



The St. Louis Corvette Club Newsletter



July 2014

STLCC Upcoming Events

June 27	Bloomington Gold Run Drive your Corvette to work day
June 29	Fritz's Ice Cream
July 1	STLCC Meeting @Grand Slam 6pm Dinner 7pm Meeting
July 4	Webster Groves Parade
July 12	Chevy Museum Run
July 16-26	Western Trip
July 27	Fritz's Ice Cream
August 5	STLCC Meeting @Grand Slam 6pm Dinner 7pm Meeting
August 9	Springfield Run - Lincoln Museum
August 16-17	Autocross Family Arena
August 24	Fritz's Ice Cream
August 27-30	20 th Anniversary Caravan

Pics from last year's Webster Parade





Letter from the STLCC President

Greetings St Louis Corvette Club-

Pete and I had a trip of a lifetime honeymooning in Italy. The weather was perfect, the food was fantastic, the wine...ah, the wine... what could make it any better? Well, Sports cars, of course!

In Siena we walked right into a car race – the 1000 Miglia. The press was everywhere with a helicopter filming overhead. When particular Italian teams drove into the checkpoint, the crowds would roar!

Piazza del Campo is in the heart of Siena, Tuscany. They still hold an equestrian competition there called “Il Palio” that originated in medieval times. We didn’t miss the obvious – they ran the cars around the piazza just like they run the horses.

Originally, the 1000 Miglia was an open-road endurance race which took place in Italy twenty-four times from 1927 to 1957. Since 1977, it has been reborn as a “regularity” race (time speed distance) for classic and vintage cars that takes place annually in May. The route is round trip from Brescia to Rome. For more info, here is the English website: <http://www.1000miglia.it/2014-Edition/Route-2014/> They were moving pretty quick through those tight streets. I tried to snap some pics to share: **(Editor’s note-Ann’s pics appear later in this newsletter)**

The First Gentleman and I say a very heartfelt THANK YOU! for the lovely wedding gift and card from the club. We will put the party bucket to very good use and since I love to cook, I have already dug into the spices.

Summer is here! Have a fun one with safe travels.

Save the Wave!

~Ann

Ann M. Sedovic

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Helpful & Fun Corvette Sites

National Corvette Museum
<http://www.corvettemuseum.com>

National Council
of Corvette Clubs
www.corvetteanccc.org

Official Corvette Site
www.chevrolet.com/corvette

Boone Trail Corvette Club
www.boonetrailcc.com

Original Corvette Club
of St. Louis
www.occfstl.com

Corvette Racing
www.corvetteracing.com

Mid America Motorworks
www.mamotorworks.com

Elco Chevrolet
www.elcochevroletcadillac.com

Corvette Motorsport
<http://www.corvettemotorsport.com>

Corvette Central
<http://www.corvettecentral.com/>



July Birthdays & Anniversaries



Dick Shoulders	7/5	Paul & Kathy Craig	7/5
Ron Hagenow	7/8	Mike & Sandy Kirby	7/8
Sharon Love	7/13	Carl & Sharon Ballinger	7/31
Dana Griggs	7/21		
Cherie Hopson	7/25		
Jan Murray	7/27		

News from the National Corvette Museum



There has been an increase of 49% of visitors to the National Corvette Museum since the Feb. 13, 2014 sinkhole disaster, with May being the highest month. May 23, 2014 had the highest attendance outside of events held at the museum.

This year will be the 1st year to celebrate 25 year member anniversaries of the NCM and there will be 6 members recognized.

There are 5,126 individual Lifetime and Business/Club members of the NCM.

Thought you might like to hear some of the informational tidbits.

Also, if you are planning on attending Bloomington Gold, be sure to stop by the National Corvette Museum's booth and check things out.

