



Life Member - Paul Giblin

Paul joined the Sports Car Club of New Hampshire in 1977. While he occasionally participated in various events Paul or Gibby as he was known by his friends, seemed to particularly enjoy the comradery. Paul's true calling was to manage and promote and the club benefited from both of those talents. Paul held the club Presidency several times with the first being in 1990 when he held the position for three consecutive years. As President or in any other position of authority, Paul was quick to give credit to those who contributed. In addition to being President Paul chaired or assisted on many club events including Hillclimbs, Tours, Rallies, and Auto-X events. For going "above and beyond" Paul was awarded the Bob Heath Award in 1990. In 2007 for recognition of his vast contributions Paul was made a Life Member, an honor that goes to only a select few. After receiving life membership status Paul continued to contribute to the club being elected President several more times and also helping on rallies with his buddies Drew Young and Dave Patton, both also life members.

Probably Paul's most rewarding contribution was the "Climb to the Clouds" Mount Washington Hillclimb. From 1990 through 1995 Paul held several important positions in the running of the event. After 1995 the event went dormant until 2011 when the officials at the Mountain approached the sports car club, through Paul, about sanctioning the event. Paul used his promotional skills to secure major sponsorships from Subaru and others to help fund the event. Also, with connections at Vermont Sportscar he was able to sign some top tier drivers and cars to participate. The event was very big and required considerable planning and so was only run every couple of years but it kept growing in significance and was even broadcast on national television. It is certain that the event would not have reached its stature without Paul Giblin's influence.

Sadly, Paul was taken from us too soon. On January 3, 2022 Paul passed away at home. The Sports Car Club of New Hampshire helped with a tribute for Paul that was held on April 3, 2022 at the Autopac Gallery, an automotive museum in Laconia, NH. The event was well attended with many of the people that Paul had touched. There were representatives from the Mount Washington toll road, Vermont Sports Car, The Hobo Railroad, and many others including the Sports Car Club of New Hampshire.