

FRIEND & FRIEND RECOGNIZED FOR 100 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

Ellsworth, Maine – Bar Harbor Bank & Trust recently celebrated Friend & Friend’s 100th anniversary of being in business by presenting Cooper Friend, President of Friend & Friend, with an engraved award and all the “boys with the toys” enjoyed a piece of cake at the Ellsworth store location.

Upon receiving this recognition, Cooper said, “I was very surprised, it was over the top, and I was overwhelmed. I hadn’t really thought the 100th anniversary of Friend & Friend was a big deal, but Bar Harbor Bank & Trust made a big deal about it, which was very impressive. My tenure running the company started in 1975 and I’ve had so many really good employees over the years who made significant contributions to its growth. The current staff was appreciative of the recognition from the Bank and it was a realization they work at a company that is 100 years old. But, we’d be nowhere without our loyal customers who have been very good to us over the years. I am feeling very blessed.”

Friend & Friend, Inc. has been in business since 1916 when Peter's Great-Grandfather started selling Ford automobiles. Peter Friend, founder of Friend & Friend Honda, started selling motorcycles in 1964. Located in Newport, Maine, Peter took on the Honda franchise after reading a dealer inquiry ad in Sports Illustrated. Peter's son Cooper worked in his Dad's Honda shop in Newport, Maine and took over as president of the company in 1976 and moved the business to Ellsworth, Maine. Taking on Yamaha in 1979, the company began to grow. Kawasaki was added in 1990, followed by Suzuki and Polaris in 1991. In 1999 a second store was opened on Stillwater Avenue in Orono, Maine, with the Suzuki line, and added KTM in 2003.

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Left and right, Adam Robertson and Curtis Simard of Bar Harbor Bank & Trust present Cooper Friend (center), President of Friend & Friend, with a cake to celebrate the company’s 100th anniversary.



Left to right, the appreciative employees of Friend & Friend look on as Adam Robertson, SVP/Senior Relationship Manager with Bar Harbor Bank & Trust, presents Cooper Friend, President of Friend & Friend, with an engraved award congratulating him on the company’s 100th anniversary.

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