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Mark Herbold and Pete D'Agnolo - Memorial Day Weekend TNT Super Series Winners

Over 30 cars both days thanks to Steve's Electric!!!

NEW YORK (May 31, 2016) For the second weekend in a row, the Joe's Transmission TNT Super Series was on track, this time on the American side. Mark Herbold from Elma, New York took home \$1000 from the 34 car field on Friday at Lancaster Dragway then Rochester's Pete D'Agnolo pocketed \$1000 on Saturday at Empire Dragway. Steve's Electric powered the guaranteed payout all weekend while Jim Thomson from Niagara Falls, Ontario took over the championship points lead.

Friday May 27 - Results

With temps in the upper 80's, 34 teams descended on Lancaster this past Friday for race #3 of the 10 race season. Dave Gunn from Hamilton, Ontario took the Hoosier Tire Canada #1 Qualifier Award with a 7.006 hit and Mark Herbold out of Elma, New York landed in the winner's circle after six rounds of competition.



In round one, Herbold's .522 light meant he had to drive around Pete Maduri's .510, so he did and ran dead 5 for the win. He then put away Harris Phelps with another .522 light, running 7.027 to a losing 7.011.

Herbold had yet another .522 against Kirk Parry and took .007 stripe to light the beacon in round three. A bye run in round four sent him into the semi's where he laid down a .002 package against Jamie Stoneman who had no chance after the hit. Herbold was .001 on the tree and dead one.

In the money round, he faced TNTSS newcomer Tom Reed. Herbold left on Reed and carried it through to the stripe taking the win in a double breakout 6.995 to a 6.988.

"Leading up to opening season was a tough one with the loss of my mom and hernia surgery just a few weeks before," said Herbold. "We starting getting the car ready as early as February with a new motor, torque converter, and a Data Clutch system."

Herbold was quick to thank his wife Janice for her support and Dave Kennedy for his 50 years of friendship and continued help in getting the car track ready. Also Todd and the guys from Elite Machine & Design along with Mike Sr., Mike Jr. and the guys from Jan-Cen Motor Sports and Reed's Tires.

"The best race that night was in the semifinals against Stoneman going a .501 on tree and 7 flat!" he added.

"Also want to thank the folks at Lancaster Speedway for the improvements this year, Joe's Transmission, Steve's Electric and everyone behind the scenes with the TNT Super Series!"

Specialty Awards - Friday

- **Hoosier Tire Canada \$100 certificate** - Number One Qualifier
 - Dave Gunn with a 7.006
- **J&S Collision \$50 cash** - Closest to the Index (1st Round Loser)
 - Jim Flanigan with a 7.001
- **VP Fuels \$50 certificate** - Closest to the Index (2nd Round Loser)
 - Harris Phelps with a 7.011
- **VP Fuels \$50 certificate** - Closest to the Index (3rd Round Loser)
 - Billy Ryan with a 7.014

Saturday May 28 - Results

It was even hotter on Saturday as the temperature climbed to 95 degrees. West Seneca, New York's Ron D'Alessandro showed he's got qualifying figured out with his second #1 so far this year posting a 10.902 and taking home another Hoosier Tire Canada \$100 certificate. At the end of the night Pete D'Agnolo from Rochester was the last man standing, taking the event winner's cheque for \$1000.



D'Agnolo trailed Jeff Sobczynski in round one, winning a .005 to .012 battle off the line. He got the win in round two when Ryan Boniferro left early by .022. Red or not, he would have had a tough go as D'Agnolo was .001.

Round three saw him ahead at the hit with a .013 to Harry Phelps' .029 - both drivers going through at 10.921 - D'Agnolo taking .016 for the beacon. He continued to drill the tree in round four with a .010 against Dave Gunn who lit the red bulb.

The \$1000 round saw him against past TNTSS champion Dave Surmatchewski who missed the tree when D'Agnolo was .009. And even though Surmatchewski was dead 9, he could not overcome the tree and D'Agnolo got his second win in the Joe's Transmission TNT Super Series.

"I have many people to thank," said D'Agnolo. "My parents, my uncle Tony, my girlfriend Krissy, Tom Coonly, Billy Ryan and Art Jones for their support. Also all the guys back at S & R Automotive."

Sponsors on the orange Malibu include S&R Automotive, JRO Designs and Rock Batteries. "I also would like to thank the TNT Super Series. It's an awesome series. Can't beat what you guys give back to the racers! Thanks Joe's Transmission and Steve's Electric!"

"The round that sticks in my mind was being .001 and having a front tire down a few pounds. It could have easily been red if it wasn't for that. And the wind was changing constantly so made dialing very difficult. I was fortunate to be on right side of a few double breakout wins against some of the best 10.90 guys around!"

Specialty Awards - Saturday

- **Hoosier Tire Canada \$100 certificate** - Number One Qualifier
 - Ron D'Alessandro with a 10.902
- **J&S Collision \$50 cash** - Closest to the Index (1st Round Loser)
 - Art Jones with a 10.926
- **VP Fuels \$50 certificate** - Closest to the Index (2nd Round Loser)
 - Ryan Boniferro with a 10.901
- **VP Fuels \$50 certificate** - Closest to the Index (3rd Round Loser)
 - Harry Phelps with a 10.921

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2016 Joe's Transmission TNT Super Series Points Standings - Top Ten (4 of 10 races complete)

1	Jim	Thomson	336
2	Dave	Gunn	315
3	Harry	Phelps	290
4	Billy	Ryan	287
5	Bill	Elekes	280
6	David	Surmatchewski	280
7	Mark	Herbold	279
8	Art	Jones	276
9	Ron/Ken	D'Alessandro/Babiak Jr	266
10	Matt	Costabile	250

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 .

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