Award

Leadership has been defined as “the ability of an individual to influence, *motivate*, and enable others to contribute toward the effectiveness and success of the organizations of which they are members”

Leadership has been described in numerous ways:

Leadership is the ability of an individual to set goals for others and lead from the front. It is an attitude that influences the environment around us.

Traditional closed groups rely on bloodlines or seniority to select leaders and/or leadership candidates.

Competence or perceived competence provides a possible basis for selecting leadership elite from a broader pool of potential talent. Political lobbying may prove

necessary in electoral systems, but immediately demonstrated skill and character may secure leadership in smaller groups.

Many organizations and groups aim to identify, grow, foster and promote what they see as leadership potential or ability - especially among younger members of society, for example the Scouting movement.

It is my pleasure tonight to present the 2007

Excellence in Leadership Award to a man that I have known for a very long time and whose leadership far surpasses his time and talents at OKK.



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He has been a leader in both OKK and KKSJR.

He has been a leader on the OKK Board of Directors for many years.

His leadership at KKSJR beginning in 1966 influenced many of us here tonight. As a senior Staff member we learned leadership qualities from him that at the time we thought were sometimes harsh but recognized later in our lives were instrumental in our development of leading future Kia Kima staffs and in our business careers.

His Pastors have the utmost respect for him and his wife and call him a “Private man who runs deep”.

He leads several Bible studies each week with young businessmen to help them deal the business world.

As we all know, when he does speak, he speaks with meaning. This is evidenced by his teaching of a Sunday School class for four year olds in the early days of his church. Boyd had one small child that was very difficult to handle. He asked the youngster how old he was; the boy replied that he was 4 years old. Boyd asked the boy pointedly if he wanted to see 5 years old. The boy was never a problem again

He and his wife were two of the seven family founders of Fellowship Church of NW Arkansas founded in 1985 and have a current membership of over 7,000.

He doesn't speak much about his days as a US Navy SEAL but he served two tours in Vietnam and was one of the SEALs that tapped into the Russian Communication lines running under the bay at the Soviet Submarine Base in Murmansk that provided taped recordings of Russian Communications for over 15 years.

It is my extreme pleasure to present to you, my friend and your 2007 “*Excellence in Leadership Award*” winner, Boyd Billingsley.

Presentation Speech given by
Rick Schmid
September 21, 2007

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Old Kia Kima has two new Honorary Directors



One of the highlights of this year's reunion was the inauguration of two new Honorary Directors of Old Kia Kima Preservation Association. At the reunion dinner, President Rick Phillips spoke with great pride of all that had been given to Scouting and to OKK by Fred Carney and Bill Dixon. Here are brief summaries of what have been truly distinguished Scouting careers.

Bill Dixon



Camper, staff member and longtime supporter of Old Kia Kima. Bill began his BSA career at Troop 3 (McLemore United Methodist Church in Memphis.) Upon reaching his 18 birthday, he became ASM of Troop 3. During World War II Bill served three years in the military. Upon his return he became SM of Troop 3, reorganizing it and launching it into a distinguished period where Troop 3 was one of the most successful troops in Chickasaw Council. Bill later was ASM of Troop 43 and Advisor for Post 343. In 1959 he received the Silver Beaver, a national award for excellence in BSA adult leadership. Bill was also very active in promoting and raising funds for the Muscular Dystrophy Association. For this work he was recognized by President George Herbert Walker Bush as one of 100 Memphians who had done the most for the city. He is a Vigil Honor Member of the Order of the Arrow.

Frederick T. Carney

Scouter. Sailor, Lawyer. Has spent a lifetime in Scouting, now in 78 year as a registered BSA member. Among his accomplishments: Eagle Scout with Silver Palms; a Quartermaster Sea Scout, earned the Explorer Silver Award. His adult service includes: Scoutmaster 26 years; Sea Scout Skipper 6 years; Council Training Chairman 8 years; Council Advancement Chairman 2 years; Council Camping Committ 20+ Years, District Program Chairman 3 years, Vice President Program 2 years, Unit/Assistant District Commissioner 14 years; Assistant Council Commissioner 5 years

National Council Representative 14 years; member-at-large 4 years; Council Executive Board 14 years (Birmingham, AL) and 29 years in Chickasaw Council. Fred is a recipient of the Silver Beaver and the Silver Antelope Awards



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Pictured from left to right, hold plaques honoring the Doctors and Staff Medics who served in the hospital from 1948 until 1963, are Ron Tate, Fred Carnie, Cohen Oswald, Marvin Richardson, Bill Dixon and Lofton "Buddy" Keltner

OLD KIA KIMA HOSPITAL IS RESTORED

This is inscribed on a plaque located in the Old Kia Kima Hospital honoring the camp medics who served from 1948 until 1963.

