

February 99 Odyssey 2000[®] Rider Memo

DATE: FEBRUARY 28, 1999
TO: ODYSSEY 2000[®] REGISTERED RIDERS
FROM: TIM KNEELAND & ASSOCIATES, INC.
RE: UPDATE ON ODYSSEY 2000[®]

So, who are we?

AS THE DUST IS CONTINUING TO SETTLE FROM THE FINAL ODYSSEY PAYMENT CYCLE, WE ARE FINALLY GETTING A GOOD FEEL FOR WHO IS GOING ON ODYSSEY. HERE IS WHAT WE KNOW:

1. TWO-HUNDRED AND FIFTEEN (215) ARE FULLY PAID TO RIDE.
2. OF THESE FULLY PAID RIDERS, 5 ARE NEW THIS YEAR.
3. FOURTEEN (14) ADDITIONAL FOLKS ARE IN THE TK&A EXTENDED PAYMENT PROGRAM.
4. THE EXTENDED PAYMENT RIDERS ARE NOT INCLUDED IN THE RIDER LIST AT THIS TIME. WE WILL ADD THEM AFTER THEY MAKE THEIR FINAL PAYMENT. LOOK FOR AN UPDATE LATER THIS YEAR.
5. THE GROUP IS STILL 50% MEN AND 50% WOMEN.
6. THE AVERAGE AGE WILL BE 49 WHEN WE LEAVE.
7. THE YOUNGEST IS 17 AND THE OLDEST WILL BE 81.
8. ODYSSEY RIDERS REPRESENT 32 STATES: WA=35, CA=27, CO=17, OR=16, PA=13, FL=11, MA=8, WI=8, AZ=5, VA=5, VT=5, IL=4, IN=3, ME=3, MI=3, MN=3, NC=3, NJ=3, NY=3, CT=2, IA=2, NH=2, NM=2, NV=2, OH=2, TX=2, AK=1, ID=1, KY=1, MD=1, RI=1, AND UT=1.
9. ODYSSEY RIDERS ARE EITHER LIVING IN OR REPRESENTING 11 SEPARATE COUNTRIES: US=194, CANADA=7, THAILAND=3, NETHERLANDS=2, SWITZERLAND=2, AND ONE EACH IN ENGLAND, JAPAN, NEW ZEALAND, SAUDI ARABIA, SLOVENIA AND WALES.
10. ODYSSEY HAS 29 COUPLES REGISTERED TO RIDE TOGETHER.
11. NINETEEN PEOPLE HAVE ASKED FOR ANONYMITY UNTIL LATER THIS YEAR.

Mailing list & guidelines

AS PROMISED, WE HAVE ENCLOSED THE OFFICIAL ODYSSEY 2000[®] RIDER LIST. NOW, FOR THE BASICS:

1. BESIDES DEMONSTRATING THAT ODYSSEY REALLY HAS ASSEMBLED A SOLID GROUP OF REGISTERED RIDERS, THE RIDER LIST HAS THE EXPRESS PURPOSE OF ALLOWING PEOPLE WHO LIVE CLOSE TO CONNECT FOR TRAINING RIDES AND OTHER PRIVATE ACTIVITIES.
2. THIS LIST AND THE NAMES ON THE LIST ARE NOT PUBLIC PROPERTY. IN FACT, SEVERAL ODYSSEY RIDERS ASKED TO BE INCLUDED IN THIS LIST, BUT DON'T WANT EMPLOYERS, EMPLOYEES OR OTHERS TO KNOW THEY ARE PARTICIPATING IN ODYSSEY. PLEASE RESPECT THEIR WISHES.
3. THIS LIST SHOULD NEVER BE CIRCULATED, GIVEN OR SOLD TO ANY INDIVIDUAL, GROUP, CHARITY, ETC.
4. UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES IS ANY INDIVIDUAL OR ORGANIZATION ALLOWED TO POST ANY PART OF THE ODYSSEY RIDER LIST ON THE WEB. TK&A IS THE ONLY SOURCE FOR POSTING ODYSSEY DETAILS ON THE WEB.
5. AS YOU PERSONALLY CAN ATTEST, EVERYONE ON ODYSSEY IS FLAT OUT PREPARING FOR THE MOST COMPLEX JOURNEY OF THEIR LIVES. PLEASE UNDERSTAND AND RESPECT THAT NOT EVERYONE HAS THE TIME OR INCLINATION TO GET TOGETHER.

6. THIS LIST IS NOT TO BE USED FOR PERSONAL GAIN, SUCH AS CHARITY OR PERSONAL FUNDRAISING, SELLING TELEPHONE CARDS OR OTHER PRODUCTS, TO POLL RIDER'S ABOUT THEIR FEELINGS AND IDEAS, OR TO GARNER SUPPORT FOR PERSONAL CAUSES.
7. PLEASE USE COMMON SENSE AND RESPECT THE RIGHTS OF OTHERS. IF WE HEAR OF ABUSES, AND WE USUALLY DO, WE WILL ATTEMPT TO STOP THE ABUSE. IF WE ARE UNSUCCESSFUL, THE ABUSERS STATUS ON ODYSSEY WILL BE IN JEOPARDY.

Odyssey meetings - if the interest is there

KAREN-ANN AND I HAVE WORKED OUT MOST OF OUR RATHER COMPLEX TRAVEL SCHEDULE FOR THE REST OF 1999. IN THE PROCESS, WE HAVE MANAGED TO TENTATIVELY SCHEDULE 9 DIFFERENT ODYSSEY MEETINGS, BASED ON WHERE ODYSSEY FOLKS RESIDE.

THESE MEETINGS WILL BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AND WE HOPE YOU WILL INVITE YOUR FAMILIES AND FRIENDS TO JOIN YOU. IT WILL BE A GREAT WAY TO MEET THE "OTHER CRAZIES" WITH WHOM YOU WILL BE SPENDING THE YEAR 2000, AN ENTIRE YEAR OF YOUR LIFE. SINCE KAREN-ANN AND I WILL BE RUNNING THE MEETINGS, ATTENDEES WILL BE ABLE TO MEET THE "ODYSSEY CREATORS" AND GAIN A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF HOW ODYSSEY WILL FUNCTION FOR THE YEAR.

BASED ON OUR EXPERIENCE RUNNING SIMILAR MEETINGS FOR OUR CROSS-COUNTRY RIDES, WE GUARANTEE A HIGH ENERGY LEVEL AND A GOOD TIME. IN ADDITION TO MEETING ONE ANOTHER, IT WILL BE AN EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY TO UPDATE EVERYONE ON HOW THE PLANNING IS GOING. IT WILL ALSO BE A TIME TO ANSWER QUESTIONS LIKE "HOW ARE OTHERS DEALING WITH THIS?" OR "WHAT IS YOUR EXPERIENCE IN THIS AREA?" AS YOU PREPARE FOR ODYSSEY OR "WHY DON'T WE GET TOGETHER TO TRAIN AFTER THE RAIN STOPS IN, SAY, JULY?".

