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President's Message

As I write this letter, I hope everyone has had the chance to experience the joy and blessings of family and friends that Christmas brings. With the New Year comes new resolutions and the promise of warmer weather to enjoy our cars.

Please join us at the planning meeting January 15 from 3-6 p.m. at Wesley's Steak House to start planning fun events for 2023. This is your club and each and every member's input is important to making the club run. It always amazes me that we continually have a waiting list.

It is a privilege and an honor to serve as your President alongside the current board members who are committed to make 2023 memorable.

Wishing all a very blessed and Happy New Year!

Karen Price

Birthdays and Anniversaries

BIRTHDAYS

Richard Brennan	Jan 3
Mary Ann Hagenow	Jan 9
Mike Price	Jan 11
Larry Akins	Jan 20
Michelle Paillou	Jan 23
Marty Dooley	Jan 25
Carl Cox	Jan 26

ANNIVERSARIES

John & Angie Midkiff	Jan 12
Ken & Barbie Payne	Jan 16
Randy & Ruth Howard	Jan 19

Meeting Minutes

The November Meeting Minutes are being repeated to refresh your memory for approval at the January Planning Meeting.

The St. Louis Corvette Club met at ELCO Chevrolet on November 1, 2022. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Jim Givens.

Jim led us with an opening prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
Club officers were introduced:

President: Jim Givens	Vice President: Karen Price
Membership: Judy Giovanoni	Treasurer: Patti Kusky

Secretary: Angie Midkiff, absent Ron Hagenow-substitute	Sergeant at Arms: Jack Braznell
Immediate past president: Don Pickles, absent	Sponsor: ELCO Chevrolet Mark & Kim Gerecke and Eric & Vicki DeBruin

Jim asked if anyone had any health issues or updates. Michelle Finn asked us to remember her son Thomas who is having health issues. Bob Kusky is scheduled for knee replacement surgery next week. Randy and Ruth Howard have COVID but are doing well. Judy Dooley is recovering from recent surgery and is starting physical therapy. Mike Price has had a setback but is doing OK. Laurie Grubb is still undergoing testing. Ron Hagenow, Dale Zeisset, Steve Kirby and Michelle Finn are all in recovery mode.

We have two new members, Jeff and Tracy Stiernen, who were not present at the meeting.

We also had several guests representing the St. Vincent DePaul Society who were there to accept our Christmas gifts. They thanked us for our generous donations. We are supporting three families this year. Connie Baroski from the St. Vincent DePaul Society said they are supporting 150 children at Christmas time and also support about 75 families with food so any donations are greatly appreciated.

President Jim Givens covered the following information:

- He thanked Kathy Mueller for her fine work on the newsletter.
- A motion was requested to accept the October secretary's minutes. Ken Payne moved to accept the minutes with a second by John Jordan. The motion passed.

- A motion was requested to accept the October treasurer's report. Ken Payne moved to accept the report with a second by Michelle Paillou. The motion passed.
- Membership Chairman Judy Giovanoni provided an updated report that reflected membership changes since the October meeting. She read the names of members celebrating November and December birthdays and anniversaries.

Current membership totals:

- Regular Members: 111 (includes 12 Charter Members)
- Lifetime Members: 7 (includes 2 Charter Members)
- Associate Members: 4
- Total Members: 122 (excludes Sponsors)

The reported indicated 3 people on the membership waiting list.

Committee Reports

Sponsor Report: Mark Gerecke – Mark thanked everyone for coming this evening. ELCO's inventory was up to about 60 cars. Corvettes are still running about 8-12 months backorder. They are scheduled to get 5 Z06s but all are on backorder. Eric DeBruin reported that there is a good inventory in the used side. Chevrolet is pushing electric vehicles so we could be seeing more on the used side in the coming months.

Jim Givens thanked Mark and Eric for providing ELCO as club meeting place and for the pizza they've been providing.

Budget: Randy Howard, Larry Akins, Ray Queen – On target. Will meet with the

incoming board next year.

By-Laws: Mike Price, Val Zeisset, John Midkiff – On target.

Charity: Michelle Finn, Judy Giovanoni, Sonja Giffhorn – Michelle thanked everyone for the donated Christmas gifts tonight.

Judy Giovanoni thanked everyone for the donations of sleepers for Newborns in Need. She has received more sleepers since the last meeting but did not have a complete count.

VA Garden: Marty Dooley, Karen Price – Marty said all was on target. He reminded everyone of the car show at the VA on November 12. He still needs help with parking.