It was written by one of those medics:
LeRoy "Roy" Riddick

This restored hospital building once served as: a first aid station for those who fell on rocks, got swimmers' ear, or had seed ticks up to their knees; a physical examination clinic for new campers arriving on Sunday; an infirmary for those needing bed rest; and as first-come-first-serve solar-heated-water shower for the staff members headed for down-river social activities.

The staff person assigned to the hospital had several duties, which could best be termed a first aid provider (modern paramedic) and camp health officer. As the camp medic they cleaned out knee lacerations filled with gravel, swabbed the ear canals with gentian violet, extricated ticks and dispensed calamine lotion by the pint. They also served as the counselor for the First Aid Merit Badge. As the camp health officer they inspected the cabins and camp sites for general cleanliness and order, inspected and cleaned the seats of the latrines, and took water samples from the wells for bacteriological studies by the Arkansas Health Department.

OKKPA "Book Review"

We'd like to call your attention to a great, but underutilized (under visited) section of our website at: <http://www.oldkiakima.org> - **OKKPA Section "Remember When"**. If you are looking at the electronic version of Smoke Signal you can click on this link and go directly to "Remember When".

This nostalgic collection of short stories contributed by fellow OKKPA members is bound to keep you entertained as you read the adventures of people you know during their days on the South Fork. There are new submissions under "Remem-

ber when" from Dave Fleming and Don Garretson. Check them out!

Here's a sample From Don Garretson, OKK Trek Master, 1959

"We went over hill and dale and through the woods via map and compass, not on trails. Some Trek Masters led Canoe Treks as well. We would go out for days at a time. Every other day the Kia Kima truck would meet us with food for the next two days. 'Food' was powdered milk, the famous 'vega rice,' powdered eggs, flour, and canned or dried meat. There were two situations for treks: a whole scout troop including the Scoutmaster and a group of eight or so scouts with only the Trek Master to supervise them."

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Meet Connie Bickerstaff

Prez Silverfox works with a great lady named Connie. She bridges the gap between Rick's 'tender' computer capabilities and the 21st Century. During the preparation for the 2007 banquet, Executive Committee Members were teasing Connie that she would be the guest speaker since she knew Rick so well. While she didn't do the keynote, she did pen this touching article about the experiences with Rick Phillips and OKKPA.

The Joys, Perils and Pitfalls of working with a 60+ year old Boy Scout

I began working with Rick in 2004 at G. A. Robinson Land Company and for the 1st 6 months I wondered just what his job title was...

He came to work about 8 and left about 10 (for those of you wondering that is "a.m.") and I thought that's the kind of job I want to work into....until I figured out that some 60+ year old Boy Scouts need alot more rest than the rest of us and require much shorter work days.

Really, it has been a joy working with Rick and many of you also. I count it a privilege to be associated with a group that considers honor, integrity and service an everyday way of life.

I had a pretty good idea what I was signing up for when Rick asked me to help out- you see I'm married to a 50+ Boy Scout. But seriously, I know Scouting has molded my husband as well as all of you into the wonderful fathers, husbands and friend you are today.

I'm grateful to be associated with, men who

can speak so freely of their love and friendship for each other. Rick Schmid and I spoke of the power of your prayer, love, friendship and of course laughter during his recent surgery and recovery

My Rick has invested countless hours in OKKPA, as you well know, and I can tell you his heart is full to overflowing with love for this organization and all that it stands for. My cup runneth over as well.

Thanks for all your help and support and most of all for your friendship and allowing me the opportunity to serve.



Your servant
Connie

ps. SF tells me we're the only 2 working here that are still sane, the rest are just crazy and I'm beginning to believe him.....Somebody get me outta here..

“Reminder: to all who donate to OKKPA, many companies match employee donations to 501 (c) 3 charitable institutions. Check with your company.”

Memorials Received since April 2007

J. C. Ray	David Fleming	Claude Wilkins
	Brooks Gooch	Frank Simonton
	Bernice Gooch	Isabelle Strong
	Sue Ray	David Harvill
	Francis L. Powell	Faxon 400 Garden Club

Rick Phillips' Mother -	Bertha Phillips
Dr. Kelly Kayes -	Bob Bently
W. L. "Sunny" Carson -	David Fleming
Buddy Irwin -	Ole 97 Alumni