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## Paul Young defeats record field in TNT Super Series at Empire's IHRA Pro-Am

*GUARANTEED TO WIN event huge success - 19 drivers will race for free on Sept 18th!*

### LEICESTER, NEW YORK

**(August 26, 2015)** The Joe's Transmission TNT Super Series rolled into Empire Dragway this past weekend as part of the IHRA Summit Pro-Am weekend. 38 cars staged for a little Saturday night 7.00 index shoot-out with Paul Young from Alden, New York ultimately taking the event win.



Presented by Roy & Tara Lister, the GUARANTEED TO WIN event drew a record car count for the TNT Super Series with 38 cars. That means that 19 drivers will get into the next TNTSS race for free on Friday September 18 at Lancaster.

"We knew the field would be strong with 59 Hot Rod cars in the Pro-Am earlier that day," said Ted Barnes. "It's been a long time since we've seen that."

Young qualified 16th with a 7.039 and proceeded to take out Kirk Parry in round one by cutting down the tree with a .016 and coasting to a 7.026.

Billy Ryan was next and gave Young a run for his money in second round. Ryan was good at .009 but Young was better at .004. At the stripe, Young's 7.004 closed the door on Ryan's 7.011.

Third round he met with Rob Holden. Both drivers less than stellar on the tree .067 to

a .119 but that difference allowed Young to back into him for the win. He got it back in the fourth round bye with an .016 6.998 effort.

The semi's had him up against two-time TNTSS champion JJ Jablonski. Separated by a mere .003 off the line, Young took it in a double breakout 6.986 to 6.976.

The \$1000 money round at 2:45am paired Young with last year's TNTSS champion Jason Vitez. The race ended as soon as it began with Vitez going red and Young laying down a .010 light paired with a 7.001 ET; An .011 package just to show he meant business.

"I want to thank everyone involved in the TNT Super Series - Ted Barnes, Joe Boniferro, his sons and Jim Thomson for all their hard work," said Young. "Roy and Tara Lister for presenting and the staff here at Empire and IHRA for a great weekend!"



"Special thanks to Rob Dundun, Jamie Stoneman, Ken Jozwiak and also to CFM Carburetors and Al Linsey at Precision Cylinder Head Service." Sponsors on the 1967 Ford include Old Dutch Wrought Iron and Emerald Construction.

"I also want to thank my entire family for all their support," he added. "The car was great all weekend! It's just a great time with all the TNTSS racers!"

Young was the 2009 TNTSS points champion and now has only two races separating him from winning his second Joe's Transmission TNT Super Series championship.

The low-slung Ford Fairlane is powered by 555ci Ford and is capable of 8.90's at 151mph in the quarter mile off the stop.

### **Specialty Awards**

- **Hoosier Tire Canada \$100 certificate** - Number One Qualifier
  - Nick Mayer (Niagara Falls, ON) with a 7.001
- **J&S Collision \$50** - Closest to the Index (1st Round Loser)
  - Brandon lamele (Rochester, NY) with a 7.008

The Joe's Transmission TNT Super Series will wrap up its ninth season on September 18-19 at Lancaster and Empire presented by Sam LoVetro Automotive, including the REVS Full Throttle Powersports RACE OF CHAMPIONS at Empire.

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**Joe's Transmission TNT Super Series - 2015 Championship Points Standings Top Ten**  
**(8 of 10 races complete) \*\*WAIVERS OFF\*\***

<b>1</b>	Paul	Young	<b>606</b>
<b>2</b>	Jon/Jason	Jablonski/Vitez	<b>563</b>
<b>3</b>	Sam	LoVetro Jr	<b>500</b>
<b>4</b>	Chris	VanBaalen	<b>489</b>
<b>5</b>	David	Surmatchewski	<b>486</b>
<b>6</b>	Ryan	Boniferro	<b>466</b>
<b>7</b>	Mark	Herbold	<b>465</b>
<b>8</b>	Ted	Barnes	<b>456</b>
<b>9</b>	Harris/Rob	Harris Phelps/Holden	<b>454</b>
<b>10</b>	Tom	Coonly	<b>450</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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