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Employee Gala Scheduled Dec. 10 at Union Station

Planning continues for the 25th anniversary employee celebration slated for 8 p.m. on December 10 at the newly-refurbished Union Station in Washington, D.C.

Formal invitations will be sent to the homes of all active, fulltime employees in early November. Attire for the affair is black tie optional.

Victorian Christmas decorations will add to the elegance of Union Station. Trumpeters and carolers will greet employees who may choose to arrive via MetroRail, chartered COMSAT buses or by private auto. Valet parking will be available free to employees.

An international cuisine, set up in various locations throughout the massive Main Hall, is guaranteed to tempt all palates. Employees will be given "passports" to the various "continents" of food.

For entertainment and dancing, employees can look forward to the big band swing sound of

"Blues Alley" in the Main Hall. The East Hall, which will feature a quieter, cabaret-style setting, will come alive



The Corvette Sting Ray Is Here!

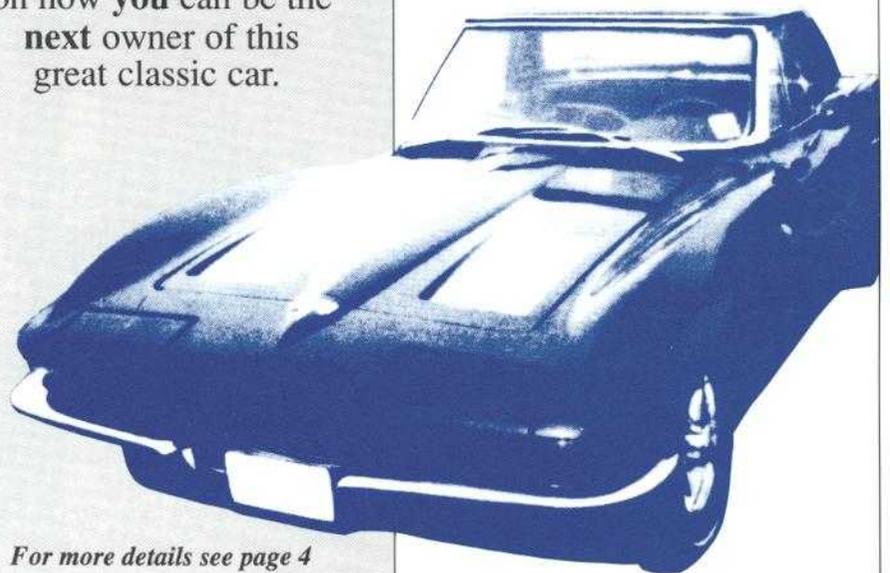
Read pages 4-5 to
meet the original owner
and find out the details
on how you can be the
next owner of this
great classic car.

For more details see page 4

with the sounds of world renown jazz singer Ethel Ennis.

Sometime during the evening, COMSAT Chairman Irving Goldstein, or his designee, will draw a name from a computer-generated list of active, full-time employees. The person whose name is drawn, whether present or not, will win a 1963 Corvette Sting Ray.

More details on the 25th anniversary employee gala and on the Corvette will be forthcoming. Keep up to date with your News Update. ■



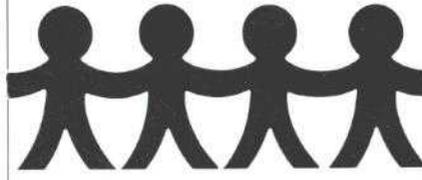
Early United Way Pledge May Lead to Travel Prize to Europe, Caribbean

Unlike any before it, this year's United Way Campaign may send employees packing their bags. Set for the second two weeks in November, the COMSAT campaign centers around a travel theme. Trips to Paris and London, Italy and a Caribbean cruise will be given away to employees who are randomly selected from the early givers.

"The best way to qualify for one of these magnificent prizes is to turn in your pledge card by Nov. 7. This will ensure that you are eligible to win any of the vacation packages," said Dr. John Evans, director of COMSAT Labs and chairman of this year's campaign. Evans said the campaign's goals are increased participation by all employees and a total contribution exceeding \$100,000.

COMSAT will send out United Way pledge forms on October 21. Employees who plan to be on travel or away from the area during the week of Nov. 7, when the first of several prize drawings will be held, should turn in their pledge cards as soon as possible. At press time, plans were being finalized, but here are some details of the cam-

It brings out
the BEST
in all of US—
the
United Way
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paign that were known as of October 5:
One or more events will take place at both the Plaza and Clarksburg during

which the first two grand prizes (for early pledges) will be drawn.