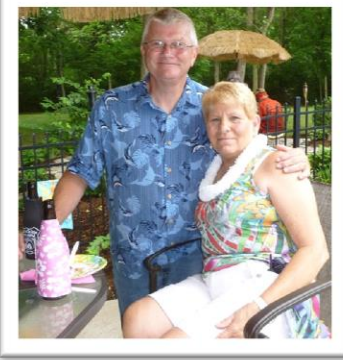
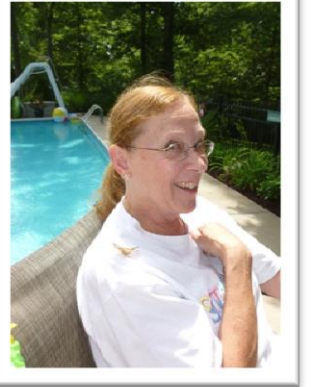
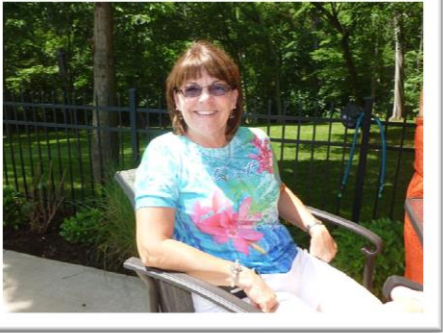
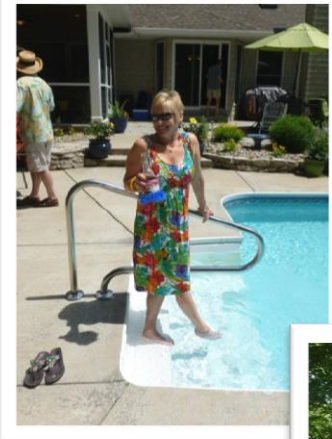
Judy Dooley
NCM Ambassador



Billie's Bistro Happy Hour



STLCC Luau



Ann's 1000 Miglia Pictures

It was quite an event watching them drive up, get time stamped, papers checked, mileage recorded and then off again. Every car had 2 people. A lot of cars had support vehicles following (I'm sure with a full garage of parts - ha!) and most had a camera mounted somewhere on the car taking pictures. What fun!

Alas, no Corvettes...



The Craig Racer Report

Racing at Putnam Park

Putnam Park is a private race track a short distance from Indianapolis Indiana.

It is used by many race teams for practice, tire evaluation, etc. NCCC Indiana region sponsors a low speed and a high speed autocross event there each year. It is a rare chance to drive under near race conditions. Low speed events drive through "The Loop" and "Times Square", high speed drivers follow the course directly through turns 1 - 10.

Turn one can be taken at near full speed. It is up hill to turn 2, off the gas through 2. On again to 4. There is a slight dip at turn 3 and the car loses traction sliding sideways. 4 has a slight reverse banking and is easy to over drive. (I put the Vette in a swamp just to the left of turn 4) A dab of brakes at 5 and a big arc between 5, 6 and 7. Heavy breaking and low gear at turn 7. Hang on and turn hard at "Dead Bear Turn". Feather fast through turn 9 to 10 and scare yourself at turn 10, slide sideways next to a big concrete wall.

The garages are very welcome especially in the rain.

-Jerry Craig



Don,

These were from an awards dinner at the
Corvette Museum.

Jerry



Congratulations Judy & Marty!

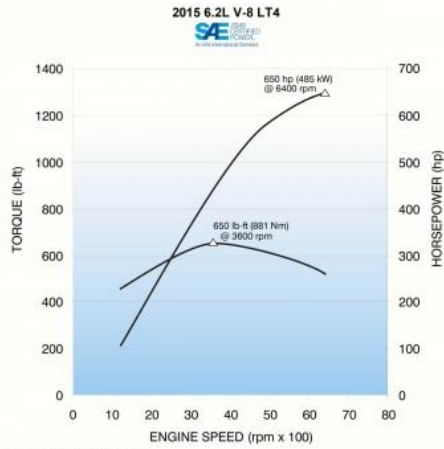
LT4 Engine in New Corvette Z06 Rated at 650 Horsepower



By Mike Magda

posted on Jun 5, 2014 in News

The new supercharged 6.2-liter LT4 engine that will power the 2015 Corvette Z06 will be rated at 650 horsepower with 650 lb-ft peak torque, making it the most powerful production car ever produced by General Motors.