National Corvette Museum Ambassador's Report: Marty Dooley – All information was in the latest newsletter Tickets for the banner are still on sale.

Parade: Michelle Paillou, Rick Frierdich, Leslie Hoosier –Rick Frierdich had an update to the Veterans Day parade. We will now meet at 8:00 am on the day of the parade with our meeting place at the Ameren Parking Lot D. After the parade we will have lunch at Sybergs. We will be transporting three Gold Star Mothers and one Gold Star Dad.

NCCC Governor's Report: Larry Walker – Larry reported he will attend the next Governor's meeting on November 12. Sanctions have been increased from 10 to 14 a year. Larry reported that John Midkiff is 33rd in national points and received a patch for 100 events. Angie Midkiff is 15th in the nation and 7th in regional points. Patty Craig is 22nd in national ladies points and Jeff Craig is 12th in national

points. The club as a whole is 18th in the nation in points.



History: Marty Dooley, Ron Hagenow, Peggy Craig – Ron said committee is on target.

Website: Steve Kirby – absent.

Christmas Party: Chris Woods, Judy Dooley – Chris said party planning is on target. Party will be held on Saturday, December 10 at The Legends Country Club in Eureka from 5:30-11:00 pm. Music and dancing will be available. There are 91 members who are scheduled to attend.

Nominating: Judy Dooley, Ruth Howard – Nominations are as follows: president-

Karen Price, vice president-Brandon Hoosier, secretary-Leslie Hoosier, treasurer-Patti Kusky, membership-Judy Giovanoni, sergeant at arms-Jack Braznell. No other names were submitted therefore the slate of officers was approved by acclimation. Congratulations to the new board members and a well-deserved thank you to the outgoing board members.

Vice President's Report: Karen Price reviewed past events and shared dates of upcoming events. **Be sure to check club website for event details.**

Past Events

October 8 – Picnic at Ramseys' lake house was cancelled.

October 8 – Route 66 Road Rally. Approximately 9:30 a.m. start.

October 14 – Day Trip to Casey, Illinois, sponsored by the Grubbs, was cancelled.

October 15 – Coffee and Corvettes at Proving Ground Coffee Roaster & Café in Columbia, Illinois sponsored by the Givens. 9:00 a.m. Seven members were in attendance.

October 19 – Retirees Lunch sponsored by the Queens. Changed at the last minute to the Corner Pub in Chesterfield. About 31 members attended.

October 22 – Bryan Toben, guitarist, at Wild Sun Winery and Brewery - 4830 Pioneer Road in Hillsboro, MO. sponsored by the Kuskys. 1-4 p.m. A good number of members attended and enjoyed our guitarist for the upcoming Christmas party.

October 25 – Casino/Lunch Day at River City Casino sponsored by Howards and

Prices. About 20 members attended.

October 29 – Gateway Classic Cars “Trunk or Treat” Family Event in O’Fallon, Illinois sponsored by the Givens. From 9-2 p.m. 10 cars attended and we were presented with a check for \$160 for being the featured club.

October 29 – Coed BUNCO at the Prices’ home sponsored by Karen Price and Judy Giovanoni. There were 26 players and a great time was had by all. Karen is seeking to make this a monthly event.

October 30 – Fritz’s Frozen Custard sponsored by the Bradleys. 5 p.m. at 815 Meramec Station Road in Valley Park. Rain held off and 6 cars attended.

Future Events

November 1 - Club meeting with officer elections at ELCO Chevrolet at 7 p.m.

November 5 – Veterans Day Parade in St. Louis.

November 6 – ELCO club hayride sponsored by the Gereckes. 4 p.m. at Dickherber Farms in Dardenne Prairie. Hot dogs will be provided. Bring your own grilling sticks, drinks, side dishes, chairs. Special thanks to Mark and Kim for doing this for the club.

November 12 – “American Muscle for American Vets” 1st annual car display at Jefferson Barracks Hospital, Bldg 1 parking lot sponsored by STLCC. 10:30 a.m. – 2 p.m. Show and Shine event-display only. See flyer on club website for car registration and location information from Koch Road. Contact Marty Dooley to help park cars from 10 a.m.-12 noon. *Masks are currently required on medical property. Refreshments will be available for purchase. Money raised will be used

for patient services.

November 13 – “Yellowstone” 2 hour season premier watch party. 6 p.m. at the Prices’ home. Contact Karen for more information.