MOST OF THE MEETINGS WILL LIKELY BE HELD CLOSE TO MAJOR AIRPORTS FOR EASY ACCESS. EXCEPT FOR MIAMI, THE TIMES WILL BE FROM 1 PM TO 5 PM. HERE IS THE PROPOSED SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS:

City	Date	Time	Location	Est. Attendance
PORTLAND, OR*	MAR. 27 (SAT)	1 TO 5 PM	HOLIDAY INN AIRPORT	15-50
SEATTLE, WA*	MAR. 28 (SUN)	1 TO 5 PM	REI-RECREATIONAL EQUIP INC.	40-90
MIAMI, FL	APR. 14 (WED)	6 TO 10 PM	AIRPORT	15-25
DENVER, CO	MAY 16 (SUN)	1 TO 5 PM	AIRPORT	15-50
CHICAGO, IL	MAY 29 (SAT)	1 TO 5 PM	AIRPORT	15-50
WASHINGTON, DC	MAY 30 (SUN)	1 TO 5 PM	AIRPORT	15-50
BOSTON, MA	JUNE 12 (SAT)	1 TO 5 PM	AIRPORT	15-50
SAN FRANCISCO, CA	JUNE 19 (SAT)	1 TO 5 PM	AIRPORT	15-50
BURBANK, CA	JUNE 20 (SUN)	1 TO 5 PM	HILTON BURBANK AIRPORT	15-50

* THESE MEETINGS ARE FIRM.

SINCE TK&A'S PLAN FOR EACH MEETING DEPENDS ON POTENTIAL ATTENDANCE, YOUR **FEEDBACK IS ESSENTIAL**. IF WE FIND LESS THAN 12 PEOPLE EXPRESSING INTEREST IN ONE OF THE CITIES, WE WILL PROBABLY CANCEL THAT MEETING. ON THE OTHER HAND, IF THERE IS PLENTY OF INTEREST, WE WILL GEAR UP ACCORDINGLY.

THE FEEDBACK, THOUGH POSITIVE ABOUT THE MEETINGS, WAS PRETTY MINIMAL AFTER WE MAILED OUR OCTOBER 98 MEMO. SO, **LET US KNOW YOUR PLANS....**INSTEAD OF RETURNING ANOTHER TK&A FORM, JUST BE CREATIVE AND EMAIL, WRITE, SEND A POSTCARD, FAX, CALL (1-800-433-0528 OR 206-322-4102) OR DROP OFF YOUR INTEREST IN ATTENDING ONE OF THE MEETINGS. LET US KNOW IF YOU THINK YOU MIGHT BE BRINGING OTHERS WITH YOU TO A MEETING. THE MORE THE MERRIER!

Meeting locations

TOWARD THE END OF MARCH, WE WILL MAIL EXACT MEETING LOCATIONS TO EVERYONE EXPRESSING INTEREST. FOR THOSE NEEDING TO SPEND THE NIGHT, WE HAVE ASKED THE HILTON CHAIN TO LOOK AT SPECIAL ROOM RATES IN EACH CITY.

Odyssey 2000® snapshot

IN JANUARY, KAREN-ANN AND I JUST COMPLETED OUR THIRD AROUND THE WORLD TRIP IN THE PAST 14 MONTHS, CHECKING ON POTENTIAL ODYSSEY ROUTES. AS YOU ALL KNOW, WE ACTUALLY STARTED TRAVELING

TO ODYSSEY COUNTRIES BACK IN 1995. THE EXPERIENCE GAINED ON THESE ODYSSEY DESIGN TRIPS HAS LED TO WHAT IS RAPIDLY BECOMING ODYSSEY'S FINAL ROUTE.

HERE ARE ODYSSEY'S CURRENT STATS: 45 COUNTRIES; 6 CONTINENTS; APROX 19,733.5 MILES AVERAGING 76 TO 77 MILES PER CYCLING DAY; 104 DAYS (IT SHOWS 110 ON THE ITINERARY, BUT THAT WILL CHANGE) OFF FOR RECREATION, TRAVEL AND RECUPERATION; 250 RIDERS; AND 2 TO 3 DOZEN STAFF.

TK&A HAS PHYSICALLY LOOKED AT OVER 85% OF WHAT WE BELIEVE WILL BE ODYSSEY'S FINAL ROUTE. THIS HAS ALLOWED US TO DEVELOP A SOLID STRATEGY FOR DECIDING THE ACTUAL ROUTES AND SELECTING OUR OVERNIGHT COMMUNITIES. IN ADDITION TO DRIVING AND DOCUMENTING EACH TURN ON EVERY ODYSSEY ROUTE, MOST OF 1999 WILL BE SPENT COMMUNICATING WITH OR VISITING US AND FOREIGN EMBASSIES, US AND FOREIGN CONSULATES, GOVERNMENT TOURISM OFFICES, LOCAL CYCLING AND ENVIRONMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS, LOCAL GOVERNMENTS, COMMUNITY RESOURCES AND BUSINESSES WHO WILL BE PROVIDING ADVICE AND SERVICES TO ODYSSEY. MOST OF THE REMAINDER OF 1999 WILL FIND KAREN-ANN AND ME IN THE FIELD FINALIZING LOGISTICS.

Odyssey 2000[®] countries

THE COUNTRIES ODYSSEY IS LIKELY TO VISIT INCLUDE: ANDORRA, ARGENTINA, AUSTRALIA, AUSTRIA, BELGIUM, CANADA, CHILE, CHINA, COSTA RICA, CZECH REPUBLIC, DENMARK, ENGLAND, FINLAND, FRANCE, GERMANY, GIBRALTAR, GREECE, IRELAND, ITALY, JAPAN, LIECHTENSTEIN, LUXEMBOURG, MALAYSIA, MEXICO, MONACO, NETHERLANDS, NEW ZEALAND, NORTHERN IRELAND, NORWAY, PANAMA, PORTUGAL, RUSSIA, SAN MARINO, SCOTLAND, SINGAPORE, SOUTH AFRICA, SPAIN, SWAZILAND, SWITZERLAND, THAILAND, USA, VATICAN CITY, VIETNAM AND WALES. EVEN THOUGH THIS LIST CAN STILL EVOLVE, WE BELIEVE IT'S GETTING PRETTY CLOSE.

Itineraries-we are getting close

TK&A HAS ENCLOSED THREE DIFFERENT ODYSSEY ITINERARIES TO HELP YOU DREAM AND PLAN. ODYSSEY'S FINAL ROUTE IS STILL SUBJECT TO SOME ADDITIONAL EVOLUTION, OF COURSE.

- **ODYSSEY 2000[®] STAGES.** NOTE THAT ODYSSEY HAS BEEN LOGICALLY BROKEN INTO 17 STAGES, EACH STAGE SEPARATED BY AIR TRANSPORT.
- **ODYSSEY 2000[®] ITINERARY – FEBRUARY 19, 1999.** THIS REPLACES ALL PREVIOUS VERSIONS WE HAVE MAILED. IT'S LOOKING GOOD.
- **ODYSSEY 2000[®] TENTATIVE DAY-TO-DAY ITINERARY – MODIFIED FEBRUARY 17, 1999.** NOTICE THE DAYS WITHOUT AN OVERNIGHT DESTINATION LISTED? WE HAVE ALLOCATED THESE DAYS, BUT NEED TO DO MORE RESEARCH BEFORE DETERMINING THE SPECIFIC OVERNIGHT CITIES. SO, HOW CLOSE IS THIS? PRETTY CLOSE, BUT DON'T SCHEDULE ANY MEETINGS YET. PLEASE REMEMBER THAT THE DAY-TO-DAY ITINERARY IS A CONFIDENTIAL DOCUMENT FOR YOUR PERSONAL USE ONLY.

SOME MILEAGE DISCREPANCIES MIGHT OCCUR BETWEEN THE THREE ITINERARIES. IT'S PRIMARILY BECAUSE WE ARE STILL ESTIMATING A FEW OF THE MILEAGES. NOTICE THAT WE HAVE SCHEDULED TOO MANY DAY'S OFF? NOT TO WORRY, WE'LL NIX 'EM BEFORE WE'RE THROUGH.

