



The North Shore Corvette Club's day at Byron Dragway was never a drag. Seven cars and ten members and guests gathered at the Sears parking lot in Woodfield Mall on Sunday morning. Rich Finstad took the helm and lead us on our journey to Byron via interstate 90-W to interstate 47-S and onto Higgins Road West (72) for the rest of our destination. It was the perfect Sunday morning drive on scenic 72. Did I say perfect summer morning drive, it was. I'm so glad Rich choose the long way to get there, because the ride was ever so enjoying.

At Byron we did get a discount at the gate and settled in on the grass for our ground zero. A few others met us up there including Glenn Blum, trailering his '62 Vette, that he has owned for 44 years. So Cool. In the morning we had our fun doing fun runs or test and tune as some will say, to figure out a time to have for the bracket eliminations. Fun test runs, fun run tests, test fun runs? Who knows, but it was fun. In all there were fourteen of us up at the track. After a little lunch break and in the afternoon we did the bracket racing, with eight cars in contention. In the end there were two, Larry Latko, the seasoned veteran and Daryl Ullberg, the rookie. Unfortunately for Daryl, Larry prevailed making him the winner.



All in all, I think everybody had a great time. Brett and Pam Bacci drove their new C-7, with Pam racing in the brackets and kicking my butt. Daryl in his new C-7 Z06 racing for the first time ever and coming in second place, almost pulling an Eric rookie first place win. Also drag racing for the very first time in his modified C-6 was Brian Grewe and doing very well. Geoff Harlow getting into the 12's in his C-6 Grand Sport for the first time, breaking out of the brackets (going faster than he said or lower time) and saying, "getting into the 12's, is better than winning the brackets", way to go. Debbie Monnier got to drive Tom's C-4 with the automatic, Deb's is a manual, and confessed it's a little easier with the automatic and said that she might have to get one. Just kidding Deb. I think Glenn had a blast with his '62, cruising into the 12 seconds and not even breaking a sweat. Well, it did sweat a little, the car.

Well Sunday, August 13, we will be back at Byron for our final drag racing event. The staff at Byron treated us very well, mentioning the Club whenever we were doing runs and went along with our agenda. We also had two staging lanes. It was not crazy crowded and more than enough space for everybody. I was telling someone; I wish I could fit a grill in my car so we can have a cookout afterwards. I actually think it will fit and will have to do a few test and fits to see. Frank