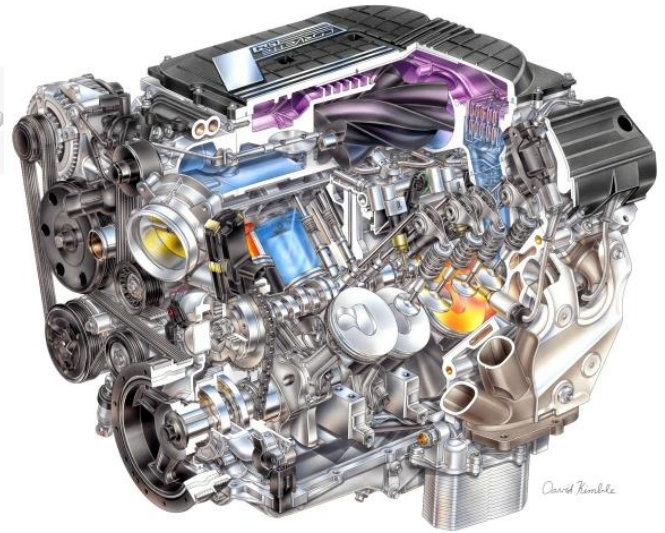


Official SAE numbers were released today following months of speculation when Z06 was introduced at the Detroit Auto Show in January with only estimates of 625-plus horsepower. The LT4's 650 horsepower rating (485kW) comes in at 6,400 rpm while the 650 lb-ft (881 Nm) pulls at a healthy 3,600 rpm.

"The LT4 small-block sets a new benchmark for power and torque at GM," says Steve Kiefer, VP of GM Powertrain Engineering. "The engine also puts the new Corvette Z06 on

par with the most powerful supercars offered in America."

According to GM, the LT4 offers 457 lb-ft of torque just off idle and twists the crank at 625 lb-ft as quick as 2,800 rpm. It also maintains 90 percent of its peak torque from 2,500 to 5,400 rpm. For comparison, a Ferrari V12 produces 28 percent less peak torque at a much higher 6,000 rpm, even though it offers more total horsepower. The LT4 also crushes a Porsche Turbo S engine's peak levels by 90 horsepower and 134 lb-ft of peak torque.



"Torque is the pulling power of an engine and the LT4's abundance of it at every rpm in the engine's speed range helps the Z06 accelerate quicker and respond nearly instantaneously," adds Jordan Lee, chief engineer for small-block engines. "It's the very definition of power on demand."

Don,
On one of my Corvette websites a guy posted several pictures of ugly Corvettes. I thought you might want to post some in the newsletter although they are pretty painful to look at.

Ron Hagenow



The Corvette good taste committee is actively setting up a firing squad...

Meeting Minutes

Couldn't make it to the meeting? Here is what you missed (and maybe what you were volunteered for):

St. Louis Corvette Club Meeting June 3rd, 2014- Grand Slam

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by President-Ann Sedovic. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Ann introduced current board members-president Ann Sedovic, vice president Mike Price, Secretary Karen Price, sergeant at arms Michelle Palliou, Treasurer Bob Kusky, and membership Tom Marlo, Immediate Past President, Ruth Howard. Club sponsor ELCO's representatives Mark Gerecke and Eric DeBruin were also introduced.

Ann welcomed everyone and reminded everyone to review the sign ups sheets, purchase 50/50 tickets, and put their names in the drawing for the monthly attendance prize.

Guests/New Members

Randy Howard was filling in for our absent sponsors to introduce Steve and Ingrid Ward, who purchased a 2002 Silver Coupe from ELCO and had been given a membership to the Club with the purchase of the Vette from ELCO. Rick Frederick noted that he had joined as a new member and wanted to make those who of us who knew him that he had recently gotten divorced and may be traveling to events with a different woman and so wanted to avoid any confusion-way to go Rick!

Meeting Minutes

Jeff Craig moved to accept the minutes from the May meeting as published in the June newsletter. Sharon Ballinger provided a second to the motion with approval by the membership.

Treasurer's Report

Bob Kusky provided a verbal report of the May/June monthly expense report for the membership and noted that the club was financially sound. Bob provided his notes and report for the secretary's minutes. Peggy Craig moved to accept the treasurer's report with a second by Judy Dooley followed with an approval by the membership.

Membership Report

Tom Marlo reviewed the June birthdays and anniversaries. He reported that we currently have 82 members, 2 Life time members, 12 associate members for a total of 96.

Newsletter Editor

Don Giovanoni noted that he always needs articles, pictures and recipes for the Newsletter. He asked for submissions to

be available to him by the 20th of the month and also thanked Ron Hagenow for his great article.