Bike

WE EXPECT TO BE MAKING THE FINAL DECISION BY JUNE 1, 1999.

FORTY OR FIFTY RIDERS TOOK THE TIME TO SHARE THEIR FEELINGS ON THE BIKE FRIDAYS. THE FEEDBACK FROM THOSE WITH EXPERIENCE, FOR THE MOST PART, FEEL FRIDAYS WOULD BE AN EXCELLENT CHOICE FOR ODYSSEY.

HOWEVER, SOME JUST DIDN'T LIKE THE TINY SIZE AND/OR DIDN'T FEEL THEY "LOOKED LIKE" THEY COULD DO THE JOB. A COUPLE OF FOLKS MENTIONED THEY WOULD BE EMBARRASSED TO BE SEEN ON THE BIKE, PRESUMABLY DUE TO THE UNIQUE STATURE OF THE BIKE.

AS PREVIOUSLY STATED, TK&A HAS A FAIR BIT OF EXPERIENCE WITH THE BIKE FRIDAY. WE'VE RIDDEN THEM AND HAVE HAD SEVERAL ON OUR EVENTS, INCLUDING A TANDEM RIDING FROM DISNEYLAND TO WALT DISNEY WORLD. WE KNOW THE COMPANY'S SOLID REPUTATION, WE'VE WATCHED THEM IMPROVE THE PRODUCT OVER THE YEARS, WE HEARD FROM LOTS OF FRIDAY OWNERS AND WE EVEN KNOW THE GUY WHO NAMED THE BIKE.

EVEN THOUGH WE ARE VERY CONFIDENT THAT FRIDAY'S COULD DO THE TRICK, IT PROBABLY ISN'T IN THE CARDS. GREEN GEAR CYCLING IS CERTAINLY INTERESTED IN SUPPORTING ODYSSEY, BUT BECAUSE THEY ARE

A RELATIVELY SMALL MANUFACTURING COMPANY, ODYSSEY WOULD PROBABLY PUT AN UNDO STRAIN ON THEIR PRODUCTION CAPABILITIES.

THOUGH WE RECOGNIZE MOST PEOPLE TRUST TK&A'S JUDGEMENT ON THE ODYSSEY 2000® BIKE, WE WOULD STILL LIKE TO ASSURE THOSE WITH ANY DOUBTS THAT TK&A HAS NO INTEREST AT ALL IN SPENDING MOST OF ODYSSEY 2000® REPAIRING A SUB-STANDARD OR POOR QUALITY BIKE. AND, YES, TK&A DOES FEEL THAT A PROPER FIT IS ALSO A HIGH PRIORITY.

IS IT POSSIBLE TO USE MY OWN BIKE? NO. THAT DEFEATS THE PURPOSE OF SUPPLYING AN ODYSSEY BIKE. TK&A'S INTEREST IS TO KEEP ODYSSEY RIDERS ON THEIR BIKES, NOT IN VANS WAITING FOR REPLACEMENT PARTS.

Hilton Burbank Airport Hosts Odyssey

WE ARE DELIGHTED TO ANNOUNCE THAT THE HILTON BURBANK AIRPORT AND CONVENTION CENTER HAS BEEN SELECTED AS ODYSSEY 2000® OFFICIAL HOST HOTEL FOR BOTH THE START AND FINISH OF ODYSSEY 2000®. AFTER SEVERAL FACE TO FACE MEETINGS AND CONTRACT ITERATIONS, WE SETTLED ON A PACKAGE OF PRICES AND SERVICES TO HANDLE OUR KICKOFF AND FINISH NEEDS.

When should I arrive in Los Angeles?

CHECKOUT THE ENCLOSED *ODYSSEY 2000® TENTATIVE KICKOFF SCHEDULE* FOR A PRETTY GOOD FEEL OF WHAT IS GOING TO HAPPEN THE TWO DAYS PRIOR TO OUR KICKOFF IN THE 2000 TOURNAMENT OF ROSES PARADE. AS THE SCHEDULE INDICATES, YOU WILL NEED TO ARRIVE AT THE HILTON BURBANK AIRPORT NO LATER THAN 10 TO 11 AM ON DECEMBER 30, 1999, ALLOWING ENOUGH TIME TO CHECK-IN WITH BOTH OUR ODYSSEY REGISTRAR AND THE HOTEL STAFF. PLEASE NOTE THAT THE MANDATORY ODYSSEY 2000® MEETING FOR STAFF AND RIDERS BEGINS AT 1 PM ON DEC. 30.

What Los Angeles airport should I fly into?

THE HILTON BURBANK AIRPORT HOTEL IS, COINCIDENTALLY, ADJACENT TO THE BURBANK AIRPORT. THE HILTON OFFERS A FREE SHUTTLE TO THE HOTEL, SO IT'S A NO HASSLE DEAL. IF YOU FLY INTO ANY OTHER AIRPORT, YOU MUST MAKE YOUR OWN ARRANGEMENTS FROM THE AIRPORT TO THE HILTON BURBANK AIRPORT.

How do I get to Burbank if I fly into LAX?

LAX (LOS ANGELES INTERNATIONAL) IS 35 MILES FROM THE HILTON BURBANK AIRPORT. A CAB COSTS ABOUT \$50. THE BEST OPTION IS THE SUPER SHUTTLE AT (818) 556-6600 OR 1-800-BLUEVANS FOR ABOUT \$16 A PERSON. EVEN IF YOU DON'T RESERVE A SHUTTLE BEFORE YOU ARRIVE, THEY HAVE SUPER SHUTTLE PHONES AT LAX TO MAKE IT EASY TO ARRANGE YOUR RIDE.

How do I get my bike to Burbank?

LATER THIS YEAR WE WILL OFFER A UPS OPTION (ADDRESS) FOR SHIPPING YOUR ODYSSEY 2000® BIKE TO BURBANK IF YOU DECIDE YOU DON'T WANT TO CARRY IT ON THE PLANE WITH YOU. THIS OPTION IS PRETTY POPULAR WITH OUR OTHER RIDES.

TK&A recommended travel agent

TK&A IS BUILDING UP A LONG TERM RELATIONSHIP WITH PARK TRAVEL OF SEATTLE, WA. THEIR STAFF KNOW MORE ABOUT ODYSSEY'S CHALLENGES THAN ANYONE IN THE BUSINESS. IF YOU ARE LOOKING FOR AN AGENT TO HELP BOOK YOU IN AND OUT OF LOS ANGELES, PLEASE GIVE THEM A CALL AT 1-800-723-8430 OR (206) 322-6006. YOU CAN EVEN TRY THEM AT PARKTVL@CONCENTRIC. THEY ARE COOL PEOPLE. TELL THEM ODYSSEY SENT YOU.

