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## Jim Thomson, Pete D'Agnolo and Jamie Stoneman - Winners in TNT Super Series

*Rain pushed Saturday's event to Sunday*

**NEW YORK (August 26, 2014)** This past weekend's Joe's Transmission TNT Super Series was filled with some amazing on-track action. Friday's event in Lancaster NY saw 27 cars while Saturday at Empire was rained out and moved to Sunday. Jim Thomson from Niagara Falls, Ontario won Friday and runner'd up Sunday, Pete D'Agnolo from Rochester, NY won his first TNTSS race on Sunday and Clarence, New York's Jamie Stoneman defeated Tom Coonly in one of the best sportsman drag races ever!

### Friday Aug 22 presented by Steve's Electric - Results

After qualifying sixth with a 7.011, Jim Thomson marched through the 27 car field to earn his third win in TNTSS competition. In round one, Thomson put points leader Jason Vitez on the trailer with a starting line advantage and a near perfect 7.001. Then it was Larry Pulver falling in another battle won on the tree.

Third round saw Thomson beat two-time TNTSS series champ JJ Jablonski in a .526 7.007 to .533 7.018 match-up.



Semi-final action was Joe Karosik running a too fast 6.998 to Thomson's good-side 7.007 and yet another advantage at the tree. That set Thomson up to face Mark Herbold in the money round. Herbold had the advantage off the line at .545 to Thomson's uncharacteristic .576. But Thomson held off the Corvette's charge running 7.018 to 7.052 for the event win.

"I have to say two finals in one weekend were fantastic," said Thomson. "I had a great time with friends and a bunch of great racers but would have been better if my wife RaeAnn and kids Jimmy and Curt could have been there."

He was sure to mention how much he appreciates the help he gets from Joe Boniferro at Joe's Transmission Service, Rob Thomson at Four Seasons Roofing and Kevin Goodacre.

"I was going to take this year off but Joe talked me into it and has helped out tremendously. At the race in June, I broke the rearend and Joe told me to take it out. He drove back to his shop, rebuilt the gear set and was back by midnight so I could race the next day!"

Jim Thomson is now leading the chase for the Performance Improvements DRIVER OF THE YEAR AWARD, lubricated by Royal Purple.

### **Specialty Awards - Fri Aug 22**

- **Hoosier Tire Canada \$100 certificate** - Number One Qualifier
  - Joe Karosik (Depew, NY) with a 7.004
- **J&S Collision \$50** - Closest to the Index (1st Round Loser)
  - Greg Kerl (Elma, NY) with a 7.005

### **Sister Act Band SHOOT-OUT Results**

Four drivers qualified - Tom Coonly, Jamie Stoneman, Ted Barnes and Sam LoVetro. With a \$1000 winner-take-all purse on the line, everyone was bringing their 'A' game. In the final, it was Jamie Stoneman winning in the most competitive sportsman drag race in TNTSS history.



Off the line they were .001 apart ... Stoneman with a .507 to Coonly's .508. At the stripe, it was a double-breakout with Stoneman 10.897 to Coonly's 10.895. Coonly crossed first by .001 but Stoneman broke out the least ... Margin of victory .002. It doesn't get any better than that!

"What an awesome race!" said Jamie Stoneman in the winner's circle. "I want to give special thanks to my lovely wife Heather - who is my number one fan and supporter, my dad Jim Stoneman - for all his years of support, Jeff Gregiore - great friend and great crew chief, Tom Coonly - great friend and staying true, even twice defeated!"

Stoneman was quick to thank The Sister Act Band and Roy Lister for sponsoring such a great event. "Thanks also to Joe's Transmission and Ted Barnes for a great racing series."

"This wouldn't be possible without our great sponsors: Phil's Quality Auto, Joe Muro Plumbing, Joe and Mo Passero, Wayne and Pat Sipos, and Jamie Tupper," added Stoneman.

