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## TNT Super Series - Ted Barnes, Mark Herbold, Jon Jablonski - All Winners at Dunn Tire Raceway Park

*Holiday weekend sees three TNTSS events come to completion!*

**LANCASTER, NEW YORK (July 6, 2011)** Finally Mother Nature cooperated and the highly competitive Joe's Transmission TNT Super Series crowned three winners this past weekend including the scheduled July 1-2 events and the completion of eliminations from June 10.

### **Friday July 1st**

Twenty-nine of the best index-class racers showed up to battle for a highly coveted TNTSS victory – presented by Steve's Electric. When the dust settled, it was Canfield Ontario's Ted Barnes in the winner's circle.

Ted's march through the field took out TNTSS regulars Mark Herbold, Ray Martino, Rich Halleen and Scott Jahren.



In the money round, it was almost a repeat of the Skyview IHRA Pro-Am final from two weeks ago with Depew, NY's Jeff Sobczynski. But this time, Ted took the win running a near perfect 7.001 to Jeff's 7.030.

"This is awesome," said Ted. "It's been a while since our last win. It's really great to get this under our belts heading into the Grand Bend Nitro Jam double 10.90 weekend!"

Ted was quick to thank the team at Performance Improvements, Scott Conrad Racing Engines, Top Quality Transmission (Hamilton), F&M Signs, MSD Ignition and Hoosier Tire Canada for assisting on their race team. "Without their support and expertise, we wouldn't be here!"

"I also want to thank Russ & Arlene Parker. You can't measure the value they bring to the racetrack. I could not even dream of both racing and directing the TNT Super Series without their help. And a big thank you to Joe Boniferro and all the sponsors, racers and fans that support our series!"

Ted and his father Bill have been campaigning the 1972 Datsun 510 in the southern Ontario area for about 20 years now. Under the hood, the 383 small block Chevrolet makes 546 hp and can propel the Datsun to 1/4 mile runs in 10.40 seconds.

### **Specialty Awards - July 1**

- **Hoosier Tire Canada \$100 certificate** - Number One Qualifier
  - Rich Halleen (Niagara Falls, New York) with a 7.000
- **J&S Collision \$50** - Closest to the Index (1st Round Loser)
  - Gary Stowell (Macedon, New York) with a 7.003
- **DTRP FREE PASS** - Best Reaction Time (1st Round Loser)
  - Ken Jozwiak (Alden, New York) with a .505

### **Saturday July 2nd (June 10 Rainout)**

First order of business on Saturday was to finish eliminations from the Kevin Orr Mechanical June 10th race that was cut short due to rain. There, it was Mark Herbold from Elma, NY in his 1994 Corvette taking the win over North Tonawanda's Kirk Parry.



On his way to the final, Mark defeated some tough competition from Jason Vitez, Chris VanBaalén, Roy Brockway and Fred Gross in the semi's.

In the final round, Kirk missed the tree and Mark nailed it with a .509 light which was all he needed to push Kirk under the index to a 6.974 breakout.

"First and foremost, Gary and I would like to thank our past and present veterans and our family and friends," said Mark. "The past few months have been difficult with the passing of my best friend, Judy Weston and Gary's brother, Thomas Schintzius who was a Vietnam Veteran. This win has helped us get through this difficult time. Also big thanks to Paul and Angie Groth for their support these last two months."

"Thanks to Kevin Orr Mechanical for sponsoring the race, Joe's Transmission, KTR Engines, BDR Torque Converters, Crockett, all the TNT sponsors and Dunn Tire Raceway Park."

Mark's Corvette has a KTR prepared 322 Buick for power and can make eighth mile runs in the 5.40 range.

### **Specialty Awards - July 2 (June 10 Rainout)**

- **Hoosier Tire Canada \$100 certificate** - Number One Qualifier
  - Fred Gross (Brampton, Ontario) with a 7.000
- **J&S Collision \$50** - Closest to the Index (1st Round Loser)
  - Jon Jablonski (West Seneca, NY) with a 7.017
- **DTRP FREE PASS** - Best Reaction Time (1st Round Loser)
  - Wayne Sipos (Binbrook, Ontario) with a .504

### **Saturday July 2nd**

Then it was the regular race for July 2nd. Also presented by Steve's Electric, this time it was current IHRA Division 1 Super Rod champion Jon Jablonski in victory lane.

Jon eliminated 2010 TNTSS champ Pete Maduri Jr, Jaime Rideout and

Dave Surmatchewski on his way to the bye run into the final round.

There, Jon was paired up with Roy Brockway of Middleport, NY. Jon had an .018 advantage off the line and carried it through - taking the stripe by .008 - and the win - running a 7.029 to Roy's 7.019 effort.

"I have to thank my wife-to-be Nicole for everything she does for me," said Jon. "And



Jason Vitez for building awesome racecars, Dennis O'Brien and my mother Halina for their constant support."

The paint on scheme on Jon's 1967 Nova was designed by JRO-Design.com. Powered by a 538 Chevrolet built by Jan Cen Motorsports, the deuce can run 8.50s in the 1/4 mile.

"I tell you...I don't understand why everyone doesn't run these TNTSS races. The competition is tough, the payouts are solid...it's just a good time. I have to thank everybody involved...from Joe Boniferro...Steve McCarrick...all the sponsors!"

### **Specialty Awards - July 2**

- **Hoosier Tire Canada \$100 certificate** - Number One Qualifier
  - Mark Herbold (Elma, New York) with a 7.000
- **J&S Collision \$50** - Closest to the Index (1st Round Loser)
  - Larry Pulver (Palmyra, New York) with a 7.025
- **DTRP FREE PASS** - Best Reaction Time (1st Round Loser)
  - Pete Maduri Jr (Tonawanda, New York) with a .512

All three of these winners have already qualified for the Trailer Shop/ERD Race of Champions but these victories move them up in their qualifying spots for the first ever TNTSS ROC coming up on Labor Day weekend. ROC qualifying is set using most overall TNTSS event wins. Pete Maduri Jr holds the #1 spot so far, while Ted now is qualified 2nd, Mark is 9th and Jon sits in the 11th spot - out of the 20 TNTSS drivers qualified so far.

Next stop on the 2011 Joe's Transmission TNT Super Series is Grand Bend Motorplex - Friday July 15 - Just as the Nitro Jam weekend gets underway. **If you are a Hot Rod or Super Rod racer, you want to be a part of this event!** Visit [www.tntsuperseries.com](http://www.tntsuperseries.com) for complete details.

### **About Joe's Transmission Service**

Joe's Transmission has been in business in Niagara Falls, Ontario since 1984. They sell & install high performance parts & accessories however their specialty is building & 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) .

### **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 stage.

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 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.

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