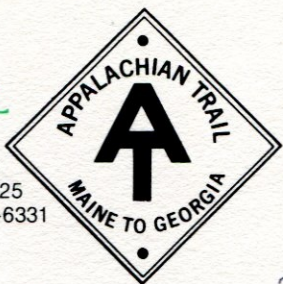


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Nov. 27, 1980

Dear Reese:

Received your Hike a Nation letter and was surprised to learn of your interest. Enclosed are two letters which indicate there is activity in regards to ATC participation in the Virginia portion of the Hike.

Ed Garvey is heading up the walk from Harpers Ferry to Washington D.C.

As I write this, no word has come back from Craig Evans so Monday Ed Garvey will try to contact Craig.

I am very pleased to know you have some ideas on ATC club participation and hope you will be on the ATC committee.

Most Clubs are aware of the Hike a Nation project and are probably waiting for ATC information as to plans.

As soon as AHS recognizes our effort and provides me with starting information I will inform you.

I would appreciate receiving your thoughts on what we should accomplish.

Sincerely,

Ed Page

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December 5, 1980

Mr. Reese Lukei, Jr.
1046 Azalea Court
Virginia Beach, VA 23452

Dear Reese:

Thanks for keeping me posted about what the AT clubs will be doing for HikaNation. It was really encouraging to see you planning so far in advance. Good planning like this is what ultimately results in successful participation by HikaNation supporters along the way.

I have asked Monty to write directly to you if he has any special suggestions as to the hikers' needs. They enjoy favors that people do for them: church groups serving a breakfast, things like that. I am also enclosing a special memorandum that went out to State Representatives about supporting the hikers through the winter months.

Sincerely yours,

James A. Kern

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December 8, 1980

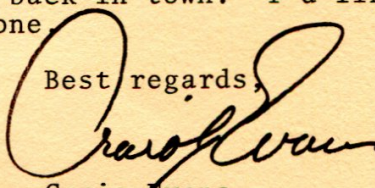
Reese Lukei, Jr.
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Dear Reese,

Many thanks for your letter and for all you're doing for the HikaNation along the AT. I'd appreciate it if you would announce the arrival of the HikaNation to Whitehurst and ask him to be a part of the celebration. You might also mention to him that the International Backpackers Association and the AHS have recently merged and that we look forward to his continuing support of us oft-overlooked hikers.

Let me know when you get back in town. I'd like to get together with you over the phone.

Best regards,



Craig Evans
Executive Director

CS/es



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Virginia Trails Association

December 23, 1980

Honorable G. William Whitehurst
2427 Rayburn Building
Washington DC 20515

Dear Congressman Whitehurst:

I appreciated the opportunity to meet with you on December 12th to discuss with you your active interest in hiking and hiking trails in our nation.

This letter will also confirm your acceptance to be our guest, along with your wife, to our annual banquet to be held at the Officers Club, US Naval Amphibious Base, Little Creek at 7:00 PM on March 27, 1981. I would be most happy to provide transportation to the banquet for you and your wife.

I also wish to confirm your acceptance to participate in the reception of the 50 hikers who are currently participating in the American Hiking Society HikaNation. These hikers are currently in Tecumseh, Missouri, where they are spending Christmas. They are expected to enter Virginia at Damascus around the first of March. Their trip through Virginia will be along the Appalachian Trail. It is anticipated that they will arrive in Washington around May 1st. As we get closer to their arrival date in Washington, I will be in contact with you with further details as to the reception celebration.

I wish you and your family a very happy holiday season.

Yours very truly,

Reese F. Lukei, Jr.
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RFL;jr:lh

cc: Mr. Otey Shelton



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December 8, 1980

MEMORANDUM

TO: Ed Page, Reese Lukei

FROM: Bob Proudman *BP*

SUBJECT: AMS Hikanation

I saw Craig Evans this weekend and asked him several questions that should assist you in planning. The Hikanation consists of approximately 50 hikers who should arrive in Damascus, Virginia, in late February or early March. In planning any lodging or meals, meetings etc., it would be wise to strive for flexibility, as their exact arrival is hard to forecast. Any local officials or newspaper people who you would invite should be able to participate on short notice.

Craig Evans or Susan Murphy, both of AMS, can give you updated details as we get closer to their arrival. Let me know if there is more I could do.

cc: Craig Evans
Mike Dawson
Carol Lee
Dave Startzell



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12/20/80

MEMBER:
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Mr. Ed Janney
1015 Parker St.
Falls Church, Va. 22046

Re: HikeNation

Dear Ed -

Just a few notes to bring you up to date on my involvement with HikeNation. At AHS Hike-in Oct. 1980 I agreed to be the Va. State representative with help from Bob Proudman. I have since learned that Ed Page thru ATC had also agreed to help and that you were in charge of arrangements from H.F. to D.C.

I met with Ed Page on 12/17. We had a very good meeting at which we set certain goals and determined how we would divide chores and responsibilities.

For your info I am attaching copy of letter that has gone to all Va. AT clubs.

I met with Congressman G. William Whitehurst on 12/12. He said he would be glad to participate in the HikeNation reception in D.C. I will keep in touch with him.

I plan to start a HikeNation newsletter in Jan. that will be sent to all Va. AT clubs. I will keep you informed.

Reese Lukei
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Dear Monty -

I along with Ed Page (ATC Board of Governors),
Bob Proudman (AT Project Office, NPS) and Ed Zarney (PATC),
are making plans for your trip through Va.

I need to know from you as soon as possible
what your route is before you arrive in
Damascus, Va. We want to co-ordinate our
efforts with the State reps. west of us. Please
advise who they are.

I will begin a newsletter in Jan. that will
go to all Va. AT clubs. It will go out at
least every 2 weeks - News items from you
will be appreciated - Enclosed are a few
pre-addressed envelopes -

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Happy Hiking,

Reese Luber

FROM THE DESK OF

James A. Kern

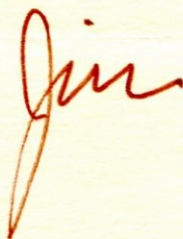
November 7, 1980

Dear Reese:

Thanks for your note offering to help us obtain a new edition of the AT Guidebook for southwest and central Virginia, now at the printers. I am sure Monty is not so far along in his planning that he has given this stretch of the route much thought, so I will forward your letter to him. I'm sure he will want to wait for the 8th edition. Thanks again for thinking of us in this regard.

It was good seeing you at the Annual Meeting. Perhaps as HikaNation comes up the AT, we can arrange to do a little hiking together.

Cordially yours,

A handwritten signature in red ink, appearing to read "Jim", with a long, thin vertical stroke extending downwards from the end of the signature.

JAK/nnm