

Aroostook Chapter of Credit Union's for CULAC

Aroostook County – Over 32 registered riders and 29 sleds participated in the Aroostook Chapter of Credit Union's fundraising snowmobile run on Thursday, February 16th.

\$1000 was raised to assist Maine's Credit Union Legislative Action Council whose purpose is to provide the opportunity for individuals interested in the future of the credit union movement to contribute to the support of worthy candidates to state office who believe, and have demonstrated their belief, in the principles to which the credit union is dedicated.



29 Sleds and their drivers prepare to head out on an 80+ mile trek to raise funds for CULAC. 9:00 am departure from Lakeview Restaurant in St. Agatha. -Cote Photo

Snowmobile riders came from all over Maine, and as far south as Westbrook to participate. Members, directors, officers and staff of NorState FCU, The County FCU, University FCU, Acadia FCU, St. Agatha FCU, Insurance Trust, Consolidated Solutions, and others including family and friends took advantage of a day away from work for a good cause and some snowmobiling fun.

After a small pre-registration fee, participants met at 9:00 a.m. at the Lakeview Restaurant in Saint Agatha to confirm registration, collect trail map, instructions and snowmobiling tips.

The group was then instructed on the route, which encompassed over 85 miles of pristine Northern Maine ITS trails.

The trek took them on a loop from St. Agatha to Morin's Variety in Saint David, then off to Paul's Gas in Frenchville; to John's Shurfine in Fort Kent and back to Lakeview Restaurant in Saint Agatha.

Those accustomed to snowmobiling in northern Maine said the trails were

wonderful and the weather, though a bit warmer than usual, perfect.

Newbies said they loved it, wanted to do it again soon and that they were going to sleep well that evening.

Insurance Trust President and CEO David Baird added, "Let alone I've never done ten miles on a snowmobile, today I did over a hundred.

And yes, I'm feeling the effects, but was well worth it. I'd do it again."

NorState FCU President and CEO David Rossignol stated, "I sold my snowmobile quite a few years back and hadn't really gotten the opportunity to enjoy it again.

This fundraiser was a great opportunity to participate and to remember what I enjoyed about snowmobiling in Aroostook County."

The lucky prize winners were: Norman Martin from Pelletier Ford, who won a Kindle Fire; David Baird from Insurance Trust a \$50 Visa Gift Card and Bob Lozier from Acadia FCU a \$100 Visa Gift Card.

Prize sponsors and donors were: The Maine Credit Union League and Synergent, Insurance Trust, Currier & Trask, PA, NorStar Title Company, University FCU, County FCU, Acadia FCU and NorState FCU.

The ride ended with a chapter dinner meeting with approximately 95 people in attendance. Quincy H. Hentzel, Director of Governmental Affairs for the Maine Credit Union League accepted the donation on behalf of CULAC. Hentzel was the guest speaker for the evening.

Hentzel presented a few awards that evening to NorState FCU on their second placement for raising the most funds as well as the most per member at the state level.

For more information about the Maine Credit Union League's Governmental Affairs activities, contact Jon Paradis at 1.207.442-6715.



NorState FCU President and CEO David Rossignol is seen on the right at one of the scheduled rest stops along the Snowmobile run. -contributed photo