National Corvette Museum Ambassador's Report

Judy Dooley reported that 20th Anniversary of the Museum Caravan was coming up the last weekend in August over Labor Day. She noted that the Ballinger's were the team leaders 5 yrs ago and we had a lot of fun. The Caravan will include special stops along the way, the grand opening of the Motorsports Park. The registration fee is \$5/person to sign up. She also has \$10 raffle tickets for a Torch Red 2014 Coupe that will be raffled off at the Labor Day event.

NCCC Governor's Report-Jeff Craig (National Council of Corvette Clubs)

Jeff Craig reported that they are "on target".

Website Update: Dave Davidson

Dave reported that the site is "on target".

Sponsor's report:

Randy Howard reported that Eric and Mark were not here tonight and everything is "on target".

Committee Reports:

Budget Committee- no report

By-Laws-no report

Car Show- Larry Akins reported that the May 17th car show was a success with 23 cars. There were new classes this year with Rick Doerr winning the newer class, Bob Woods took the Best of Show with his baby and an ELCO customer, Jim, with a completely restored '71 that he completed in his garage took the older class. Michelle Palliou's Uncle Micky, a World War 2 Veteran, was our guest of honor. Larry then asked the group if any would be interested in participating in a car show at Laclede's Landing July 5-6th- there was no interest.

Charity Committee- Michelle Finn reminded the club that she would be selling 50/50 tickets to benefit the 2 Charities- Helping Strays of Monroe County and LuvU2Pieces. The winning ticket will be drawn at the club picnic. She is hoping to sell 200 tickets.

Christmas Party- Judy Dooley reported no changes at this time. She is waiting for pricing from Sam's Steak House.

Historian Committee- The 3 chairs, Jerry Craig, Carl Ballinger and Marty Dooley have paid for the Club Banner to be displayed at the Museum for this year. They will be meeting with the Board to discuss the plans for future purchases.

Nominating Committee- Sandy Kirby asked for anyone interested in running for a position on the Board to contact her.

Parade Committee- Ron Hagenow is waiting for more details on the Veteran's Day Parade.

Michelle Palliou reported that she is in need of more cars for the 4th of July Webster Grove's Parade. The theme is Stars and Stripes. We will meet at the Schnuck's parking lot at 8:30am and following the parade the Price's will host a picnic at their house- sign up list available for side dishes. You do not need to participate in the parade to come to the picnic.

VA Hospital committee- Marty Dooley reported that 10 of the participants from the car show met at the VA Gardens to complete the planting of the planters and garden areas. After which a group of tired planters enjoyed a dinner at Hooter's. He also noted that the funds for the Gardens are now depleted down to \$15. Karen Price noted that due to the generous donations of the participants at the Car Show, we were able to cover the cost of the plants and mulch. He plans on meeting with the Board and Budget Committee to make plans for future needs. Gary Duke noted that he and Erin were first time planters to the Gardens and found it very rewarding to be able to assist in this club charity. He encouraged others to come and participate, and noted that they were able to talk to two of the patients and their families. Marty explained why we do this and also the need for members to help water and to see him for more details.

Prior Events: Mike Price

May 4th- Ann and Pete finally got married and went on their honeymoon! Ann was presented earlier with a Wedding present from the club for her and the first gentleman- Mr. Pete- congratulations again Ann and Pete.

May 15-17th-ZR-1/C4 Gathering at the Museum - no one attended from the club

May 17th-Elco Car show- noon until 2pm with the planting at the VA afterwards- as noted previously, Larry also thanked Mike Price, Carl Cox and Mike Kirby for their expert grilling skills.

May 18th- Fritz's Ice Cream Run. The Howard's (including Amy and Jay), The Dooley's, the Akins and the Prices attended. Due to the change in dates we shared the ice cream treats with OCC, so there were plenty of Vettes.

May 30th- Villa Antonio Wine Dinner sponsored by the Doerr's and the Pickles- Rick reported that 34 members enjoyed a delicious meal prepared by the owner's 70 year old mom, who came out and greeted everyone after the meal was completed. Even though there was an initial down pour of rain, the weather was beautiful and it was decided by popular vote to make this an annual run.

Future Events-Mike Price

June 6th- Happy Hour at Billie's Bistro on Telegraph hosted by the Murrays. Jan encouraged everyone to come, beginning at 4 and noted for the late comers, that the happy hour prices would be honored. The owner just bought a 2007 Vette.