November 16 – Retirees’ lunch at Spike’s Public House sponsored by the Grubbs. 11:30 a.m. at 4 East Washington Street in Millstadt, IL. Contact Laurie to sign up.

November 19 – Coffee and Corvettes at That’s Sip. 6060 Telegraph Road, Suite B in Oakville, MO. Sponsored by the Givens. 9:00 a.m.

November 26 – Caffeine and Chrome at Gateway Classic Cars in O’Fallon, IL. 9 a.m.-noon.

NOTE: There is **no** regular club meeting in December.

December 10 – Club Christmas Party at The Legends Country Club. 625 Legends Parkway in Eureka, MO. Sponsored by Chris Woods and Judy Dooley. From 5:30 – 11:00 p.m. RSVP and payment by November 10.

A mystery quilt sewing event is being planned for January 21. More information to follow.

Karen Price is still scheduling the annual Twelfth Day of Christmas at their house. More information to follow.

Jared Ramsey asked if anyone was interested in scheduling a shooting range with instructor for January 14. This will be held in Ballwin. There seemed to be enough interest so more information will be sent out by email.

The annual event planning meeting will be held once the new board has their transition meeting with the old board.

New Business

Thanks to Gary and Erin Duke for bringing tonight's cupcakes.

Thanks to ELCO for providing our meeting place and pizza tonight.

Marty Dooley brought several Hot Wheel Corvette sets to be raffled off. High bidders were Steve Hedgorth, Brian Walsh, Dennis Trost and Peggy Craig. Mike Kunst had several C8 posters which were free for the taking.

The attendance prize was won by Ray Queen.

Dana Griggs won \$85 in the 50/50 drawing.

The next meeting will be scheduled for some time in January. There will be no meeting in December.

Barry Seelig shared a closing joke with members. He also indicated that he has 1 club jacket with logos for sale if anyone is interested.

President Jim Givens asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Rick Doerr made a motion to adjourn with a second by Gale Mattler. The motion was accepted and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Ron Hagenow
Acting Secretary

Committee Reports & Sponsor Reports

NCM Ambassadors Report

Hi All, hope everyone is doing well.

As most of you have heard, the plant tours have returned to Corvette lovers. There are some changes to the plant tours.

- First of all they are now about 90 minutes long.
- Second: Only 15 people per tour. Additional guests must be at least 13 years old to go on the tour.
- Third: Pricing has changed. Plant tours are now \$50.00 per person but it will include a tour of the NCM.
- Forth: NCM members may purchase a plant tour only (for up to 2 people) for the cost of \$35.00 per ticket. Members may reserve their tour time in their Members Only portal.
- Fifth: As in the past closed toe & heel shoes are required. No high heels are permitted. No electronic devices, including cellphones, cameras and tablets are permitted on the tour. Also, no purses, backpacks or bags.
- Sixth: People who use a mobility aid such as a walker, crutches, cane, etc. will not be allowed to take the tour.

Here are some of the National Corvette Museum upcoming events:

- MIM Daytona Rolex 24, January 25-30
- NCM Michelin Bash, April 27-29

- MIM Tail of the Dragon Asheville, NC, April 30-May 3
- Vets 'n Vettes Presented by Mobile 1, May 11-13
- MIM LeMans, Normandy, Paris, LeMans, June 3-13
- MIM Alaskan Cruise, July 11-23
- 29th Anniversary Celebration, August 31- September 2
- Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony, September 2

Marty and Judy Dooley
NCM Ambassadors

Future Events

The 2023 planning meeting will be Sunday January 15th from 3 to 6 p.m. at Wesley Roger's Steak & Buffet in Arnold. The address is 3601 Jeffco Blvd. That's at the corner of Richardson Rd and Jeffco Blvd.

January Luncheon

Wednesday, Jan. 18, 2023

@ Joe Boccardi's Ristorante

128 Boccardi Ln. Eureka, MO 63025

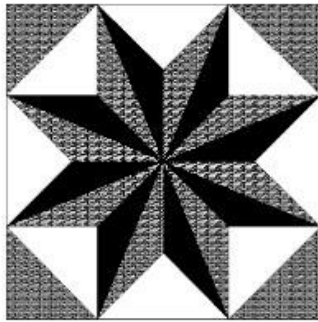
Seating at 11 am CST

To sign up: Send your name by text to:

Rick Frierdich @ 314-223-0969 or

Pat Ross @ 304-412-2771

NOT Later Than January 10, 2023



Mystery Quilt Sew - Along
"Pretty Easy" TABLE RUNNER
with Vickie and Kim

Saturday * January 21, 2023 * Starts at 10:00 am

We are hoping to have everyone's table runner finished before they leave!