Unless otherwise committed, Sky-Bridge, COMSAT Video's satellite news gathering vehicle, will be used to broadcast the drawing to the Plaza or Clarksburg.

Team captains and canvassers will be named over the next few weeks, but here are the names of those volunteers who already have agreed to participate as captains: Intelsat Satellite Services—**Pat Kiernan**; Maritime Services—**Janice Wilson**; COMSAT Systems Division—**Paula Epifano**; Human Resources—**Carl Washenko** at Clarksburg and **Jim Herger** at the Plaza; Corporate Affairs—**Alethea Liptak**; Corporate Development—**Susan Mayer**; Corporate Services—**Nancy Thomas**; Finance and Accounting—**Ginny Russell**; COMSAT Labs—**Geoff Hyde**; COMSAT Video, Corporate Legal and World Systems staff—To Be Determined.

A trip to Melwood Horticultural Center, one of the agencies that benefits from the United Way, is planned for team captains and canvassers. ■

United Way: What Your Dollars Do

Many people are aware that less than seven cents of each dollar raised by the United Way Campaign is used for fund-raising expenses, but very few know just what their contribution can mean to someone in need. Here are some examples of costs to provide some of the services offered through United Way Campaign-supported agencies.

\$3.63 - One hot meal for a homeless person.

\$7.38 - Glaucoma screening for one person.

\$9.95 - One hour of homemaker service to allow an elderly, ill or dis-



abled person to remain in or return home and to function as independently as capacities permit.

\$33.20 - A day's residential care and counseling for an emotionally disturbed deaf person.

\$34.83 - A day's long-term community-based residential care for an elderly person.

\$42.77 - A patient visit to a medical clinic in a poverty-stricken, medically underserved area.

\$50 - Diagnostic hearing evaluation for one person.

\$51 - Shelter, food and support services for a battered woman for a three-day stay.

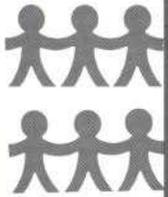
\$69.23 - A week's care of a preschool child at a day care center.

\$297.60 - Twelve days of residential camping for a disadvantaged youth.

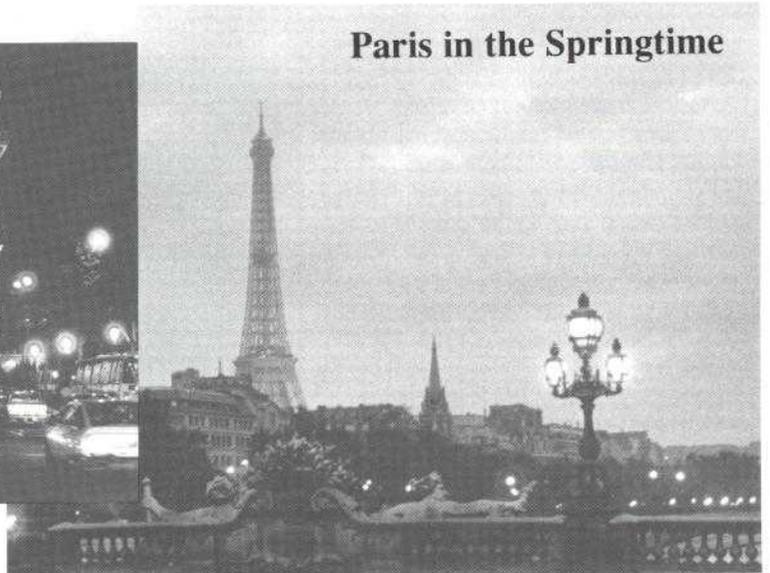
\$712.50 - A month of basic life skills training for a moderately to severely retarded adult. ■

