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2012 TNT Super Series Rookie of the Year - Jim Thomson

NIAGARA FALLS, ONTARIO

(December 1, 2012) The popular Joe's Transmission TNT Super Series is known for producing many talented sportsman drag racers. To see it, you don't need to look any further than Niagara Falls, Ontario's Jim Thomson - the winner of the 2012 Tim Thorne Rookie of the Year Award, presented by Sam LoVetro Automotive.



Jim won the sought-after award by earning the most points of all drivers new to the TNTSS in 2012.

The highlight for Jim's season is the double race weekend at St Thomas Raceway Park in August where he was in the final both days and took the win on Sunday.

Those results plus a semi-final finish at Dunn Tire Raceway Park earned Jim 627 points in the championship chase - enough to get him into the top ten. Impressive results for his first full season in TNTSS 10.90 competition.

"I would like to thank Sam LoVetro for sponsoring this award in honour of Tim Thorne," commented Jim. "I was really hoping to win this and since I knew Tim personally, it is an honour for me."

Jim was quick to thank Ted Barnes for putting on a great series and Joe Boniferro and his boys because they are always there to help.

"This year was a learning experience for me with throttle stop racing, but it was one of the most enjoyable seasons I have had drag racing. Anybody that says throttle stop racing is not fun or competitive has never done it!"

Jim purchased the Nova five years ago and bracket raced it at Cayuga where he won

a championship in 2010. "I must say that the weekend in St Thomas was the highlight of this year for me as I was runner-up on Saturday and won the final on Sunday. St. Thomas has a great track with great staff and I can't wait to go back next year," he added.

"I have to thank my wife Raeann and my two boys Jimmy and Curt. Kevin Goodacre was at most of my races and helped a ton. Gerry Bartel and Bubba Lou helped out this year too and Joe, Ryan, Pat, and Nick Boniferro are always there to help me out. And thanks to my brother Rob from Parry Sound who has helped me for the past couple of years by keeping rubber under the car."



Jim plans to compete in the TNTSS again in 2013, with a few minor changes planned for the car.

For everything you need to know about the most popular sportsman drag racing series in the country, visit <u>www.tntsuperseries.com</u>.

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 pays the top five finishers and the Series Champion receives a prize package worth over \$3500.00.

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.

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