

## **Area Auctioneer Wins State Rookie Bid Calling Championship**

Jonathan Couick of Iron Country Auction in Monroe, NC has been named the **2009 North Carolina Rookie Bid Calling Champion**. Couick won the contest sponsored by the Auctioneers Association of North Carolina at their recent convention in Concord, North Carolina. There are over 2000 licensed auctioneers in North Carolina and anyone that has had their license for less than two years was eligible to enter in this competition. The contestants were judged on their presentation, clarity, smoothness, speed and ability to spot bids.

First Runner-Up in the contest was Kyle Swicegood of The Swicegood Group, Inc., in Mocksville, NC. Second Runner-Up was Michael Ray Smith of S & S Variety Auction in Lowgap, NC.

The Auctioneers Association of North Carolina was formed in 1960 to promote auction marketing and to educate auctioneers in the latest auction marketing techniques. Conventions are held twice each year to conduct educational seminars and other events, such as auctioneer and advertising contests, to promote auctioneers and auction marketing.