

There has been a whole lot of effort made trying to get a variety side trips. Both Tom and I made trips to COS to get an idea of which ones were suitable for NWSA. The Tourist Bureau will be sending the COS Visitor Guide to the registered members so that information is available prior to making the trip.

On **Wednesday** we will be taking vans for a walking tour of Old Colorado City which has a Wild West atmosphere. There are unique shops, galleries, a historic museum and numerous good places for visitors to obtain lunch. The cost is for transportation only and dining will be up to the individual.

On **Thursday** there will be a major trip to visit the National Sand Dunes National Park and several near by Indian missions and ruins. The Indian part of this trip is not a usual tourist stop however the bus driver will have real history when explaining these ancient sites. The trip will stop for lunch at one of several places along the way. The cost is for transportation and admission to the Sand Dunes Park.

On **Friday** we will bus to near-by Manitou Springs. There, one can taste the mineral waters which made Manitou famous. The Indian tribes such as the Utes, Cheyenne, Arapahoe and other plains tribes wintered here. This place was universally declared to be a "Weapons Free Zone". There are numerous one-of-a-kind shops, galleries and a variety of dining. There are also Indian Cliff Dwellings where one can get an idea of what life was like for the Ancient Anasazi. The price for this trip is for transportation.

On **Saturday** the main attraction of all the trips will be a visit to the Air Force Academy Cadet Chapel which is a most magnificent structure. The gleaming towers of this chapel can be seen from across the valley from I-25. Lunch is available at the Balanced Rock Cafe in the Garden of the Gods. The "Rock" garden has been sculpted by years of erosion. Bring your camera as these two places are among the most picture places in the United States. The price is for transportation only.