Countrylane Woods II clubhouse
851 Country Stone Dr.
Manchester, MO 63021

Lots of open table space and a big room for us all to sew and visit!



Materials supply list and more details will be sent
out on email around Jan. 1

Kim and Vickie will be there to help you with whatever you need! We can even
make you a "kit" if you want us to pull together fabric for you. Bring your own
sewing machine or share with a friend.

We'll supply sandwiches for lunch. Bring a side to
share and your own drink.

RSVP to Vickie at (636)236-5564 or debruinevd@att.net

St. Louis Corvette Club Valentines Day Luncheon

February 4, 2023 - 12:00

Mr. BBQ at Mystic Oak Golf Course

643 Ridge Road, Waterloo, IL 32298



Please join us for a day to celebrate LOVE! Our annual Valentines luncheon will be held at Mr. BBQ in Waterloo. The club has been to this restaurant numerous times for lunch events. The food is fabulous! When you arrive if you would like to grab an alcohol beverage please see the bartender on the first floor. You will also be able to order drinks with your meal.

There will be a sign up sheet at the Planning meeting on January 15th. If you won't be at the planning meeting and would like to attend - please contact Valerie (618) 719-4937 or Ruth (314) 486-6836. We look forward to seeing everyone!

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Last day to make reservations is January 26th!



*If you need is love, but a little chocolate now and then
doesn't hurt! Charles M. Schulz*





Bowling Green, Kentucky **June 24th through the 30th, 2023**

Registration begins February 1, 2023. More information to come in a future newsletter.

Past Events

Christmas Party

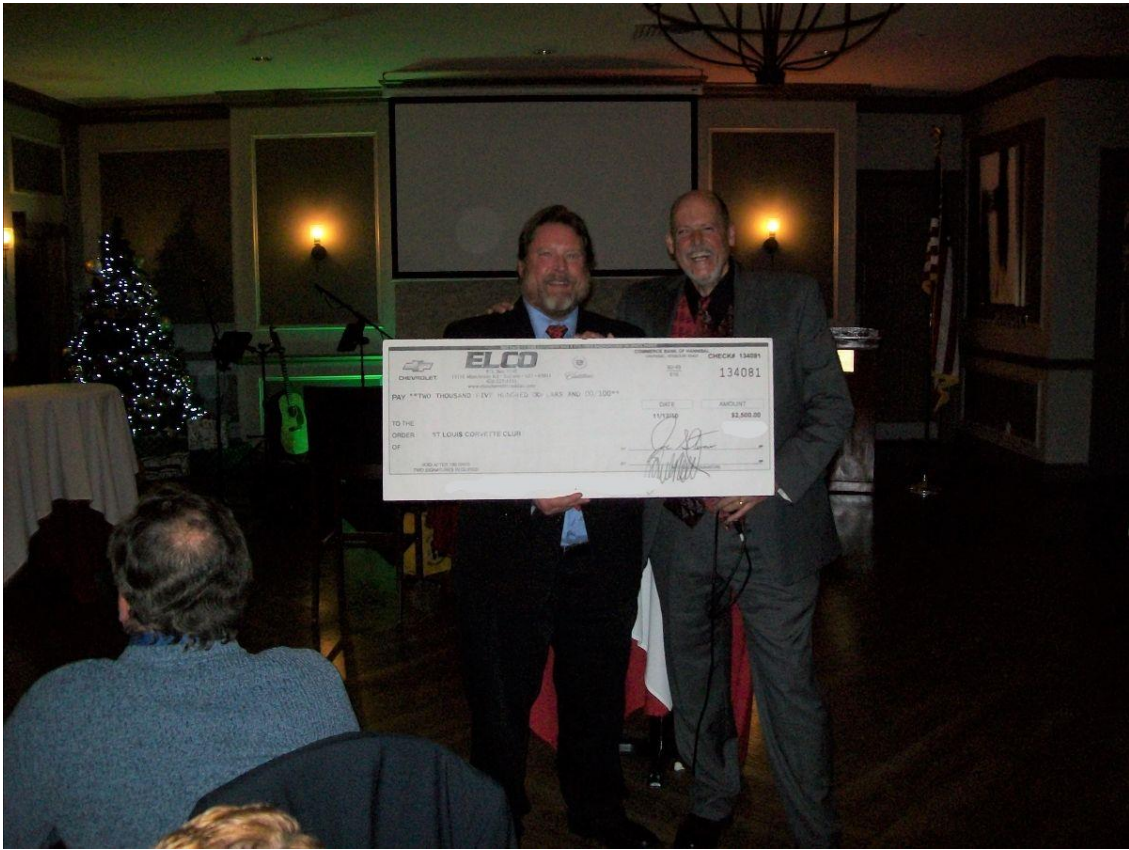
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Thanks to outgoing President Jim Givens for all he did as President and thanks to incoming President Karen Price for stepping up to be our new President.















