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Dear Shipmates,

I had hoped to get this in the mail sooner. I hope everyone has enjoyed either a Merry Christmas or a Happy Hanukkah. This posting is intended to be an information letter. Jack is still working on peaking and tweaking, however, the essential elements (EVENTS) are in place. The scheduling needs further refinement, however minor. I am enclosing the encapsulated event summaries, and where possible, estimated costs.

48 TO 72 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF ARRIVAL, START HYDRATING

Sunday 27 September - Check in, dinner and evening on your own. Hospitality RM open

A. Monday 28 September – AF ACADEMY & GARDEN OF THE GODS AND LUNCH

Enjoy a relaxed, hassle free tour of the 18,000 acre Air Force Academy. After we pass through the North Gate, you will view Diamond Lil, the B-52 Bomber. Next, a lovely scenic overlook off North Gate Road. You are in for a real treat in visiting the exquisite 17 Spired, interdenominational chapel where the Cadets march in their inspiring Noon Formation. Other attractions will include Falcon Stadium, the cadet glider port and the new 3.8 million dollar visitor's center. We will then travel to the Garden of the Gods Park. The Garden is the most photographed site in the United States. One of the world's greatest natural wonders, this gallery of amazing red rock sculptures was created more than 300 million years ago by violent geological forces. Fantastic formations jut skyward at heights of over 300 feet. Several stops will be made to view the spectacular monoliths as Balanced Rock and the Kissing Camels.

Our day will commence with our Memorial service at 9:00 AM in the Cadet Chapel.

Cost will be \$52.50 for the six hour tour which includes the above and lunch at the Garden of the Gods Trading Post. **Monday evening Dinner on your own.**

Jack had planned a "M" LAZY RANCH Dinner. The program would provide for a return to the "OLD WEST" with Cowboys and Indians, covered wagons and a "Chuck Wagon" supper. The Menu fair would include Flat Iron Steak or Half of Chicken with all the Cowboy Fixings and Apple Crisp for dessert served with beverage choice of iced tea or coffee. After supper enjoy an hour of a "One Man Cowboy Entertainer" on stage. "Typical Western Style Entertainment". 4:45 through 10:45. Tour Length is 5- 7 hours. 30 persons minimum at \$55.00 per person which includes Transportation, Supper and Show. This is one of the kinks in that the ranch cannot support us for Monday. We are planning on Tuesday instead.

- Tuesday 28 September
- OPTION A Transportation for NORAD—Times TBA
Length 3-4 Hours (20 Person Minimum)
\$18.00 Per Person for Transportation only
 - OPTION B Transportation for shopping
Length 4 Hours (20 Person Minimum)
\$18.00 Per Person for Transportation only
 - OPTION C Transportation for Olympic Training Center
Length 3 Hours (20 person minimum)
\$18.00 per person for transportation only
 - OPTION D “M” Lazy Ranch Dinner and show as described above.
\$55.00 per Person which includes transportation, dinner
and show

Wednesday 30 September

0920 AM PIKES PEAK COG RAILWAY. If you could take only one tour while in this region, This has to be it!!! Pikes Peak is America’s Mountain. This is not because it is the highest , but rather, because it rises, solitary and majestic, out of the great plains. Discovered by Zebulon Pike in 1806, it rises 14,110 feet above sea level. As you travel up the mountainside aboard one of the last true Railway Trains in America, you will experience three distinct geographical regions marked by striking changes. At the summit you will feel you are on top of the world! Please bring along a jacket or sweater – you will need it at the top.

Key data elements:

HOTEL: THE ACADEMY HOTEL, 8110 NORTH ACADEMY BOULEVARD
COLORADO SPRINGS, CO. 80920. TOLL FREE: 1-800-345-8197 OR 719-633-1181.

HOTEL IS SMOKE FREE. ROOMS ARE DOUBLE QUEEN, KING OR DOUBLE/DOUBLE
ROOM RATE IS \$79.00 PER DAY (DOES NOT INCLUDE TAX 9.4%)
(3 DAY EARLY ARR. OR 3 DAY LATE DEPART).

-----RATE INCLUDES FULL HOT BREAKFAST BUFFET (EXCLUDING GRATUITY) -

-----AIRPORT SHUTTLE IS \$5.00 PER PERSON EACH WAY. (CALL HOTEL)!

-----HOSPITALITY ROOM

COLORADO SPRINGS EVENT INTENTIONS CONFIRMATION.

A. MON.-----AF ACADEMY TOUR INCLUDING LUNCH 6 HR. COST \$52.50 PER

YES _____ NO _____ # _____ COST EA. \$52.50 X's # = \$ _____

B. TUE.-OPTION "A" YES _____ NO _____ # _____ COST EA. \$18.00 X's # = \$ _____

OPTION "B" YES _____ NO _____ # _____ COST EA. \$18.00 X's # = \$ _____

OPTION "C" YES _____ NO _____ # _____ COST EA. \$18.00 X's # = \$ _____

OPTION "D" YES _____ NO _____ # _____ COST EA. \$18.00 X's # = \$ _____

C. WED.- PIKES PEAK TOUR. INCLUDES TRANSPORTATION AND COG. RAIL TKT.

YES _____ NO _____ # _____ COST EA. \$55.00 X's # = _____

D. DINNER/DANCE -- COST HAS NOT BEEN FINALIZED AS WE PRO-RATE THE ENTERTAINMENT. (EST IS \$40.00 WHICH WILL INCLUDE GRATUITIES.

YES _____ NO _____ # _____ COST EA. \$ 40.00 X's # = _____

DO NOT PAY NOW. THIS A PLANNING TOOL

PLEASE MAKE COPY FOR YOURSELF AND RETURN THIS SHEET BEFORE 1 JAN 09

Sincerely,



Bob