June 7th- Luau at the Grubb's- Laurie reported that the club will provide the meat. Members are to bring side dishes and desserts. Everyone is to bring chairs and what they want to drink.

June 8th- Optimist Car Show in Waterloo, Ill.

June 20-22nd- Chevy Super Show at Gateway- see Michelle Finn for tickets that were obtained at the Menard's May 30th show.

June 21st- the 2nd annual Armynta Craig Wine Run to Sugar Creek Winery- Patty reported that we will meet at noon at the winery for a relaxing day in honor of our dear friend. Members are allowed to bring food, but no beverages.

June 27th- Drive your Vette to Work Day- Meet at Mimi's at 10:30 for brunch and then onto Sugar Creek Winery for the afternoon.

June 28-29th-Bloomington Gold – Bob Kusky reported that 5-6 cars attended last year and that it is an easy drive in one day. Tom Marlo also reported that there are a lot of vendors and it is a good show. It is held on the U of I campus at Champagne, IL.

June 29th- Ice Cream run at Fritz's.

July 4th- Webster Grove's Parade- previously covered

July 10-12- Xtreme Xperience@ Gateway

July 16-26th - Pike's Peak Trip – Mike Kirby and Tom Marlo have 17 people signed up at present and they still have 3 more spots for the Train trip in Durango. See either of them for more details. They are putting together a complete packet with details.

July 27th - Ice Cream Run

August 9th - Trip to Lincoln Museum, Springfield, ILL- Bob Kusky noted that there is a \$12 admission fee; there will be a parking garage. There is a signup sheet for members.

New Business

Our Club is a lifetime member of the National Corvette Museum. For the past two years, Judy and Marty Dooley have purchased the club banner for display all year outside the Museum. Marty made the following motion: Each year the old club banner would be raffled off at the club picnic and the proceeds be used to purchase the next year's banner. The club would supplement if the proceeds are not enough to cover the cost. The club banner cost increased from the previous \$300/yr to \$500/yr. Marty Dooley suggested that we raffle off the banner at the Christmas Party. The Board will meet with the budget committee to discuss plans as noted previously.

Announcements from the floor

Mike Kirby noted that he has 5 hotels booked for the trip out west and also a train trip in Durango. He has information about the 12 day trip planned from July 16th-26th

Questions/comments/suggestions

None

50/50 Raffle

Congratulations to Gary Duke who won \$93 and new member Steve Ward who won a Magazine from the Sink Hole at the Museum donated by the Dooley's.

Drawing for the monthly attendance prize

Carl Cox won a \$20 QT gift Card.

Dessert

Thanks to Larry and Elise Akins for the delicious cake this evening.

July cake to be provided by the Dooley's and the Dahman's.

Next meeting: July 1st.

Tonight's attendance was reported by Tom Marlo as 49.

Don Pickles moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:02pm with a seconded by Peggy Craig and approval by the membership. Ann thanked everyone for coming and reminded them to drive safely and save the wave.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Price, Secretary 2014

Bob Kusky is looking for members who would be interested in attending this event:

ABRAHAM LINCOLN PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARY AND MUSEUM

AUGUST 2, 2014

Adult (16 - 61 years of age)	\$15.00
Senior (62 years of age and up)	\$ 12.00
Children (5 - 15 years of age)	\$ 6.00
Military (id required)	\$ 10.00
Students (school/college id required)	\$ 12.00

Ticket price includes admission to the exhibit areas and both theater presentations.

1. Do groups need to reserve time in advance? If so, who is the contact?

Yes, all group visits of **15 or more must be scheduled** through the [Springfield Convention and Visitors Bureau \(SCVB\)](#). The SCVB is available by telephone at 217-789-2360. <http://www.visit-springfieldillinois.com>

[Purchase advance tickets on-line now!](#) or call the box office sales at 217-558-8934

For the comfort and safety of others, we require guests to abide by these rules:

No backpacks or large bags are allowed. Umbrellas and bags exceeding a size limit of 11x16x8 must be checked into a locker. Headsets, personal stereos and other electronic equipment must be checked into a locker. Cell phones should be silenced.

Photography is allowed only in the Plaza area and Mrs. Lincoln Attic. No photography is allowed in the theaters, galleries, or exhibits.

