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## **TNT Super Series racers - Coonly, Jablonski, Stoutenberg - each take home Ironman at Skyview Pro-Am**

*Local sportsman series produces three IHRA divisional winners in two different classes!*

**TIOGA CENTER, NEW YORK (June 21, 2012)** Producing top talent in the sportsman drag racing ranks is a key focus for the Joe's Transmission TNT Super Series. That has never been more obvious than this past weekend during the IHRA Summit Racing Equipment Pro-Am presented by Amsoil at Skyview Drags in Tioga Center, NY.

Three regular competitors in the TNTSS went to the IHRA winner's circle - Saturday it was Tom Coonly (Blasdell, NY) winning Hot Rod and Jon Jablonski (West Seneca, NY) taking Super Rod and then Sunday, Jerry Stoutenberg (Rush, NY) took Hot Rod.

In Saturday's race, Tom drove his 1975 Nova through the Hot Rod field, taking out Kathy Kiekel, Dean Olschewske and Mark Proulx on his way to the semi's where he met up with fellow TNTSS competitor Jeff Fisher. Tom got Jeff on both ends of the racetrack and moved into the final against yet another TNTSS regular, Jan Winkowski.



The round ended on the starting line as Jan went .008 red... Tom still cruised through the top end dead on 7 for the win. Tom was quick to thank Jeff Gregoire and Pete D'Agnolo for their help along with the Joe's Transmission TNT Super Series for giving

him a venue to stay sharp. "I also want to thank Phil's Quality Auto Service and autosdirectbuffalo.com for all they do for me," said Tom.

J.J.'s march through Super Rod included round wins against Joe Fiano, Tommy Allen and Gerald Pierce to set him up to face Bill Nuzzo in the final. A .006 advantage on the tree gave J.J. all he needed to take the win at the stripe.



This is J.J.'s third Super Rod win at Skyview in each of the past three years. "I couldn't do this without Nicole's support," said J.J. "A guy couldn't ask for a better woman than Nicole."

J.J. also thanked his mom along with Mark Vitez and Dennis O'Brien for their help with the 1967 Chevy every week. "I got to thank Jason Vitez Race Cars, TC Printing, Phil's Auto, Jan-Cen Racing Engines, Joe's Transmission for their help and the TNT Super Series - I don't know why more Super Gas/Rod guys don't run it!"

On Sunday, Jerry made Hot Rod look easy. He and his 1964 Valiant cut down the tree with an average reaction time of .008 against formidable competitors like Dean Olschewske, Skip Saddler and Jeff Fisher. And when Jerry put a .023 package together in the final, Michael Schibrel's hopes were gone off the line with his .024 light.



"You know, I got lucky, getting by first round with a .000 margin of victory and then cut a perfect .000 light in round two. This is the first IHRA event final round I've been in since I won two of them back in 2002," commented Jerry. "That makes me three for three!"

Jerry was quick to thank Rick Vania of R.V. Engines, Carl Ettipio of Competition Transmission and Sam Mitrano of Mitrano Tire. "I've been doing this a lot of years and these folks give me the help I need." Jerry has been drag racing on and off since 1965 and owned the Valiant since 1986. The car has a 528 hemi and runs 9.30's wide open.

The next stop on the Joe's Transmission TNT Super Series schedule is Friday June

29 at Dunn Tire Raceway Park. Then the TNTSS heads to Grand Bend for its return to the IHRA Nitro Jam and a special 10.90 event on Friday July 20. Visit [www.tntsuperseries.com](http://www.tntsuperseries.com) for more information, talk to us on Facebook or follow us on Twitter.

**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](http://www.joestransmission.com).

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