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Errol Van Stralen
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Downey, California 90242

September 13, 1979

Mr. Jim Kern, President
American Hiking Society
18600 SW 157 Avenue
Miami, Florida 33187

Dear Mr. Kern:

I recieved "Memorandum No. 5" last week. Unfortunately, I can't make it to Berkeley for the planning meeting this Thursday, but I would like to make this suggestion, and volunteer my services: in order to encourage those 10,000 people you'd like to see in Golden Gate Park in March, as well as conserve gasoline, a carpool system should be set up for those of us coming especially from Southern California (not to exclude people from other places!).

I would need the following from those making use of the system: Name, address WITH ZIP CODE, phone no., whether offering a ride (how many places?) or needing one, and a self addressed stamped envelope or postcard (I'm a struggling student) for the reply.

Along about January, I'll send out matched lists of either drivers or riders. The people can then work out their own details. As a matter of fact, if there is enough interest, I could charter buses.

After the carpool framework is set up, this system could be used for the complete HikaNation, as well as an AHS connection for hiking partners, car shuttles, or whatever (A "Hike Pool"?). Unfortunately for this phase of the project, I will be graduating around the end of March, so, with such an unstable future, I can't promise to keep it going after March and the HikaNation start.

Last thing: for the carpool address, please use the following:
P. O. Box 772, Downey, California, 90241.

Sincerely,

Errol Van Stralen

*I tried to send
it to North Face
40 Mr Gilbert
I used the wrong
address!*

MIKE: I am not really committing myself to a positive assessment in my reply. My purpose is to encourage a guy who wants to help. What do you think about his plan? Perhaps you could take it up with the committee and see what they think.

JIM
FROM THE DESK OF

James A. Kern

October 12, 1979

Dear Errol:

Thanks very much for your recent letter with good thoughts for our HikaNation departure celebration. I am passing copies of your letter onto Monty Montgomery, our Hike Coordinator, and Mike McReynolds, our Task Force Chairman in the Bay Area. The carpool system you have in mind could really be terrific, but I think we would need funds to implement it, even if riders paid their share. It would take some publicity. Even if the media would give spot announcements, there is still some work and expense involved. We are working on this, however, and will let you know how our hopes for funds come along. We are talking with one possible donor in the Bay Area right now who might pick up the tab.

If funds could be made available, there is no doubt that we could get you the zip-coded information you asked for to implement the system. We will be in touch later on this.

Cordially,

James A. Kern
President

JAK/nmm
cc: Monty ✓
McReynolds ✓

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Mike -
Enclosed. →

*Jim -
Never got
a copy of his
letter plan*

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December 10, 1979

Mr. Monty Montgomery
c/o American Hiking Society
910 W. Calhoun Street
Macomb, Illinois 61455

Dear Monty,

First of all, enclosed is a check for fifty cents for a copy of the plans for the Hikanation trip.

Second, in October I wrote to Jim Kern suggesting a carpool plan for the beginning of the trip in San Francisco. I got one letter from Jim saying it was a nice idea It seems to me that a ca-pool would be a great help in getting as many people to San Fracisco for the start of the hike festivities, particularly since many people from Los Angeles may like to go, but feel the extra expense for gasoline would be too much.

To restate my plan, it goes like this: those interested in either wanting or offering a ride can send a self-addressed, stamped envelope or postcard to this address:

Hikanation Carpool
P. O. Box 772
Downey, California 90241

About the middle of January or begining of February, all the people will get their cards back with names and phone numbers of those in their area that could help them out with a ride or to fill seats.

This is the information I will need from everyone: Name, telephone (with area code), and ZIP Code. Details about meeting place and other financial arrangements are up to themselves.

Jim was concerned about funding. I can't concieve of any need for money. If there is, and it's not too much, maybe I can send you copies of receipts, and call it a donation, or something.

I already have the P. O. box, and I merely added the "Hikanation" label. I hope to hear from you, and, at any rate, I hope to see you in San Francisco.

Sincerely,

Errol

17 Dec 1979

Jim - How ^{about} you answering
this again.

My answer would be No as
far as the AHS is concerned. There's
too many variables for us to
get into it.

A group of individuals, can
do as they please - without
expense to us.

Perhaps you could put the idea
in the memorandum as local
solution to a local problem.

This particular individual
has his checks inscribed with
Errol F. or Mei-Hung Van Stralen
as his name. So - he may full
of many ideas.

Monty

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

MEMORANDUM TO HIKERS #9

This is the last memo to hikers you will receive before our departure celebration in Golden Gate Park, Saturday, April 12th. There is a lot of important information here, so please keep this memorandum handy along with the past memorandums if you are planning to join HikaNation at any point between San Francisco and Washington, D.C.