December Retirees' Lunch

Hosted By Barry Seelig





The 12th Day of Christmas Party

Hosted by Karen and Mike Price













Winners of the Ugliest Sweater Contest



Articles

The St. Louis Corvette Club Historical Society Column

By Ron Hagenow

History Committee: Ron Hagenow, Marty Dooley, Mike Price and
Peggy Craig Bradley

With the beginning of the year we would like to thank Jim Givens, Angie Midkiff and Karen Price for their service to the club this past year. Being a glutton for punishment, Karen has been elected to lead us as our new president this year. And thank you to relative newcomers Brandon Hoosier as our new vice president and Leslie Hoosier as our new secretary. The remaining officers will be serving their final year in office so start lining up to fill their positions in November.

Typically, other than our annual planning meeting, there is not much happening in January with the club. Most of our cars are all snug in their garages staying out of the snow. So with that in mind most of this column will feature pictures. Without further ado, here they are:



At our planning meeting in 2009, we were all broken out into small groups that worked on ideas for events (special events, day trips or overnight trips).



Happy hour at Stonewolf, Fenton, MO in 2010, some of our members enjoyed themselves with plenty of food and refreshments.



Can you tell we like to eat? This was taken at our planning meeting in 2011.



In 2020 right before COVID shut everything down, the Prices' Twelfth Day of Christmas party was held on January 4. This should give you an idea of what slackers we all are after seeing the Christmas decorations Mike has to put up. And this should also give you an idea of what the ugly sweater competition looks like.



And also from January 2020, probably our last retirees' lunch for the next 2 years. What, we're eating again?

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Article Reprint
Submitted by Marty Dooley

Here is a reprint of an article from the April-May, 1961 edition of the STLCC newsletter which was named Corvette Redline News.

President's Corner

Well, here I am again with another attempt to be a columnist.

First of all I would like to solicit suggestions regarding our business meetings. It seems to me that we have too many guests who drop in to our meetings, then we never see them again. Is this because our meetings are not interesting? If not, how can we improve them? What kind of programs would you as a member like to have? Do you think we should have more tech sessions?

I certainly would appreciate any comments that you may have. Just drop a letter or card in the mail. I promise that we will discuss all worth while suggestions at both the board meetings and membership meetings.

Also I would very much like to have a volunteer for program chairman. Anyone desiring this job, and who feels that they can come up with some good programs, give me a buzz.

I guess that's all I have to say for now. So 'till we meet again.

Jim

Larry Walker's 1989 Corvette Racecar

Update - November 18, 2022

As I have mentioned in previous club meetings, I would be going to the drag strip in October to try to attain my goals with this 1989 Corvette of 8.99 seconds or quicker, and 150 mph or faster. In fact, I had promised Diana that if I attained my goals, I would put a "For Sale" sign on the car. (I don't think she likes me going so fast...)

This project has been a 30+ year build which I started in 1989 with a bare chrome-moly tube chassis, to which I welded up a Ford 9-inch housing with 4-link suspension brackets and filled with a Strange Engineering rear end running 4.11 gears. I added the front strut suspension, rack and pinion steering and covered it with a very light Hairy Glass C4 Corvette body and formed the sheet metal interior panels. After many of life's events taking priority, in 2016 I added the electrical and plumbing systems, lexan windows, seats, and built my LS7 (454) short block with some L88/ZL1 open chamber "C-port" cylinder heads using the solid flat-tappet ZL1 cam, and even welded up a set of custom headers. To get the power to the ground, I used a Powerglide transmission with a trans brake and a 5,000 rpm stall Coan torque converter to launch the car with over 2¼ g's of initial acceleration. Add in some 14x32 Hoosier slicks to put the power to the ground and I'm ready to go!