What TK&A is providing in Burbank

HERE IS WHAT TK&A WILL BE PROVIDING:

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 30, 1999:

1. LODGING AT THE HILTON BURBANK AIRPORT IN A SHARED TK&A ROOM. TK&A'S ROOM ASSIGNMENTS ARE FOR ODYSSEY RIDERS AND STAFF ONLY. FAMILIES AND FRIENDS MUST MAKE THEIR OWN ARRANGEMENTS AT THE HOTEL. TK&A'S ARRANGEMENTS INCLUDE A BED PER PERSON OR COUPLE, THREE OR FOUR PER ROOM. PLEASE UNDERSTAND TK&A'S NEED TO CONSOLIDATE RESOURCES IN AS EFFICIENT A MANNER AS POSSIBLE.
2. WELCOME RECEPTION WITH CASH BAR & DINNER GET-TOGETHER.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31, 1999:

3. BUFFET BREAKFAST.
4. LODGING AT THE HILTON BURBANK AIRPORT IN A SHARED TK&A ROOM.
5. NEW YEAR'S EVE RECEPTION (CASH BAR), DINNER AND CELEBRATION.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 1, 2000

6. BUFFET BREAKFAST.
7. BUS TO START OF TOURNAMENT OF ROSES PARADE.
8. CAMPING TONIGHT.
9. SUPER DINNER TO CELEBRATE OUR FIRST ROAD NIGHT TOGETHER.

What TK&A is providing in Burbank after the ride

HERE IS WHAT TK&A WILL BE PROVIDING:

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2000:

1. AN OFFICIAL FINISHLINE AT OR NEAR THE HILTON BURBANK AIRPORT.
2. LODGING AT THE HILTON BURBANK AIRPORT IN A SHARED TK&A ROOM. SAME DEAL AS LAST YEAR.
3. NEW YEAR'S EVE DINNER AND NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY OF THE YEAR (CASH BAR).

MONDAY, JANUARY 1, 2001 (DAY 1 OF THE NEW MILLENNIUM):

4. BUFFET BREAKFAST BEFORE HEADING FOR THE ROSE PARADE.
5. THE ROSE PARADE FOR THOSE WHO HAVE RIDDEN THE MILES.
6. DRG TO HELP GUIDE YOUR PEDAL BACK TO THE HILTON BURBANK AIRPORT.
7. THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEND A COUPLE OF EXTRA DAYS (AT YOUR OWN COST) IN BURBANK FOR SOME QUALITY TIME WITH YOUR FAMILY. THIS ALLOWS TIME FOR THEM TO BECOME REACQUAINTED WITH A VERY UNIQUE PERSON; ONE OF 250 BICYCLISTS WHO JUST COMPLETED CYCLING THE GLOBE.

What TK&A isn't providing in Burbank

TRANSPORTATION TO AND FROM THE HILTON, LUNCHESES, ALCOHOL BEVERAGES, INCIDENTAL ROOM CHARGES (PHONES, MOVIES, ROOM SERVICE, LAUNDRY, ETC.) AND PERSONAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR LODGING OR MEALS OTHER THAN WHAT TK&A IS PROVIDING. AND ANYTHING ELSE NOT MENTIONED ABOVE.

How will TK&A determine room assignments at the Hilton Burbank Airport?

A FEW MONTHS BEFORE ODYSSEY, WE WILL MAIL A FORM ASKING FOR YOUR SPECIFIC BURBANK TRAVEL PLANS. WE WILL BE ASKING FOR FLIGHT DETAILS AS WELL AS ROOMMATE PREFERENCES. IF YOU DON'T KNOW ANYONE WITH WHOM TO ROOM, TK&A ASSIGNS EACH RIDER A ROOM.

WHEN YOU ARRIVE IN BURBANK, YOU CHECK IN WITH TK&A'S REGISTRAR, AND THEN WITH THE HOTEL. THE FRONT DESK WILL ASK YOU FOR A CREDIT CARD TO COVER THE ROOMS INCIDENTALS. MAKE SURE YOU AND YOUR ROOMMATES SQUARE AWAY WHO OWES WHAT IN EXPENSES.

What if I want to stay with my family in Burbank?

NO WORRIES. YOU SIMPLY CALL THE HILTON RESERVATIONS LINE (1-800HILTONS) AND RESERVE YOUR ROOM USING THE "ODYSSEY 2000/KNEELAND" GROUP RATE. THESE ARRANGEMENTS ARE AT YOUR OWN EXPENSE. TK&A IS NOT SUBSIDIZING OR OFFERING CREDIT FOR ANY ODYSSEY RIDERS OR STAFF WHO MAKE THEIR OWN HOTEL OR ROOM ARRANGEMENTS AT ANY TIME DURING ODYSSEY.

What if I want to arrive earlier?

NOT A PROBLEM. THE HILTON BURBANK AIRPORT HAS EXTENDED AN OPPORTUNITY FOR YOU AND YOUR FAMILY TO ARRIVE EARLY AND STAY LATER. SEE BELOW...

Families and friends are welcome and encouraged to join you in Burbank

WE HOPE LOTS OF FRIENDS AND FAMILY WILL BE AROUND AT BOTH ENDS OF ODYSSEY. IN FACT, THE HILTON WOULD LOVE TO BE FILLED EXCLUSIVELY WITH "ODYSSEY ONLY ACTION" DURING OUR WEEKEND STAYS IN

BURBANK. HOWEVER, THEY HAVE SOME SERIOUS FINANCIAL CONSTRAINTS IN THE LENGTH OF TIME THEY CAN HOLD ROOMS FOR OUR GROUP. THE HILTON (AND EVERY OTHER HOTEL IN LA) KNOWS THEY CAN SELL OUT THIS TIME OF YEAR AT A PREMIUM PRICE.

IT'S IN YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS BEST INTEREST TO MAKE THEIR PLANS AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE. FOR INSTANCE, IF WE DISCOVER WE WILL HAVE A BIG CROWD IN BURBANK, TK&A WILL BE IN A BETTER POSITION TO KEEP THE LARGER ROOMS FOR OUR NEW YEAR'S EVE CELEBRATIONS. WE WILL ALSO BE ABLE TO WORK MORE CLOSELY WITH THE HOTEL STAFF WHEN DECIDING TO HOLD OR RELEASE ROOMS FOR ODYSSEY GUESTS.

NOW, FOR THE DETAILS. WE HAVE STRUCTURED VIRTUALLY ALL THE ACTIVITIES SURROUNDING ODYSSEY TO BE OPEN TO FAMILIES AND FRIENDS, AND WE HOPE HUNDREDS WILL ATTEND. HERE ARE SOME OF THE SPECIFICS.

- YOU, YOUR FAMILY AND YOUR FRIENDS HAVE BEEN EXTENDED OUR SPECIAL ODYSSEY RATES FROM DEC. 28, 1999 TO JANUARY 2, 2000. IF YOU WANT TO COME EARLIER OR STAY LATER, FEEL FREE TO AT LEAST ASK.
- THERE IS A SPECIAL HILTON RESERVATION NUMBER (1-800-HILTONS) YOU AND/OR YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS MUST CALL TO RECEIVE ODYSSEY'S SPECIAL RATE OF \$169 (PLUS 10% TAX) A NIGHT. THERE IS A 2 NIGHT MINIMUM REQUIRED. YOU MUST IDENTIFY TO THE OPERATOR THAT YOU ARE INVOLVED WITH THE ODYSSEY 2000/KNEELAND GROUP.
- ON DECEMBER 30, 1999, WE HAVE A LIMITED NUMBER OF SPACES AVAILABLE FOR FAMILY AND FRIENDS TO JOIN US FOR DINNER AT A COST OF \$25 PER PERSON PAYABLE TO TK&A. THE COST IS THE SAME FOR A CHILD. WE CAN ACCOMMODATE ABOUT 100 GUESTS ON THE 30TH.
- NOW FOR THE BIG NEW YEAR'S EVE DINNER AND PARTY WITH CASH BAR. WE ONLY HAVE A COUPLE HUNDRED "GUEST" SPACES AVAILABLE FOR THIS INCREDIBLE NIGHT. WE CAN ONLY IMAGINE THE ENERGY LEVEL AND EXCITEMENT IN THE AIR THE NIGHT BEFORE THE LAUNCH OF OUR INCREDIBLE JOURNEY. THE COST FOR DINNER AND OUR PARTY IS \$45.00 PER GUEST. ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES NOT INCLUDED.
- THEN, IT'S OFF TO THE PARADE. SORRY, WE DON'T HAVE ANY SPECIAL TIPS FOR FAMILIES ON VIEWING THE PARADE. THE HOTEL WILL BE ABLE TO OFFER FAMILY AND FRIENDS A TON OF RELEVANT IDEAS ABOUT WHERE TO BE AND WHEN.

