



## BOB GILLIS

*Avid Hill Climb Supporter, Sponsor and Promoter*

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Bob Gillis became involved in hill climb racing when he sponsored Larry Carnes in the 1979 Pikes Peak International Hill Climb (PPIHC). He became part of the newly formed Colorado Hill Climb Association in 1979 and was Vice President in 1981 and President in 1982, 1983 and 1986. As President, Gillis resurrected the Lands End Hill Climb in Grand Junction after a 40 year hiatus.

As Gillis' passion for racing grew, he promoted races and drivers at Los Alamos in New Mexico, Buffalo Peaks near Buena Vista and the Continental Divide Auto Hill Climb near Salida. These events were good for racing and created economic benefits for these communities. With the addition of these races, teams had an improved competition schedule and more opportunities to practice



which created more opportunities to promote the PPIHC.

Gillis was involved with the PPIHC for more than 35 years, serving as a sponsor, member of the Board of Directors and Board President, first in 1996 and again from 2008-2011. Since 1979, he has demonstrated commitment to the sport by supplying tires and major sponsorships

allowing more teams to compete and ultimately saving the PPIHC during difficult times.

Through his involvement with BF Goodrich and Tire Centers Incorporated, Gillis has supported hill climb racing teams and brought national and international attention to these events.