**Sunday Aug 24 presented by Autos Direct of Buffalo - Results**

In his first year of TNTSS competition, Pete D'Agnolo moved swiftly through the field to victory from the 10th qualifying spot. He made quick work of John Cira in round one with a .513 to .529 double break-out win (10.888 to 10.883). Then Tim Fletcher fell in a .519 to .535 starting line advantage. Round three saw Gary Kerl leave first (.514 to .518) but D'Agnolo drove around him for the win (10.920 to 10.933).



A bye in the semi's set D'Agnolo up to face Friday's winner Jim Thomson who was in his second final of the weekend. It ended quickly as Thomson went .494 red handing the event win to D'Agnolo.

"I have to thank my parents (Sam and Nancy D'Agnolo) and my girlfriend Kristina," said Pete D'Agnolo. "We just got this car looking to do something besides Super Stock." The 1979 Malibu is capable of 9.40's powered by a 427 small block. "I also want to thank S&R Automotive and JRO Design for all their help. And Joe's Transmission and Autos Direct of Buffalo for sponsoring tonight."

**Specialty Awards - Sun Aug 24**

- **Hoosier Tire Canada \$100 certificate** - Number One Qualifier
  - Harry Phelps (Newark, NY) with a 10.907
- **J&S Collision \$50** - Closest to the Index (1st Round Loser)
  - Tom Coonly (Blasdell, NY) with a 10.901

Next up on the 2014 TNTSS schedule is a double this weekend August 30-31 at Cayuga Dragway PLUS the REVS Full Throttle RACE OF CHAMPIONS on Sunday. Visit [www.tntsuperseries.com](http://www.tntsuperseries.com) for all the latest news on the most popular sportsman drag racing series in the country.

**Joe's Transmission TNT Super Series - Championship Points Standings (6 of 10 races complete)**

<b>1</b>	Ted	Barnes	<b>477</b>
<b>2</b>	Jason	Vitez	<b>469</b>
<b>3</b>	Harris	Phelps	<b>460</b>
<b>4</b>	Tom	Coonly	<b>447</b>
<b>4</b>	Harry	Phelps	<b>442</b>
<b>6</b>	Jamie	Stoneman	<b>422</b>

<b>7</b>	Steve	McCarrick	<b>420</b>
<b>8</b>	Chris	VanBaalen	<b>406</b>
<b>9</b>	Peter	Maduri Sr	<b>404</b>
<b>10</b>	JJ	Jablonski	<b>400</b>

**About the Joe's Transmission TNT Super Series (TNTSS):**

Since it began in 2006, the TNT Super Series has grown into one of the strongest, most competitive sportsman drag racing series in North America and has catapulted many competitors to success on the national and divisional stages.

The TNTSS is a self-governing organization with input from its teams. Based on NHRA's Super Street & IHRA's Hot Rod classes, competitors run on a 10.90 index in the 1/4 mile (7.00 in the 1/8 mile) and race for a guaranteed purse that pays back more than 100% of the racer's entry fees. The yearend points fund provides cash & prizes to the top eight finishers and the Series Champion receives a prize package worth over \$4000.00.

The TNTSS is committed to providing the highest level of competition backed by solid media support to showcase its participants across North America. Events are contested at various drag racing facilities in southern Ontario and western New York and put on a spectacular show for the drag racing fan.

**About Joe's Transmission**

Joe Boniferro has owned and operated Joe's Transmission Service in Niagara Falls, Ontario since 1984. From the original single bay location, the business has progressed to a six bay, five employee automotive complex on Arthur Street. The two storey building houses Joe's Transmission (Commercial, Fleet and Performance Divisions) and Al's Radiator Service. They sell and install aftermarket high performance parts and accessories. As a Firestone Dealer they sell and install drag racing tires. Their specialty is building and repairing high performance transmissions. Contact Joe and his team at (905) 374-6116 or visit them online at [www.joestransmission.com](http://www.joestransmission.com).

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