

The Annual FTA Auction This June, from the 28th-30th, will be the Rendezvous marking the Golden Anniversary of the FTA. On Saturday, at auction, will be a very unique array of items that will be a wonderful addition to anyone's "man cave" or living room. **But more important, every nickel generated by this auction will be carefully spent to enhance the future of trapping in America.** We all know that the best of intentions are always present, but we also know how important funding is. "Money Talks." Supporting political ballot box battles, supporting like-minded fur harvesters, supporting trapper education, supporting ballot initiatives...and those are just the reactionary duties...there are many great proactive projects that we can fund, if we have the funds. This auction, and this Rendezvous, are an important way to get that very thing done. **Plan to be a part of that; encourage your local Chapter and Affiliate members to be a part, and think of the folks you know who might not be aware of these offerings who would love to own them!**

••**FTA 50th Anniversary Commemorative Rifle, #1 will be sold at auction on Saturday, June 30, 2018.** (See ad inside back cover)

••**Four Adventure Auction Trips will be sold!** (See ad facing page)

••**Handmade, Commemorative Knife and Sheath, created by Pete Askins and Justin Kontra will be sold!** (check it out below!)

••**One Slot at the Fur Takers Trappers College! Here's a chance to bid on what might be a bargain! Chapters and Affiliates, as well as any individual, can bid.**

••**Favorite Traps of Top Trappers purchased by the late Tim Julien will be sold; including one of Tim's!! Donated by Shelly Julien, are Mark Holub, Scott Phillips, Johnsie Benson (includes picture), Bob Noonan, Reginald Bell (2), Tim Rose, Wally Schmeig Collector Box, Joe Tennyson Collector Box (2), & Tim Julien's 3-N.**

••**A Commemorative Wood Stretcher with autographs and trap tags of the faculty from the 2017 Trappers College. Tags include one of Charlie Park's trap tags from when he trapped in Mississippi. Proceeds will go to the Charlie and Pat Park FTA Trapper College Scholarship fund.**

••**We have heard about a possible huge Hand-Made Coil Spring Bear Trap as a 50th Anniversary Commemorative item! It sounds as if this trap will have a 16" jawsread! More details as they become available, but this may be a real collector item!**

At Auction: Handmade Knife and Sheath, by *Pete Askins and Justin Kontra!* At the FTA Rendezvous in Marshfield, WI June 30, 2018.

Each component of the 50th anniversary FTA knife and sheath was handmade from the highest quality materials. The cherry wood handle was taken from a tree on the Askins' family farm, specially selected for its grain and color by Pete himself. The steel for the blade was shaped to a drop point of Pete's design, before being tempered in his home furnace to a high 50s Rockwell hardness. Many hours were spent carefully marrying the grips to the blade and inlaying a one-of-a-kind commemorative FTA 50th anniversary medallion. To carry the knife, a leather sheath bearing the signature FTA paw print was assembled and tooled by Justin Kontra, Pete's grandson, using equipment originally belonging to Pete's father. This knife and sheath embodies the spirit of the FTA and celebrates the 50th anniversary with quality and craftsmanship.

This knife and sheath will be auctioned at the White Elephant sale at the Fur Taker convention in Manchester, Iowa. If you can't be there and want to bid, I will be taking absentee bids. I need your bids by June 15.



Contact me with your highest bid and I will have someone bid for you.

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