

American Dog Horn Association Museum



The American Dog Horn Association (ADHA) is dedicated to preserving the lore surrounding the earliest attempts at long-range communication. This site is an effort to provide an example of an ancient art and the history behind it.

Located at 5050 CR 382 HWY 271 North Tyler, Texas 75708

What is the value of a collectable dog horn?

The first place to establish a value is the history of a horn, who did it belong to? Who Made it? How did it get into your hands? Who put any decorations or identifiable marks on it? What is its age? Where did you find it? Secondly what is the quality of the horn how easy does it blow



We are going to use this horn as an good example of appraising the value of a collectable dog horn.

This horn has some very interesting history behind it, It was presented to Raymond Ryan, from Evansville In., a gambler, oilman, promoter, and developer of Palm Springs CA. In 1964 Marshall Caifano a know Italian American mobster was convicted of extorting \$60,000 from Ryan, who testified against him, Caifano was sentenced to 10 years in prison. When Caifano was released Ryan offered him a million dollar restitution, Another theory is that he was alleged to have cheated mob-connected gambler Nick the Greek in poker for over \$500,000 in 1949 and old resentment over this had flared up. On Oct 18, 1977 Ryan

was killed by a car bomb the murder remains unsolved

Ryan was also a fox hunter and this lead to him meeting William (Bill) Daniel, member of the Texas house of Representatives, And an actor who was in the movie The Alamo with John Wayne. He was also a graduate of Bailor University and brother of Price Danial Sr. Governor of Texas, Supreme court Justice and a U.S Senator. The gold tag on the horn reads " TO MY DEAR FRIEND RAY RYAN AFFECTIONATELY GOV BILL DANIEL". Daniel was also the Governor of the Guam 1961 to 1963.

This horn has a few minor physical blemishes, such as horn worm, separations, and cracks. The mouthpiece was carved into the horn which is what we call a first generation horn, or single piece horn.



Thirdly, in addressing the value of a horn, look at the amount of time and skill invested in its fabrication. The Ryan horn was defiantly made by a skilled horn maker.

The horn bottom left was made by Vernon Capers of W. Monroe LA, It was made in proximally the same time period of the Ryan horn around 1967. The minimum wage at that time was \$1.00 per hour. It sold for \$25.00 We value it today at \$200-\$450. The top horn was made by us in 2019, when the minimum wage was \$7.25 and sells for \$175.00.

Based upon the information we have collected we value the Ryan horn at between \$1000 - \$1300.

Until Next Time **Go Blow Your Horn**