Families and friends are "required" to come back for the finish

OKAY, SO IT'S NOT REQUIRED, BUT WHY WOULD ANYONE WANT TO MISS THE PARTY OF THE MILLENNIUM?

WHY WORRY ABOUT THE FINISH THIS LONG BEFORE THE START? EVEN THOUGH THE FINISH IS OVER 21 MONTHS AWAY, THE SOONER YOU, YOUR FAMILY AND YOUR FRIENDS CAN ACT ON THE FOLLOWING, THE BETTER. TK&A WANTS TO INSURE IT CAN ACCOMMODATE AS MANY PEOPLE FOR THE FINISH AS POSSIBLE. GUARANTEED, IF YOU WAIT TILL NEXT YEAR TO DECIDE, YOU WILL BE OUT IN THE COLD.

- YOU, YOUR FAMILY AND YOUR FRIENDS HAVE BEEN EXTENDED SPECIAL ODYSSEY RATES FROM DEC. 30, 2000 TO JANUARY 2, 2001. IF YOU WANT TO COME EARLIER OR STAY LATER, FEEL FREE TO ASK.
- YOU WILL NEED TO USE THE SPECIAL HILTON RESERVATION NUMBER (1-800-HILTONS) TO RECEIVE OUR SPECIAL RATE OF \$169 (PLUS 10% TAX) A NIGHT. THERE IS A 2 NIGHT MINIMUM REQUIRED. YOU MUST IDENTIFY TO THE OPERATOR YOU ARE INVOLVED WITH THE ODYSSEY 2000/KNEELAND GROUP.
- ON DECEMBER 31, 2000, THE BIGGEST NEW YEAR'S EVE OF OUR LIFE, TK&A HAS RESERVED AN ADDITIONAL 500 SPACES FOR FAMILY AND FRIENDS TO JOIN US FOR DINNER AT OUR KICKASS NEW YEAR'S EVE FINISHER'S PARTY FOR AN ADDITIONAL COST OF \$70 PER PERSON, PAYABLE TO TK&A. SORRY, BUT ALCOHOL IS NOT COVERED IN THIS COST, BUT IT'S STILL AN EXCELLENT DEAL. SINCE TK&A CAN'T AFFORD TOO MUCH FINANCIAL LIABILITY, WE WILL CUT BACK TO A SMALLER SPACE IF WE DON'T RECEIVE ENOUGH INTEREST IN THIS PARTY BY APRIL 30, 1999.

How quickly should family and friends make plans for Burbank?

ROOMS DO GO QUICKLY FOR NEW YEAR'S, SO WE SUGGEST YOU SORT OUT YOUR TENTATIVE PLANS IN THE NEXT TWO MONTHS OR SO. OF COURSE, YOU CAN WAIT AS LONG AS YOU LIKE, BUT YOU WILL RISK NOT BEING ABLE TO STAY AT OR NEAR THE BURBANK HILTON AIRPORT.

Ready to make family meal reservations?

READY TO COMMIT TO DINNER GUESTS ON DEC. 30 AND 31, 1999 AND/OR DEC. 31, 2000? THEN WE ARE READY FOR YOU.

PLEASE USE THE ENCLOSED BURBANK EXTRA'S *ORDER FORM* TO SECURE YOUR FAMILY AND FRIEND'S RESERVATIONS FOR MEALS. RESERVATIONS WILL BE MADE ON A FIRST-COME FIRST-SERVED BASIS. PLEASE NOTE THE MAXIMUM SPACE FOR OUR 12/31/2000 NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY IS ABOUT 800 PEOPLE. HOWEVER, IF WE DON'T GET ENOUGH RESPONSE BY APRIL 30, 1999, WE WILL CUT OUR COMMITMENT TO A SMALLER, MORE AFFORDABLE ROOM. THANKS FOR THINKING THIS THROUGH AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE.

P.S. IF YOU RESERVE A SPACE AND THEN FIND YOUR FRIEND CAN'T JOIN YOU, NO PROBLEM. YOU STILL "OWN" THE SLOT AND IT MIGHT INCREASE IN VALUE AS WE GET CLOSER TO THE RIDE.

An important Odyssey insight into beds and lodging-How does TK&A afford beds forty percent of the time?

LODGING IS ALWAYS A STICKY ISSUE FOR SOME PEOPLE ON LONG DISTANCE RIDES. TK&A HAS ACTUALLY FOUND IT IS MUCH EASIER TO SIMPLY OFFER CAMPING INSTEAD OF BEDS DURING AN EVENT, THAT WAY PEOPLE HAVE THEIR TENT FOR PRIVACY AND PERSONAL SPACE.

HOWEVER, WE ALSO RECOGNIZE THE TIME SAVINGS WHEN ONE DOESN'T HAVE TO LOCATE A FLAT SPACE AND ERECT THEIR NYLON SHELTER. ONE OF THE EARLY DECISIONS KAREN-ANN AND I MADE WAS TO INCORPORATE A BED AT LEAST EVERY THIRD NIGHT. AS YOU KNOW, WE ARE ACTUALLY OFFERING BEDS 40% OF THE TIME. AND WE ARE VERY CONFIDENT THAT THESE 146 BED EVENINGS WILL BE WARMLY RECEIVED BY EVERY RIDER AND STAFF AS ODYSSEY CIRCLES THE GLOBE.

SO THEN, HOW DOES TK&A AFFORD THE BEDS? AS YOU KNOW, MOST OF YOU HAVE PAID TK&A ABOUT \$90 A DAY TO PARTICIPATE IN ODYSSEY. BACKROADS (THE GRANDDADDY HIGH-END TOURING COMPANY FROM BERKELEY, CA) AND SIMILAR ORGANIZATIONS OFFER CAMPING TRIPS BEGINNING AT ABOUT \$140 PER DAY, AND INTERNATIONAL HOTEL TRIPS BEGIN AT ABOUT \$250 A DAY.

BECAUSE OF OBVIOUS BUDGET CONSTRAINTS, TK&A WORKS HARD TO BE AS CREATIVE AS POSSIBLE WHEN ARRANGING BEDS FOR OUR GROUP. WHEN TK&A PROMISES BEDS, WE PROMISE A BED PER PERSON OR COUPLE. IF IT'S IN A HOTEL ROOM, WE WILL TRY TO PUT THREE OR FOUR (IF THE BEDS EXIST, WE MIGHT EVEN PUT 5 ON OCCASION) TO A ROOM WHENEVER POSSIBLE. SOMETIMES BEDS WILL BE LOCATED IN SCHOOL DORMITORIES, COLLEGE DORM ROOMS, PRIVATE CAMPS OR EVEN MILITARY BARRACKS. WHO KNOWS, A COMMUNITY MAY EVEN OFFER COTS IN A LARGE GYMNASIUM AS AN OPTION FOR OUR GROUP. AS YOU CAN SEE, YOUR PRIVACY MIGHT INCLUDE ONE TO 100 OTHER HIGH QUALITY ODYSSEY RIDERS SHARING THE FACILITY. NOT TOO WORRY, THOUGH, YOU WILL NORMALLY BE THE ONE SELECTING ROOMMATES.

