

Remembering Bob Phillips ...

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When I first joined Corvette Indy, Bob was the one member who greeted me with open arms, took me under his wing, and made me feel so welcome to the club, and for that reason he has always been held in my highest esteem. You might even say that it is his fault that I am a current member of Corvette Indy! Bob was one of the charter members of the club and when I see the Corvette Indy logo I'm reminded that Bob's nephew as well as Tom Fuller, (Corvette Indy's first President), designed the Corvette Indy logo which has not changed since its inception in 1989.

Bob was the first member to introduce me to NCCC Rallyes. He put together a "Hare and Hound Rallye" which constituted spray painting images of rabbits in the middle of the lane of traffic in order to find your way to the finish line. Needless to say, he did this during the wee hours of the morning so he wouldn't become a traffic statistic.

Being a large, jovial, and generous man; Bob was also our first Santa. He would fill his Corvette Sleigh with presents for our Spina Bifida charity family of the season, dressed as the jolly old elf himself and surprise the family on the Saturday before Christmas. Honestly, he made one of the best Santas ever! One Christmas, our charity family requested electronic "Giga Pets" for the youngsters and as naive and out of touch with technology as we were back then, the club members purchased, and Bob delivered, "Chia Pets" instead! I'll just bet that those children were thrilled beyond belief!

Bob had a great sense of humor. For years he had purchased a personalized license plate for his Vette spelled – HAULNAS. When the crackdown of meanings of these plates was instituted by the BMV, Bob was forced to relinquish this spelling so he opted for GEZRTOY.

Even though his health deteriorated in recent years, he still kept a positive attitude and always greeted people with a smile. He will be greatly missed, and I am counting on him to save me a preferred parking space in the sky.

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