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## Countdown to a Championship - Chris and Peter VanBaalen - 2012 TNT Super Series Third Place

**WELLANDPORT, ONTARIO (October 24, 2012)** Peter VanBaalen has been around drag strips in southern Ontario for over 20 years. When his son Chris was old enough to drive, he was quickly behind the wheel at the track.

Now years later, Chris is piloting what was his father's Monte Carlo in TNTSS competition.



Entering 2012, the father and son team had one goal in mind and that was to get a win in the toughest sportsman drag racing series on the planet, the Joe's Transmission TNT Super Series.

Turns out, they did more than that. They got the event win at Dunn Tire Raceway Park and a runner up at Cayuga Dragway, both in June. They also accumulated 701 points over 13 races earning them a third place finish in TNTSS championship points chase.

With Chris doing most of the driving duties, he was quick to thank his family. "I want to thank my parents for all their support," said Chris. "Especially my dad (Peter) for giving me a killer consistent car to drive, even though I've been known to make the wrong call at the stripe sometimes."

The team always seems to be near the top of the qualifying sheet and those bonus points made a difference for them in the final standings.

"I also want to thank Matt and Sherry Devries for all their help. Matt helps out with my oil and tire program. They have a one stop automotive service shop from mild to wild located in Bismark, Ontario," added Chris.

"It was great to win a TNT race and to win it at Lancaster topped it off. I want to make a special mention to Russ and Arlene Parker. They will be missed next year."

Chris was sure to mention all the TNTSS sponsors - Joe's Transmission especially - for making the killer payouts and prizes they run for every race. "I don't understand why people within 200 miles don't run this series. It the hardest racing out there!" he added.

The 1986 Monte Carlo has a 502 GM crate motor for power, runs on pump gas and is capable of eighth mile ET's in the 6.30 range at 108 mph.

Meet Chris, Pete and family at the upcoming sixth annual TNTSS Awards Night at Johnny Rocco's Italian Restaurant in Niagara Falls, Ontario on Saturday November 10th at 7pm. Seating is limited and last year's event was jammed so get there early!

For everything you need to know about the most popular sportsman drag racing series in the country, visit [www.tntsuperseries.com](http://www.tntsuperseries.com) .

### **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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