WE STILL FEEL A HOTEL ROOM IS ABOUT THE BEST OF THE BED OPTIONS. EVEN WITH TWO OR MORE SHARING A HOTEL ROOM WITH YOU, IT HAS A LOT OF ADVANTAGES. THOUGH NOT AS PRIVATE AS A TENT, YOU WILL OFTEN BE ABLE TO ENJOY A RELATIVELY PRIVATE BATHROOM, MAYBE WATCH SOME TV, PERHAPS MAKE A PHONE CALL, ENJOY A PRIVATE PLACE TO STORE YOUR GOODIES AND, ON OCCASION, YOU MIGHT EVEN ENJOY AIR CONDITIONING.

Lodging comment

ASSIGNING ROOMMATES AND ALLOCATING ROOMS IS THE WORST AND MOST THANKLESS JOB ON TREK, AND SUCKS UP A CONSIDERABLE AMOUNT OF A NORMALLY SANE PERSON'S TIME. PLEASE DO YOUR PART TO HELP THE PROCESS RUN AS SMOOTHLY AS POSSIBLE FOR THE ENTIRE YEAR.

- IF WE CIRCULATE A ROOMING LIST A FEW DAYS BEFORE WE ARRIVE AT A SIGHT, PLEASE FILL IT IN.
- IF YOU DON'T ADD YOUR NAME, TK&A WILL MAKE THE ASSIGNMENTS AND ASK YOU LIVE WITH THEM.
- WHENEVER YOU ARRIVE IN CAMP, ASK ODYSSEY'S CHECK-IN STAFF FOR ANY SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS.
- ONCE THE ROOMING LIST IS SET, IT'S SET. CHANGES CAN ONLY BE MADE VIA A TK&A OFFICE MANAGER AT THE TREK OFFICE.
- IF YOU MAKE CHANGES TO OUR FINAL HOTEL ASSIGNMENTS WITHOUT INVOLVING TK&A, YOU WILL ASSUME THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR ANY COSTS INCURRED.
- WE WILL NOT ALLOW SOMEONE TO MAINTAIN THEIR TK&A ROOM SPACE IF THEY ARE STAYING WITH SOMEONE ELSE OR HAVE ARRANGED FOR THEIR OWN ROOM. YOU CAN APPRECIATE THAT WE DON'T WANT BEDS TO GO EMPTY. THIS IS ESPECIALLY CRITICAL BECAUSE MOST HOTELS WILL HAVE COMPARATIVELY FEW BEDS AVAILABLE.
- TK&A DOES NOT SUBSIDIZE FOLKS WHO ARRANGE THEIR OWN ROOMS.
- AT HOTELS, YOU WILL USUALLY BE ASKED FOR A CREDIT CARD TO COVER ROOM INCIDENTALS. MAKE SURE TO SQUARE AROUND AND CHARGES WITH YOUR ROOMMATES BEFORE CHECKING OUT.

- SORRY, BUT A PAYMENT SUPPLEMENT TO OFFER A PRIVATE ROOM IS NOT POSSIBLE. IF WE COULD DO IT, THE COST WOULD PROBABLY EXCEED \$12,500 TO COVER OUR 40% BED LODGING.

If I want to make more private arrangements, how do I do that?

THERE ARE SEVERAL OPTIONS FOR YOU TO CONSIDER:

1. PLAN TO ENJOY THE LIVING CONDITIONS WITH OTHER ODYSSEY RIDERS.
2. ON SEVERAL OF TK&A'S BED NIGHTS, YOU MAY HAVE THE OPTION OF CAMPING ON OR NEAR THE FACILITY GROUNDS. ASK THE END-OF-DAY CHECK-IN STAFF FOR DETAILS.
3. ON ANY GIVEN NIGHT, YOU OBVIOUSLY HAVE THE FREEDOM TO SEEK OUT AND SECURE A LOCAL HOTEL, MOTEL, LODGE, B&B, HOSTEL, ETC. FOR YOUR OWN USE. YOU SIMPLY HAVE TO GET THERE ON YOUR OWN (THIS IS WHERE A SMALL BACKPACK COMES IN HANDY) AND GET BACK ON ROUTE IN THE MORNING. WE ALSO EXPECT YOU TO TELL THE "TREK OFFICE" YOU WON'T BE WITH US FOR THE EVENING.
4. IF THERE ARE ANY EXTRA ROOMS AVAILABLE IN TK&A'S OFFICIAL OVERNIGHT FACILITY, YOU MIGHT BE ABLE TO SECURE ONE OF THESE. THIS WILL TAKE SOME THOUGHT, HOWEVER.
 - TK&A HAS TO BE VERY CAREFUL TO INSURE ODYSSEY'S NEEDS ARE COVERED BEFORE INDIVIDUAL RIDERS, COUPLES OR FAMILY AND FRIENDS CAN TAKE ANY OF THE ROOMS.
 - TK&A WILL ALSO HAVE TO WORK WITH EVERYONE ON ODYSSEY TO MAKE SURE WE HAVE A FAIR WAY TO ALLOCATE EXTRA ROOMS FOR PERSONAL PURCHASE. IS IT FAIR TO LET FOLKS BUY THE EXTRA ROOMS BECAUSE THEY WERE FIRST IN? LAST IN? FIRST TO HAVE EXPRESSED INTEREST? BECAUSE THEY ARE A COUPLE? BECAUSE SOMEONE LIKES TO BE ALONE? YOU CAN SEE THAT THIS WILL BE A CHALLENGING ISSUE AT MANY SITES.
 - WHEN WE MEET IN BURBANK, WE WILL SPEND A LITTLE TIME ADDRESSING THIS ISSUE.

Tournament of Roses specifics

IN MID-FEBRUARY, BRIT-SIMONE AND I HAD A SUPER MEETING WITH THE TOURNAMENT OF ROSES STAFF AND WORKED OUT THE BASIC DETAILS FOR THE PARADE. SO, ON JAN. 1, 2000, AT 8:02 IN THE MORNING, THE UNITED STATE AIR FORCE THUNDERBIRDS AND ODYSSEY WILL LEAD THE 111TH PASADENA TOURNAMENT OF ROSES PARADE. WHAT A DEAL!

PARADE OFFICIALS ASKED US TO EMPHASIZE THAT THE INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE IS TO ODYSSEY AS A GROUP, NOT TO INDIVIDUALS. IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT WE ALL LOOK LIKE A GROUP OF ODYSSEY RIDERS, WEARING BASICALLY THE SAME OUTFIT, WITH THE SAME DECORATIONS. AS THEY EMPHASIZED, IT'S NOT THE TIME TO MAKE PERSONAL STATEMENTS, SUCH AS WEARING A MODIFIED OUTFIT, ADDING SOMETHING TO YOUR HELMET, HAVING THINGS STRAPPED TO YOUR BIKE, A PICTURE OF YOUR MOM TAPED TO YOUR FOREHEAD, ETC. TK&A IS IN THE PROCESS OF DESIGNING AN OFFICIAL ODYSSEY 2000®/TOURNAMENT OF ROSES JERSEY AND HELMET COVER FOR USE DURING THE PARADE. WHO KNOWS, WE MIGHT EVEN COME UP WITH THE MOST CREATIVE ROSE DISPLAY EVER CONCEIVED OF FOR CYCLING.

