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Dear Yngvar:

I have been so slow to write, you have perhaps forgotten me. I phoned you on Saturday, 18 September, 1993, to learn of your "Inga-Marsjen" at Varteig. My wife, Susan, phoned you on Sunday, 19 September, to tell you when I would arrive at Sarpsborg rail station. You then arranged for Gunnar Gustavsen to meet me and drive me to the volksmarch.

This letter is my attempt to say "thank you"! My wife and I were traveling in Europe for 59 days. We visited 19 countries and I did IVV walks in 17 of them. Thanks to you and Gunnar, the few days I spent in Norway was the highlight of the entire trip for me. The members of "Vil Trimgruppa" made me feel at home. It was a very warm welcome to extend to a stranger. I was given coffee and strawberry waffles by one of the ladies and also was given two different Inga-Marsjen awards by other of your club members. I can't say "takk" to everyone, but I can to you -takk!!!

The 21K walk I did near Varteig is one of the best walks I have done anywhere in the world. Your club can be very proud of a fine IVV event.

I am sending you a patch and a pin from my home club, the Bull's Run Ramblers of Middletown, Ohio, in the U. S. A. Also, one of the special coins from America which was made for one year only, 1976, to celebrate 200 years of freedom in America.

Congratulations to the people of Norway for the excellent Winter Olympics just completed in Lillehammer. Susan and I saw almost all of it on TV here in Florida, and it brought back many wonderful memories of our time in Norway. Congratulations, too, for all the outstanding athletes from Norway who won Olympic medals while competing against all other countries.

Best wishes to you and all the others who were so kind to me in Norway.

Farvel, your friend,

Ken Hall

Note: Please remember that we consider ourselves to be your friends in America and if ever you should travel in America, please write to us at our Florida address and we will try to help in any way we can, such as helping you to find hotels, travel arrangements, volksmarsches, or whatever.