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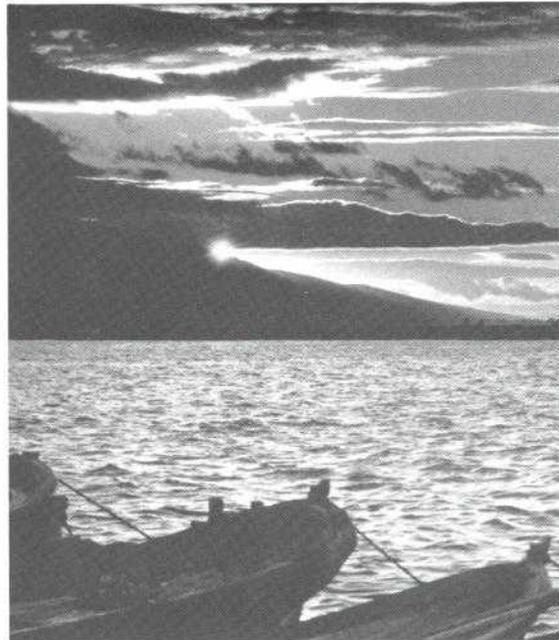
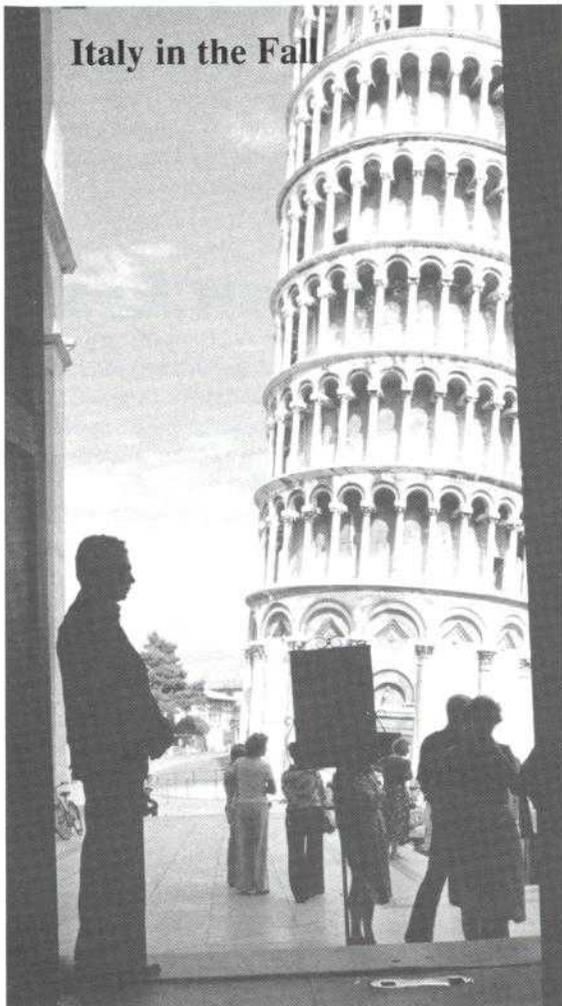
Win the United Way Donate Early!



Paris in the Springtime



Italy in the Fall



**A Caribbean Sunset
Or no trip at all...**

**...Unless you make your United Way pledge
by Nov.7, you won't be eligible for all five
travel packages.**

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25th Anniversary Celebration Includes 25-year-old Corvette

Some lucky employee will win a 1963 Corvette Sting Ray as part of COMSAT's 25th anniversary celebration. The drawing for the car will be held on December 10, the evening of COMSAT's employee celebration and holiday dance.

All active, fulltime employees of the corporation — regardless of geographic location — are eligible to win the classic auto. You do not have to be present to win.

The Corvette is FOB, Washington, D.C., thus if an employee from the Santa Paula office wins, for example, it is his or her responsibility to get the car from Washington to California. (Editor's Note: Volunteers are available to drive the car from Washington to any point in the continental U.S. Contact newsletter editor.)

In addition to giving away the classic car, COMSAT also is paying the federal income tax on the \$23,000 prize. Using a process known as "grossing



up," the winning employee's income tax records will be modified to reflect both additional income and tax paid. The net effect to the winning employee will be to have the federal income tax on the car paid by COMSAT.

More than a classic in both the literal and figurative sense of the word, the COMSAT prize is a true prizewinner. In 1985, the automobile's second owner entered the car in a show compe-

dition and won the "Top Flight Award" for excellence in restoration and preservation. The Top Flight Award, consisting of stringent measures of both interior and exterior care, is the highest honor bestowed upon a car by the National Corvette Restorers Society.

The car will be on display in the lobbies of both the Clarksburg and Plaza facilities in November. ■

'63 Corvette Was Beginning of an Era

Like COMSAT, the 1963 Corvette holds a unique place in history. While the engine and transmission carried over from previous years, little else did. It wasn't the first car to feature hidden, pop-up headlights, but it is credited with beginning the modern trend to use them. The "knock-off" wheel option also started in 1963. This is a quick-



change wheel using an adaptor that bolts onto the stock hub.

Air conditioning was another "first"

in the 1963 'Vette, but late introduction meant that only two percent of the models had A.C. installed. Both power steering and power brakes were first introduced in the 1963 model, as was a limited leather interior option. A new-style air cleaner made its debut in the model year, helping to keep clean the powerful 327 CID engine.

