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TROIL WELTON AWARD

Cody Johnson Wins

2016 Welton Memorial Award



Troil Welton's son, Dave Welton, presenting Cody Johnson w/ his 2016 Troil Welton Championship Award

To continue to be viable, any organization must attract new members. The Colorado Auctioneers Association always welcomes new members whether they are fresh out of auction school or if they have been auctioneers for many years. This year we were pleased to have both at our convention.

We had six new members who had completed their auction training within the last twelve months and were eligible to compete in the first timers bid calling contest on Saturday night. This was a spirited and fun competition.

Cody Johnson shared with the CAA, "I don't think any auctioneer ever became an auctioneer to win awards. We do it because we love the profession. It's been said, 'Find something you love to do and you will never work a day in your life.' That's how I feel about this profession. From the

stories I have heard about Mr. Welton, I think he would have also agreed. Mr. Welton had a passion for helping new auctioneers get started. I think the CAA has done a great job of carrying on his legacy of making sure new auctioneers have the resources to be successful auctioneers. There are members of the CAA that show that very passion that Mr. Welton had.

It was an honor to win the Troil Welton First Timers Championship Award at the CAA Convention. Going into the contest I had no idea of what to expect. I had never entered a contest so all I could do was treat it like I was at an actual auction. Every time an auctioneer gets behind the microphone, he or she is being judged, whether by the bidders or by the auction company that has hired them. So, before the competition I practiced like I normally do. I had a few nerves, but as soon as I got on stage the nerves left and I got through it. All the contestants in the First Timers Championship Contest were very talented, so when they announced my name, I was surprised. It was great to achieve one of my first goals as an auctioneer! In closing, I have to thank a few people that have helped me get where I am today. First off, I have to thank my wife, Jamie, for listening to me practice on my sound system upstairs almost every night and on long drives. I want to thank Paul C. Behr for teaching me how to be an auctioneer and giving me the foundation to start this great career as an auctioneer."

Watch future articles of the CAA Newsletter for stories about some of these first time members. Each one has a unique story about why they decided to live their dream by becoming professional auctioneers.

About The Troil Welton Memorial Award

Troil C. Welton, who spent more than 45 years in the auction business, was a pioneer of the Colorado Auctioneers Association, and was always known for his special help to new auctioneers. Following his death in 1999, the CAA Board voted to annually present the Troil Welton Memorial Award to the winner of the First Timers Bid Calling Contest held annually at the CAA Convention. Mr. Welton began his career in the barn of his farm and ranch. While milking, he would "auction" his cows every morning and evening and "sell" his farm machinery while working the fields. He was selected CAA "Auctioneer of the Year" in 1985, and was inducted into the CAA Hall of Fame in 1986. In 1987, he was inducted into the prestigious Hall of Fame of the National Auctioneers Association.

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