ANY EXTRA BAGS OR GOODIES NEEDED FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE DAY WILL BE IN AN ODYSSEY VAN EITHER AT THE END OF THE PARADE OR A COUPLE OF MILES ALONG ODYSSEY'S ROUTE.

Tournament of Roses® Parade 2001

THE SPECIFICS WILL LIKELY BE WORKED OUT AFTER THIS YEAR'S PARADE IS OVER. HOWEVER, THE PRESIDENT OF THE 1/1/2001 TOURNAMENT OF ROSES PARADE HAS INITIALLY INDICATED THAT HE ONLY WANTS THE FOLKS WHO RIDE THE MILES TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PARADE. WHAT GREAT MOTIVATION TO KEEP ON RIDING, EVEN ON THE TOUGHER DAYS! STAY-TUNED!

Unofficial email list in the making

WE HAVE BEEN ASKED IF WE'D BE WILLING TO MENTION A GRASSROOTS E-MAIL RIDER LIST THAT HAS BEEN FORMING FOR THE PAST COUPLE OF YEARS. WHILE WE DON'T WANT ODYSSEY ISSUES AND OPINIONS EXPRESSED IN A PUBLIC FORUM AT THE EXCLUSION OF TREK MANAGEMENT, WE WILL PASS THE ADDRESS ON.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN BEING INCLUDED, YOU CAN REACH VALERIE AT O2K-OWNER@ONELIST.COM OR GARY AT XMLMAN@AOL.COM. ENJOY THE CONTACT WITH THE OTHER RIDERS.

TK&A COMMENT: THERE IS ALWAYS A DANGER OF THESE TYPES OF GROUPS BECOMING OPPORTUNITIES FOR PEOPLE TO EXPRESS DISSATISFACTION OR DISAGREEMENT. PERSONALLY, KAREN-ANN AND I'VE SEEN SOME PRETTY INSULTING THINGS COME FROM THOUGHTLESS EMAILS. IF YOU HAVE AN ISSUE WITH ODYSSEY OR TK&A, BRING IT UP TO TK&A, NOT THE GROUP. YOUR PROBLEM IS NOT THE GROUP'S PROBLEM.

ODYSSEY IS GOING TO BE AN EXTREMELY POSITIVE EXPERIENCE FOR EVERYONE LUCKY ENOUGH TO BECOME INVOLVED. PLEASE KEEP YOUR OUTLOOK FRESH AND REMAIN ENTHUSED.

Biographies for Media and our Odyssey 2000® Website

WE'D LIKE TO BEGIN WORKING ON INDIVIDUAL PR FOR AS MANY ODYSSEY RIDERS AS POSSIBLE, INCLUDING POSTING SOME OF THE INFORMATION ON THE WEB. PLEASE TAKE A MOMENT TO COMPLETE AND RETURN THE ENCLOSED *BIOGRAPHY FOR MEDIA/ODYSSEY 2000® WEBSITE* FORM. THEN WATCH FOR YOURSELF AT WWW.ODYSSEY2000.COM.

Lloyd's of London Accident and Sickness Insurance bill

WE HAVE ENCLOSED AN INVOICE FOR \$500 TO COVER YOUR SHARE OF THE COST FOR ODYSSEY'S HEALTH AND ACCIDENT INSURANCE COVERAGE UNDERWRITTEN BY LLOYD'S OF LONDON. WE ARE EXTREMELY PLEASED DAN MCKAY MET WITH LLOYDS WHEN HE WAS IN LONDON AND PROPOSED THE IDEA TO THEM. THANKFULLY, LLOYDS PUT ON THEIR CREATIVE HATS AND CAME UP WITH A YEAR LONG POLICY THAT WILL DO THE TRICK. PAYMENT IS REQUIRED BY APRIL 30, 1999.

Mail stops

AS A REMINDER, WE ARE PLANNING TO IDENTIFY A MAIL STOP ABOUT EVERY 2 WEEKS OR SO DURING ODYSSEY 2000®. THESE MAIL STOPS ARE EXTREMELY IMPORTANT AND BECOME ONE OF THE MOST ANTICIPATED DAYS OF THE TRIP. MAIL STOPS ARE A PERFECT PLACE FOR FAMILY MEMBERS TO HELP YOU STOCK UP ON GOODIES. THE BETTER THE GOODIES, FOR INSTANCE, THE MORE POPULAR YOU ARE LIKELY TO BECOME. THE MAIL STOP LIST WILL BE FURNISHED PRIOR TO OUR DEPARTURE.

Medical study

NOTHING NEW TO REPORT. STAY-TUNED.

Packing list

IN A FEW MONTHS, TK&A WILL SEND OUT A FINAL PACKING LIST TO HELP YOU PREPARE FOR ODYSSEY. IN THE MEANTIME, PLEASE MAKE USE OF THE RED RIDER HANDBOOK YOU RECEIVED WHEN YOU REGISTERED. IF YOU LOST YOUR COPY, WE WILL GLADLY REPLACE IT FOR \$3.50 TO COVER THE COST OF PRINTING AND SHIPPING. THE HANDBOOK HAS A LOT OF VERY USEFUL INFORMATION ON TK&A'S RIDES IN ADDITION TO COMPLETE SECTIONS ON WHAT TO BRING AND HOW TO SELECT CAMPING EQUIPMENT.

Other's riding along

PLEASE, NEVER INVITE ANYONE TO PEDAL WITH YOU DURING ODYSSEY. IT CREATES CHAOS AND IS NOT FAIR TO TK&A AND THE OTHER ODYSSEY RIDERS. WHAT IS FAIR FOR ONE IS FAIR FOR ALL. IF YOU HAVE FRIENDS OR FAMILY WHO WISH TO RIDE WITH YOU DURING ODYSSEY, YOU WILL HAVE TO LEAVE THE RIDE AND REJOIN US WHEN YOUR COMPANIONS LEAVE.

Weather

ODYSSEY WILL EXPERIENCE EVERY TYPE OF WEATHER IMAGINABLE. EVEN SNOW IS POSSIBLE. SO, PREPARE ACCORDINGLY, PARTICULARLY WITH HIGH QUALITY RAINGEAR.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN LOOKING AT WEATHER SPECIFICS, CHECK OUT CNN AND OTHER WEATHER WEBSITES FOR INFO ON WHAT'S GOING ON IN THE WORLD.

Gear storage

EVERYTHING YOU ARE BRINGING (CLOTHES, GEAR, SLEEPING BAG, TENT, COMPUTER, ENERGY BARS, VITAMIN SUPPLEMENTS, GIFTS, MEDICATIONS, BOOKS, CAMERAS, PHONES, TUXES, ETC.) OR PICK-UP DURING ODYSSEY HAS TO FIT INTO YOUR OWN GEAR SPACE. COUNT ON A SPACE EQUIVALENT TO 18"18"X34".

Local currency

TK&A IS NOT PLANNING TO MAKE LOCAL CURRENCY AVAILABLE FOR RIDER'S PERSONAL USE. WE SUGGEST THAT YOU MAKE USE OF CASH MACHINES WHENEVER POSSIBLE. DEBIT CARDS WORK IN MOST COUNTRIES. VISA OR MASTERCARD WITH A PIN NUMBER IS MORE RELIABLE IN MANY DEVELOPING NATIONS. AMERICAN EXPRESS CARD HOLDERS USUALLY HAVE QUITE GOOD ACCESS TO CASH IN MOST OF THE WORLD'S MAJOR CITIES.