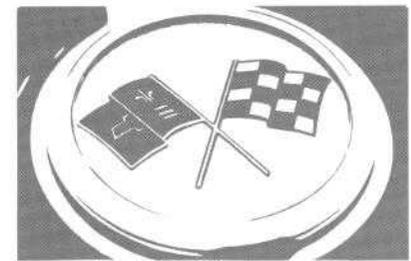
Another first for 1963, the instruments have black faces with deep aluminum finish recesses. The 1963 hood is also unique, with rectangular trim panels mounted in two forward recesses.

The Corvette Sting Ray that was introduced in 1963 was not unlike the COMSAT of 1963: both heralded a new dawn in their respective industries. And both have survived a tumultuous though successful upheaval in their battle to remain "classics."

COMSAT's classic automobile,

which will be given away on December 10, will go on display first at Clarksburg and then at the Plaza. Look for the Daytona Blue body atop four chrome wheel covers.

Editor's Note: The purpose of this article is to share some of the historical firsts associated with the 1963 Corvette, a classic in its own right. The



options mentioned here are not necessarily included on the car that COMSAT is giving away. ■



Original Corvette Owner Recalls Classic Fondly

More than 25 years after he first laid eyes on her — and some five years since he last saw her — Larry Matlock recalls his 1963 Corvette Sting Ray with pride and longing.

"She was the finest car I've ever owned," Matlock said recently in a telephone interview from his home in Archdale, North Carolina. "I sold her in a moment of weakness."

Matlock, a customer engineer for IBM, was the original owner of the 1963 Corvette that COMSAT is giving away on December 10. He said he logged about 78,000 miles on the classic car before reluctantly selling it in May, 1983. "I hated to part with it, but my family grew and my job grew and there just wasn't enough room for all my tools and equipment."

COMSAT bought the 25-year-old car to give away to some lucky employee in conjunction with the company's 25th anniversary employee gala set for Union Station December 10.

"It's a special celebration, and we wanted to have a special giveaway," said Corporate Affairs Vice President Dick McGraw. "I think this qualifies."

Original owner Matlock agrees. "Any chance of getting in on the drawing for the car?" he asked. "I'd give anything to have it back," he said.

Sorry, sir. Only fulltime, active employees of COMSAT are eligible. ■

ISS Staffers Help Move Traffic To New Satellite

When the INTELSAT V-A satellite launched in May arrived at its operating location at 307 E in August, it brought to an end three years of planning for some of COMSAT's space segment staffers.

And when the satellite finally arrived at its orbital slot, it signaled the beginning of several days of round-the-clock work for COMSAT's Intelsat Satellite Services implementation and operations groups. Their task was to transfer traffic off the old INTELSAT V F-3, which had been in the slot, and onto the new bird.

Planning for how traffic would be routed over the new satellite began in 1985, according to Diane Little, manager of space segment planning. Initially, plans focused on the INTELSAT V (F-14), a satellite lost during a launch in the Spring of 1986, she said. As time passed, the number of circuits in use on the older orbiting satellite continued to increase, complicating planning for switching traffic to the new

satellite.

By the time the new satellite arrived at its slot, plans for how transponders on the satellite would be configured to accommodate the connections required by 65 U.S. and foreign earth stations had to be complete. And, each of the earth stations had to be ready with updated equipment to operate with the satellite.

It was left to Aaron Goldsmith's implementation and Kenn Sweigart's operations groups to see that the circuits were transferred. One by one, each earth station was contacted to let it know when its turn for transfer had arrived. Operations worked around the clock to make the switch.

By the time they were through, they had switched more than 200 half-circuits of communications traffic to the new satellite.

Meanwhile, the older INTELSAT V (F-3) was sent drifting toward its new location for a tour of duty in the Pacific Ocean Region. ■

US-USSR Medical Experts Meet Via Teleconference

A teleconference proposed and carried out by COMSAT's World Systems Division earlier this month brought together U.S. medical experts gathered in Washington, D. C. and a group of their Russian counterparts assembled in Leningrad for a live discussion of health and medical issues.

Carried out under the auspices of the United States Information Agency's "Operation Information" exhibit that has been touring the USSR over the past year, the teleconference became a main feature of the exhibit, which focused on medical themes while in Leningrad. The live discussion lasted

about two hours.

World Systems coordinated all facilities — including "occasional use" capacity on an Atlantic Ocean region satellite, making arrangements for U.S. earth station facilities and holding discussions with representatives of the USSR telecommunications agency regarding earth station availability there.

Production of the program was provided by The Learning Channel, based in Arlington, Va. The DuPont Corporation sponsored the exhibit during its Leningrad visit and covered the cost of producing the exhibit. ■