

Quotes from Phil Scott

On how long he's been involved in racing:

"My mother tells me I've been a race fan since before I was born. She used to go to the track when she was pregnant with me. So racing is literally in my blood. I started working on cars as a teenager, but my first experience as a driver was actually with snowmobiles, racing all over North America. It wasn't until I was 32 years old that I started driving stock cars, so I was a bit of a late bloomer from that perspective."

On his best experience at New Hampshire Motor Speedway:

"My best experience here had to have been the time I passed Jeff Gordon. There's more to that story, though: In 2009, I was one of three ACT drivers selected to participate in a tire test for Goodyear, along with several Cup drivers, including Jeff Gordon. It rained almost the entire day. Finally, toward the end of the day, the rain stopped, and after letting the track dry out a bit, they let us do a few laps. I remember coming down the back stretch, nearly even with Jeff, and I actually passed him coming out of turn 3. Later on, he asked me, 'Didn't you see the water on the track coming out of that turn? You didn't even slow down!' I honestly hadn't seen the water. All I was thinking was how excited I was to have passed Jeff Gordon!"

On driving the "Vermont Strong" car:

"I've been driving stock cars for more than 20 years, and I've had a lot of incredibly supportive people and organizations on my team. This will be the first time in my career that I've driven a car that represents the people of my state. I'm honored and humbled to be racing for the people of Vermont, especially after seeing how everyone has come together and responded to the incredible need after Tropical Storm Irene."

On his biggest concern about this weekend's ACT Invitational:

"I've been successful with my Chevrolet at Thunder Road this year. With the Fords having a slight advantage on longer tracks, we've decided to bring a new car with an experimental suspension design. It's not a car we've had a lot of practice with and had a lot of time to tweak, so it'll be interesting to

see how we do. Like many Vermonters hit by Tropical Storm Irene, we may be facing a bit of an uphill battle, but we're sure going to try hard."