YOU CAN SOMETIMES USE CURRENCY FROM A NEIGHBORING COUNTRY, ESPECIALLY CLOSE TO THE BORDER. ANOTHER IDEA IS TO GO TO THOMAS COOK TO CONVERT, SAY, \$25 IN A FEW LOCAL CURRENCIES BEFORE YOU LEAVE FOR ODYSSEY. YOU CAN ALSO DO THIS IN EUROPE AND ONCE WE RETURN TO THE EAST COAST. WHY NOT ASK A TRUSTED FRIEND TO MAIL LOCAL CURRENCY TO A MAIL STOP JUST BEFORE ARRIVING IN A PARTICULAR COUNTRY?

Immunizations

IF YOU HAVEN'T BEGUN THE PROCESS, CONTACT A TRAVEL CLINIC OR YOUR LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO DETERMINE WHAT IMMUNIZATIONS YOU WILL NEED. PLEASE TAKE THE ENCLOSED *FEBRUARY 19, 1999 ODYSSEY 2000 ITINERARY* WITH YOU TO GIVE THEM A FEEL OF WHERE WE WILL BE AND WHEN.

Plug outlets

TK&A WILL USE WHAT OUTLETS IT CAN FIND TO KEEP THE BUSINESS OF ODYSSEY RUNNING. MANY OF OUR OVERNIGHT ACCOMMODATIONS WILL, NO DOUBT, HAVE AT LEAST A FEW ELECTRICAL OUTLETS. IF YOU PLAN TO CHARGE CAMERA, COMPUTER AND OTHER TYPE BATTERIES, RECOGNIZE THAT THE COMPETITION FOR THESE SLOTS IS GOING TO BE KEEN.

MANY OF YOUR APPLIANCE PLUGS WILL PROBABLY WORK WITH 110 OR 220 OUTLETS, BUT WILL NEED A PLUG ADAPTER. YOU CAN BUY ADAPTER KITS IN TRAVEL STORES AND CATALOGS. KEEP YOUR EYES OPEN.

Film

DO WE HAVE ANY ADVICE YET? NOT REALLY. HOWEVER, IF YOU ASK YOUR FRIENDS TO MAIL FRESH FILM TO YOUR MAIL STOPS AND MAIL EXPOSED FILM HOME, YOU MIGHT MAKE EASY WORK OUT OF A CHALLENGING TASK. YOU CAN ALSO HAVE YOUR EXPOSED FILM SENT TO A FRIEND WHO CAN DO A LITTLE EDITING FOR YOU, AND THEN SEND SOME OF YOUR BEST WORK TO THE NEXT MAIL STOP.

CHECK OUT DIGITAL CAMERAS. NO DEVELOPING AND YOU CAN EMAIL THE PHOTOS TO A FRIEND.

Extra globes

IF YOU'D LIKE TO BUY ANOTHER ONE OF THE GLOBES YOU RECEIVED WHEN YOU REGISTERED, WE HAVE THEM AVAILABLE AT \$25 EACH PLUS \$3 FOR SHIPPING. SHIPPING INTERNATIONALLY COST MORE.

Passports

AS STATED ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS, IT'S NOT TOO EARLY TO GET A NEW PASSPORT IF YOURS EXPIRES LESS THAN 6 MONTHS AFTER ODYSSEY ENDS. ORDER EXTRA PAGES.

Visas

PLEASE DON'T WORRY ABOUT VISAS AT THIS TIME. IT IS NOT EVEN NECESSARY FOR US PARTICIPANTS TO THINK ABOUT THE WORD VISA UNTIL YOU HEAR FROM TK&A. ALL FOREIGN PARTICIPANTS SHOULD DETERMINE THE REQUIREMENTS THEY NEED TO MEET TO TRAVEL TO EACH ODYSSEY COUNTRY.

T-shirts

IF YOU WANT TO ORDER ONE OR MORE (LARGE OR EXTRA LARGE ONLY) OF OUR NEW ODYSSEY 2000® T-SHIRTS, PLEASE GIVE US A CALL WITH YOUR CREDIT CARD INFO.

Sweatshirts

INTERESTED IN AN ODYSSEY SWEATSHIRT THAT LOOKS LIKE THE TEE-SHIRT? IF SO, PLEASE USE THE ENCLOSED ODYSSEY 2000® SWEATSHIRT ORDER FORM BY MARCH 25, 1999 AND WE'LL MAKE IT HAPPEN.

Odyssey articles on rise

CHECK OUT THE ENCLOSED "ODYSSEY 2000® MEDIA COVERAGE" SUMMARY. IT REFLECTS THE TYPE OF EXPOSURE ODYSSEY HAS RECEIVED SINCE IT'S INCEPTION, OR AT LEAST WHAT WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO CAPTURE. IF YOU HAVE BEEN FEATURED IN AN ARTICLE NOT INCLUDED IN OUR LIST, PLEASE LET US KNOW. AND, IF POSSIBLE, WE'D LOVE TO RECEIVE AN ORIGINAL COPY FOR OUR FILES. DON'T FORGET TO INCLUDE THE COMPLETE NAME OF THE NEWSPAPER OR MAGAZINE, CITY AND STATE, AUTHOR AND THE DATE OF PUBLICATION.

WE HAVE ALSO INCLUDED A COUPLE OF ADDITIONAL ODYSSEY ARTICLES WITH THIS MEMO. AREN'T BOB AND SUZY COOL?

Questions

AS QUESTIONS COME UP, PLEASE REVIEW YOUR PREVIOUS RIDER MEMOS FOR POSSIBLE ANSWERS. TK&A HAS WORKED HARD TO PACK EACH MEMO WITH FACTS AND INFORMATION RELEVANT TO YOUR PREPARATION FOR ODYSSEY.

MOST OF YOUR NEW THOUGHTS AND QUESTIONS CAN BE ANSWERED BY BRIT-SIMONE AND THE STAFF AT TK&A. THE BEST WAY TO GET ANSWERS IS TO TELEPHONE US AT 1-800-433-0528 OR (206) 322-4102. THE TELEPHONE OFFERS A BETTER CHANCE FOR A MORE COMPLETE ANSWER TO A COMPLEX ISSUE. IT ALSO LENDS ITSELF FOR A MORE POSITIVE INTERACTION BETWEEN TK&A AND YOU. IF THE OFFICE CAN'T ANSWER YOUR QUESTIONS, OR IF YOU NEED TO DIRECT SOMETHING SPECIFICALLY TO KAREN-ANN AND ME, PLEASE USE OUR EMAIL ADDRESS WHEN WE ARE TRAVELING. SINCE EMAIL USUALLY TAKES LONGER THAN A PHONE CALL, WRITTEN ANSWERS TAKE LONGER AS WELL.

PLEASE BE PATIENT, SOMETIMES IT IS A FEW DAYS BEFORE WE CAN ACCESS OUR AOL ACCOUNT. OUR ACCESS CAN BE LIMITED BY THE TYPE OF PHONES AVAILABLE AT OUR DIFFERENT HOTELS. ROTARY PHONES ARE NOT AS RARE AS ONE MIGHT THINK.

The countdown is on

KEEP SMILING AND FOCUSING ON JANUARY 1, 2000. JUST A LITTLE UNDER 10 MONTHS TO GO.