



This was ECG's first race at US 13 Dragway, and it was quite an eventful one at that. We began the day with 14 cars but ran eliminations with 13 as Bob Troise had mechanical issues and was unable to compete. This was a typical Mid-Atlantic August day, hot and humid. First time shot was run at 1:00PM and before we could get a second (around 3:00PM) the skies opened up. Heavy rain and strong winds prevailed for a couple of hours. With the track finally dry we ran our second time shot (1/8th mile due to conditions) and 1/8th mile racing began at 7:30PM. With a 1:30AM track curfew eliminations ceased at 1:00AM with our semi-final round complete. This could be the longest race day in ECG history!

Sat. 8-27

Qualifying Results (1/4 Mile)

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| Low Reaction Time | Bob Troise | 0.006 |
| Low ET | Paul McCorkle | 9.126 |
| Top Speed | Paul McCorkle | 139.92 |

Eliminations Round One:

Race One: Vinny "Good Vibrations" Cocchiaro took on Clayt Deming. This was a double breakout race with Clayt taking the win with a 6.669 on his 6.80 dial vs. Vinny's 6.08 on a 6.51.

Race Two: Bruce Deming met Dave Fenzel in race two. Dave went .119 red handing the win to Bruce who ran 6.758 on a 6.60 dial.

Race Three: Carly Boyer and Mark Fenzel lined up in this one. Another double breakout race with mark running a 6.626 on a 6.74 and Carly running a 6.685 on a 6.79 for the win.



Four: Paul McCorkle and Bob Bower were matched in race four. Both racers had very similar reaction times (.41 for Paul and .45 for Bob) but Bob ran closer to his index (7.894 on a 7.85 vs Paul's 5.833 on a 5.67) for the victory

Race Five: Cricket Clinch and Brian Hutchinson paired up in this one. Cricket had a slight reaction time advantage and ran closer to his dial (7.696 on a 7.63 vs Brian's 7.702 on a 7.55) for the win.

Race Six: Ed Linus and Ray Bloom fought it out in this one. Ray advanced running 7.18 on a 7.15 index while Ed broke out by razor close .005 running a 7.145 on a 7.15.

Race Seven: Tommy Magers had the bye and clipped-off a 7.569 on a 7.59 dial. On to round two.

Eliminations Round Two:

Race One: Cricket Clinch met Bruce Deming in this match-up. Cricket had the better light (.119 to Bruce's .282) and ran a tight 7.655 on a 7.65 dial for the win.

Race Two: Ray Bloom and Tommy Magers lined up for race two. Ray ran closer to his dial (7.194 on a 7.14 vs. Tommy's 6.649 on a 6.57) but Tommy's .047 reaction was better than Ray's .185 and enough for the win.

Race Three: Carly Boyer took on Vinny Cocchiaro in race three. The Untouchables Chevy proved it was in this race with a .050 light and a 6.877 on a 6.68 dial for the win. Vinny had a .172 RT and barely broke out with a 6.59 on his 6.60 dial.

Race Four: Bob Bower had the bye and clicked off a 7.942 on a 7.85 dial. On to the semi-finals.



Eliminations Round Three (Semi-Final):

Race One: First race of the semi's was Tommy Magers vs. Cricket Clonch. Both racers had excellent reactions; Cricket's .050 vs. Tommy's .051. Cricket was first to the stripe but both racers broke out. Cricket running a 7.553 on a 7.65 index and Tommy advancing to the final with a 6.569 on a 6.57 dial.

Race Two: This one saw Bob "Bad News" Bower pitted against Carly Boyer. Carly had the better RT (.088 to Bob's .187) but Bob's 7.858 on a 7.85 index proved to be untouchable as Carly logged a 7.666 on a 6.68 index. A Magers-Bower final is set. Unfortunately it was now 1:00AM! That is the track curfew time so we were done for the evening (morning?) The final will have to wait until Sunday!

