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# Twenty-eight are qualified for the Performance Improvements TNT Super Series Race of Champions set for Labour Day Weekend

Field is now locked for second annual sportsman 'bonus race'!

## CAYUGA, ONTARIO (August 22,

**2012)** Since the Joe's Transmission TNT Super Series was created in 2006, there have been sixty-five events with twenty-eight different winners. As TNTSS event winners,



all twenty-eight are qualified for the upcoming Performance Improvements TNTSS Race of Champions where they will battle for overall bragging rights as the best of the best.

Saturday September 1st at Cayuga Dragway will see these drivers compete in a no entry fee, no qualifying session, winner/runner-up take-all shootout as part of the Canadian Funny Car Championships. This year's winner will receive a certificate for Performance Improvements valued at \$1200 and the runner-up \$600.

The second annual Performance Improvements TNTSS Race of Champions has seen sportsman racers from across the northeastern US and throughout southern Ontario racing hard all season long for a chance to get in. The ONLY way in is to win a TNTSS event. In 2012 there have been four new winners - Chris VanBaalen, Jamie Tupper, Harry Phelps and Jim Thomson - who are all now qualified for the highly anticipated ROC.

The field will be laddered from round one based on most overall wins since TNTSS inception with ties broken using most runner-ups and then total overall points earned.

The inaugural ROC in 2011 saw Jon Jablonski from West Seneca, NY march through the field and defeat Brampton, Ontario's Andrew Stirk by pushing him under the 10.90 index.

This year's ROC is presented by Performance Improvements Speed Shops. "We're so lucky to have support from these guys," said Ted Barnes, TNTSS Director. "They have been THE place to go to in southern Ontario for performance advice for almost 50 years! To have them promote our series, and specifically the Race of Champions, is a huge boost for us!"

"Performance Improvements is proud to be the title sponsor of the **TNTSS Race of Champions.** 

The TNT series fits within
Performance Improvements desire
to support local racers within our
area. Grass roots racing is still
where the fun is," said Bob
McJannett, President of
Performance Improvements.

"Each racer has earned their way into the field Sept 1st and we should be treated to some very



close racing with every pass. We are all looking forward to the race. See you there!"

For more information on how you can be part of the 2013 Joe's Transmission TNT Super Series and get into the 2013 Race of Champions, visit <a href="https://www.tntsuperseries.com">www.tntsuperseries.com</a>.

#### 2012 Performance Improvements TNTSS Race of Champions Qualifiers

	<u>Name</u>	# Wins	# RU's	Total Pts
1	Dave Surmatchewski	9	4	2952
2	Pete Maduri Jr	5	0	1547
3	Ted Barnes	4	4	2692
4	Jamie Stoneman	4	2	1461
5	Jon Jablonski	3	1	2402
6	Mark Herbold	3	1	2073
7	Sam Lovetro Jr	3	1	1640
8	Gary Kerl	3	1	1197
9	Ken Jozwiak	3	0	1043
10	Tom Coonly	2	2	2213
11	Paul Young	2	2	2050
12	Joe Urbino	2	1	321
13	Andrew Stirk	2	0	483
14	Bill Elekes	1	6	2603
15	Chris VanBaalen	1	2	1642
16	Harry Phelps	1	2	1175

17	Steve McCarrick	1	1	2055
18	Scott Jahren	1	1	1718
19	Roy Lister	1	1	1640
20	Gary Stowell	1	1	1242
21	Barry Lingle	1	1	714
22	Jim Thomson	1	1	464
23	Jason Vitez	1	0	1322
24	Ray Martino	1	0	509
25	Jamie Tupper	1	0	312
26	Rob Holden	1	0	289
27	Marc Vezina	1	0	270
28	Charlie Kenopic	1	0	150

#### 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 Performance Improvements Speed Shops

Performance Improvements Speed Shops has locations across southern Ontario. In business since 1964 with 2 generations of Canadian ownership, PI is a leader in aftermarket automotive parts & accessories. They recently moved into a huge new Toronto location at 87 Advance Road to continue delivering the best value & advice in the industry to automotive enthusiasts. Visit them online at <a href="https://www.performanceimprovements.com">www.performanceimprovements.com</a> or call 1-877-471-6700 to locate the store in your neighbourhood.

## **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 <a href="https://www.joestransmission.com">www.joestransmission.com</a>.

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