My initial track outings in '21 were focused on getting the combination tested. Nearly every time, I made new bests as my technique improved and the engine became broken-in. By the end of the year, the car was reasonably

consistent in the 9-teens at ~147 mph, but still short of my goals.

In '22, the car was sporting a new paint job instead of gel-coat black, and my quest continued. Several outings with minor changes such as carburetor jetting, retarding and advancing the cam, and experimenting with the instant center of the rear suspension, failed to be the magic bullet to get those goals. I inquired with my machinist about porting my cylinder heads and installing larger valves, but he recommended newer cylinder heads with better flow capacity. After a LOT of deliberation, I opted to buy a set of FloTek 315-121 heads which I installed in early October. My determination to attain my goals was challenging me to try two more attempts before the track closed for the winter. The weather Gods were not kind and caused the track to cancel twice in October, but one last chance remained – November 2nd! Let's make it a good one!



Finally, the weather was good enough and the track was ready! To support me, my crew consisted of Diana and club member Rick Doerr and his son Rick – it sure helps to have a great crew! My first run netted me four new bests – elapsed time (ET) and speed in both the eighth and the quarter. I hit my speed goal (150.18), but the ET fell short at 9.033 seconds. However, popping the parachute at 150+ mph feels really good!

For the second run – a longer burnout to better heat the slicks and more concentration on the tree. I had a great launch at 1.29 sec for the 60 foot – the run felt like a new ET best – but was it? Yes! – 9.021! But still no 8-second time slip – but oh so close! During the run, I had a the fuel pressure warning light come on just past the finish – could it be that I've got another problem? I shut off the engine and coasted to a stop on the return road After I stowed my chute for the trip back

to the pits, I called Diana that there's a possibility that I may be out of fuel; if so, I'll call back. Crank, crank, crank – good, it started, but the red light is still on – will I make it? Nooooooo... it quit and wouldn't restart.

The call of shame... “Diana, can you and Rick bring me some fuel? I'm out of gas (E85) and I am stuck!” Now realize this: Diana doesn't drive our truck (at all), let alone with a trailer attached and tilted to the ground. But, and I'm so happy that Rick volunteered to crew, he and his son will bring my fuel jug to me in his car. ***Thank you Rick!***

Back at the pit, Rick and his son help me repack the chute. Previously, my 3 gallon race fuel tank had always been good for 2 runs, but with the new heads and more horse power, the fuel usage has gone up. Lesson learned, henceforth, I shall always refuel after every run!

It's getting late and I know Diana is concerned about our pups at home. I promise that I will only do one more run – it will be the last of the year – make it a good one!

As I reach the head of the staging line, I constantly recheck switch positions and concentrate on how I'm going to do my burnout. It's dark now and I've got to manage the fan and lights so that I don't deplete the battery – I can't run the engine while waiting because it will become too hot for best power.

I just got a thumbs up to pull to staging – the track boy sprays some more water on the pavement at the start of the burnout area. I stop beyond the water, press the brake pedal hard and hold the line lock switch and start the slicks spinning. Count to 4, and release the button. Re-select first gear and move to the starting line. The Pre-Stage bulb is now lit, just creep up on the Staging beam – Got it – button press! There's the tree starting down – Release and go! Damn! A red light! Just keep going... The car is pulling hard with a bit of squirm as the slicks

grab for traction and I make small steering corrections. There's the finish line – idle and pop the chute! Feels good – take a deep breath – and coast to the end.

Turning off, I first think – why didn't the trans brake hold? - just another thing to fix! Engine off - get out - gather up the parachute. As I get back in, I turn off the GoPro, and notice my dash switch – dang, ***I didn't select***

TRANSBRAKE! Nonetheless, the run netted a new speed best of 150.20, but the ET was not there. Thoroughly disappointed, I idle back to the pits and confess to Diana that I didn't make it and will have to keep the race car for another season (woohoo!) to make my goals – I'm so sad... and she gave me a hug. It will be OK.

Since most of you will be reading this on a computer or pad, here's a link to a nice video of the second run:

https://www.dropbox.com/s/u2wsqru15eeg2s3/IMG_5851.MOV?dl=0

Cheers,

Larry



P.S. Credit for the fine pictures and videos to Rick Doerr and his son!

Featured STLCC Members and Their Corvette

Bob and Chris Woods



**Bob & Chris
Woods**



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