No food, beverages, candy, or gum are allowed in the Museum. In addition, the Museum is a smoke-free facility.

Do not touch the exhibits. Video surveillance is used throughout the building to protect the Museum and its guests.

From Tom Marlo:

Here is the itinerary for the trip this summer to Colorado and New Mexico. I thought it would be a good idea to include it in the next newsletter so the folks that did not attend the meeting would have the opportunity to consider it in their summer plans. Please let them know that, as always, they don't have to do the whole trip, they can do part of the trip and go on elsewhere or make it a short trip and come home early.

If any new members did not get a welcome packet of goodies to please let me know.

St Louis Corvette Club Pikes Peak, Durango, Santa Fe, Taos NM Trip Wednesday July 16th to Saturday July 26th

Wed - July 16th Day 1 from St Louis to Hayes KS 515 miles 7hr 30 min - Stay in Hayes KS

Thurs - July 17th Day 2 from Hayes KS to Colorado Springs Co 325 miles 6 hours - Stay in Colorado Springs

Afternoon day 2 - Garden of the Gods 3 - 4hrs

Fri - July 18th Day 3 Colorado Springs - Stay in Colorado Springs

Morning - Pikes Peak - 4hrs

Air Force Academy - 4hrs



Sat - July 19th Day 4 Leave Colorado Springs for Durango 365 miles 6hr 30 min - Stay in Durango CO

Stop 2 hours Great Sand Dunes?

Sun - July 20th Day 5 - Stay in Durango Co

Silverton RR Tour

Mon - July 21st Day 6 - Stay in Durango CO

Jeep rental - Million Dollar Highway - Open day

Tues - July 22nd Day 7 Stay in Durango CO

Mesa Verde

4 Corners

Wed - July 23rd Day 8 Travel to Santa Fe NM - 212 miles 4hrs - Stay in Santa Fe

Enchanted Circle Highway Tour

Thurs - July 24th Day 9 Stay in Santa Fe NM

High Road to Taos

Fri - July 25th Day 10 Travel from Santa Fe to Oklahoma City - 540 miles - 8hrs

Sat - July 26th Day 11 Travel Oklahoma City to St Louis MO - 500 miles - 7-1/2hrs



Please submit your recipes (preferably in MS Word format) to the newsletter editor by the 20th deadline. If I have multiple submissions the remainder will appear in a upcoming newsletter. If no recipes are submitted, he will be forced to publish his recipe for peanut butter toast. – Ed.



STLCC Recipes

Submitted by Ann Sedovic

One of the favorite desserts in Tuscany is *Cantuccini e Vin Santo*. Basic almond cookies (also called *biscotti*) dipped in late harvest sweet wine. Vin Santo (holy wine) is a style of Italian dessert wine. A nice local Ice Wine is also perfect for this.

Pour a shot glass full of wine. Dip the cantucci for about a count of 5 and enjoy!

Note: cantucci/biscotti are NEVER dipped/served with coffee in Italy. Coffee is considered a palate cleanser, a digestive. Served black with sugar on the side. Eating after coffee or adulterating it with crumbs is considered very bad form. ☺ Buon Appetito!

Cantuccini (Almond Biscotti)

- 1 cup sugar
- 1 stick unsalted butter, melted
- 3 tablespoons brandy
- 2 teaspoons pure almond extract
- 1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract
- 1 cup whole almonds with skin, lightly toasted, cooled, and coarsely chopped
- 3 large eggs
- 2 3/4 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 1/2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1/4 teaspoon salt

In a large bowl, stir together sugar, butter, brandy, and extracts. Then stir in almonds and eggs. Followed by flour, baking powder, and salt until just combined.

Cover bowl and chill for a good 30 minutes.

Preheat oven to 375°F with rack in middle.

Using moistened hands, halve dough and form 2 (16-by 2-inch) loaves on a large, ungreased baking sheet. Place sheet in oven – **turn oven temp down to 350°F**.

Bake until pale golden, about 30 minutes. Carefully transfer loaves to a rack and cool 15 minutes.

Cut loaves into 3/4-inch slices with a serrated knife.

Arrange biscotti, with a cut side down, on a clean baking sheet and bake until golden, 20 to 25 minutes. Transfer to rack and cool completely.

Best flavor if made a couple of days ahead. Store in an airtight container.

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