First, some corrections. Most importantly, we decided we needed a 24-hour HikaNation phone information service, and therefore needed a new number. This new number is 305-251-0484. Before you forget, cross out the number given in Memo #8. Call the new number any time after April 1st for information about the hike, where mail drops may be made and where and when hikers may rendezvous to be met by the Hike Coordinator and taken to the hiking party. After the recorded message, you will be able to leave questions, providing only that you give your name and address so questions can be answered by mail. Occasionally people call Jim Kern's office from points around the country and leave their name and telephone number. Without knowing the reason for your call and in an effort to keep down the high cost of telephone expenses, we do not as a matter of policy return such calls. If you want us to call you collect, please indicate this on the machine when you leave a message, and we will do so. Some lesser corrections: On mailing packages to yourself, address them as follows: HikaNation, c/o General Delivery, Attention: (Your Name), City, State, Zip Code. Any packages to San Francisco should arrive prior to 4/10/80. Also, the zip code for downtown San Francisco is 94101 and for Sacramento is 95814.

No camping is permitted in Golden Gate Park. We have been looking for inexpensive hotels and motels close by, but we have found none. Therefore, we are recommending that hikers coming into the city (men and women) make reservations to stay at the downtown YMCA at 351 Turk St., San Francisco, 94102, 415-673-2312. Rates are reasonable here, and by recommending a location, hikers will be able to meet each other before Saturday morning. However, this YMCA is a popular place. Make your reservations IMMEDIATELY. There are better, more expensive hotels in the vicinity of the YMCA if you prefer them. People at the desk will be able to direct you to Golden Gate Park by public transportation, if you want such help. You should be at the Polo Grounds about 9:00 am. although the formal celebration won't begin until 10:00.

One of our members, Errol Van Stralen has offered to coordinate a car-pooling system for Californians. Write HikaNation Carpool, PO Box 772, Downey, CA 90241 and tell him you are interested. Send a stamped, self-addressed envelope or postcard with your name, telephone (with area code), and zip code. One week after receiving this memo Errol will write all the people with names and phone numbers of those in their area that could help them out with a ride or to fill seats. Errol's phone number is 213-869-7422. This applies only to Californians.

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Some people have written to ask how purchases and payments can be made through the Hike Coordinator. Monty will be equipped with Master Charge privileges, so you can pay for things with this card.

Medical insurance has been another question. We have made arrangements to provide individual medical insurance to the hikers. The cost of insurance is \$1.60 per day or \$33 for the entire trip. Your benefits will include \$10,000 accidental death and dismemberment and \$2,500 accident medical expense. You will be able to purchase this insurance any time after Sunday, April 13th.

Here are some special offers manufacturers have made to HikaNation participants only. Additions to this list will be announced later.

- FABIANO - 20% discount off regular price on purchase of Fabiano boot n 366 Nicole. Offer expires April 15, 1980.
- WIGWAM MILLS, INC. - Limited free offer of Norway N 85% wool, 15% nylon heavyweight Ragg sock, 10" length. Sizes 8-13.
- EUREKA TENT, INC. AND
- CAMP TRAILS CO. - Any tents or backpacking equipment at wholesale prices.
- THE OUTDOOR MERCHANT (Retail Store) - Tote Oven & Donut (3 pcs.)-\$19.95, Tote Oven (2 pcs.) \$13.55, Donut Accessory (1 pc.) -\$6.80.
- TRAIL FOODS CO. - 29% discount off suggested retail prices or Rich-Moor, Mountain House and Dri-Lite food products. They also offer free drop shipment service to hike participants.

Make a specific order of any of the above items you need and send it to us. To assure manufacturers that only HikaNation participants get to take advantage of these offers, please mail your order to us and we will forward them. The manufacturers will then mail directly to you.

While this is the last memo you will receive before the beginning of the hike, there will be additional memos as HikaNation progresses. If you never contributed to HikaNation with a donation, these memorandums ceased being mailed to you some time in the past, but we wanted everyone who has ever written to have this last memo prior to the departure celebration, so thousands are being mailed. If you want to continue to receive memos as the hike progresses, but have never sent a donation, send one now and we will be happy to return your name to our active file. To all those who have already supported HikaNation we want to express our appreciation.

On the matter of support, we are pleased to announce that the Dunspaugh-Dalton Foundation has expressed great interest in the hike as a demonstration of walking, hiking and backpacking as ideal forms of recreation for a low-energy future and has provided a donation of \$10,000 which will cover most of the expenses of the departure celebration. We hope to be able to announce additional corporate sponsors soon.

Jim & Mary

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