

THE
AMERICAN HIKING SOCIETY

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Please Reply To: 18600 SW 157 Avenue Miami, FL 33187

May 14, 1979

Mr. Mike McReynolds
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Dear Mike:

I just wanted to thank you for thinking of us. I hope your showing on May 10th was successful. You have given us an idea. Perhaps other stores would be willing to follow your example and do an evening benefit program for AHS.

We had an outstanding group of volunteers to put on the Annual Meeting for us in the Washington area. That's one reason the Annual Meeting will be held in Virginia. Also, our Advisory Board members in government find it much easier to get to a meeting in Washington, D.C. While Annual Meetings will generally be more easily held there, I do want to have them held elsewhere. Our cross-country hike will begin from the Golden Gate Bridge early next spring, and I have already been thinking about trying to have an Annual Meeting in connection with the send-off. Maybe we can come up with 8 or 10 willing AHS members in the San Francisco area to plan for the Annual Meeting there next year. I will certainly keep this in mind.

Cordially yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'James A. Kern'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent initial 'J' and 'K'.

James A. Kern
President

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May 15, 1979

Mr. James A. Kern
President
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Dear Jim,

Enclosed is a check representing the "take" at the door for the slide show benefiting AHS. It would have been a great deal more under normal circumstances, but unfortunately the gas situation out here has totally panicked people into long lines and no unnecessary trips. Hopefully, people will come to their senses soon and stop topping off their tanks with a gallon or so of gas. It would benefit many to start walking a bit more and driving considerably less.

The benefit idea is a good one as you say, and one which could attract some money to the AHS coffers. If I might point out a particular problem with membership in AHS, sitting out here on the edge of the world, I have no contact with the Society, nor do I know any of my fellow members. If a membership list by area could be produced, perhaps several no-host get-togethers could be arranged, which would give members more of a sense of belonging to an organization, rather than just sitting at home waiting for a letter from Miami. These get-togethers could also be used to set up weekend hikes, other slide shows, discussions, etc. In other words, it would change membership in a paper organization to membership in a thriving, personally active organization. I would be glad to volunteer some of my time to the cause, if I had some knowledge of who and where my fellow members are.

Sincerely yours,

Mike McReynolds

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Enclosure