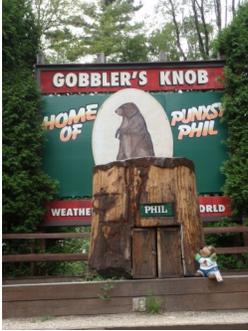


# PHILEAS HOGG II MEETS PUNXY PHIL



Gobbler's Nob



Phileas Hogg II meets Punxy Phil  
To set him straight

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Well, we're here in Punxsutawney. I had to get a special permit to be here since we're illegal. I'm planning to try to find that groundhog, Phil, and set him straight about this Groundhog Day stuff. When we got here yesterday I just couldn't believe what I was seeing. There are groundhogs all over town...big painted ones. And Phil has his own store where they're selling everything imaginable with his picture on it. We went out to Gobbler's Nob where the "official" stuff takes place. I knocked and knocked on the door to his house, but no one seemed to be home.

Today we finally found Phil. Seems he and his girlfriend, Phyllis, have some really nice digs right outside the library. They were both fast asleep, and no amount of staring would wake them up. So we decided to come back later. We went to the weather museum where I saw a cool film about storm chasing. After lunch we went to the Chamber of Commerce and they were able to contact Phil's handler. Can you imagine that???? He has a handler! He was nice enough to meet us at the library and was able to wake Phil up. Try as I might, he wasn't buying any of the stuff I was telling him about how February 2 is really Hedgehog day. Can't say that I blame the guy. He has it made. He works one day a year, everybody loves him no matter what he says the weather will be, he has a nice condo with his sweetie, and from the looks of him, he doesn't miss any meals.

Oh, well, we'll be leaving tomorrow and then I'm off to Disneyland to run in a half marathon