

# Classic Bow Thoughts

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## KODIAK COLLECTION - 1950 to 1970

Year	Model	Length	Weight	Number	Distinguishing Characteristics
1950	Kodiak	64"	51#	2361	Aluminum lamination. Woven reddish glass back. Blond glass belly.
1951	Kodiak	64"			Aluminum lamination. Blond glass back. Blond glass belly.
1952	Kodiak	64"	62#	6290-B	Blond glass back and belly.
1953	Kodiak	64"	34#	14304	Brunt orange glass back and belly.
1954	Kodiak II	60"	49#	AB737	Walnut compass Kodiak from early 1954.
	Kodiak II	60"	52#	BD124	Maple compass Kodiak from later 1954
1955	Kodiak	60"	47#	CZ 709	Maple riser. Stripes. Brown glass. Double shelf. Last year decals.
1956	Kodiak	60"	48#	DH986	Maple riser. Stripes. Brown glass. Double shelf. 1st year silkscreen.
1957	Kodiak	60"	48"	DY386	Maple riser. Stripes. Brown glass. Single shelf.
1958	Kodiak	60"	49#	EJ045	Maple riser. Stripes. White glass. Single shelf.
1959	Kodiak	60"	49#	BF465	Maple, Bubinga, Dark Rosewood or Purple Heart sight window with white/brown Micarta overlays.
1960	Kodiak	60"			Rosewood sight window and white/black glass overlays.
1961	Kodiak	60"	45#	8H126	African Rosewood (Bubinga) riser. Grayling green glass.
1962	Kodiak	60"	50#	12AC94	Brazilian Rosewood riser. Bark gray glass.
1963	Kodiak	60"	55#	20BB147	Dogleg Kodiak. Tropical Bubinga riser. Bark gray glass.
1964	Kodiak	60"	45#	18CJ170	Subtle caps. Plain Bubinga riser. Bark gray glass.
1965	Kodiak	60"	43#	5L591	Obvious caps. Bubinga riser w/Rosewood caps. Olive gray glass.
1966	Kodiak	60"	55#	6L4174	Obvious caps. Indian Rosewood riser. Forest brown glass. F.B. Signed.
1967½	Super Kodiak	60"	45#	7Z40	Black Hi-Compression material.
1968	Super Kodiak	60"	57#	8Z2146	Black Hi-Compression material with East Indian Rosewood caps.
1969	Super Kodiak	60"	45#	9Z326	Black Hi-Compression material with East Indian Rosewood caps.
1970	Fred Bear TD	56"	52#	A-1865	Original Futurewood Fred Bear Takedown Bow – A Riser Type I
1970	Fred Bear TD	60"	55#	B-_____	Original Futurewood Fred Bear Takedown Bow – B Riser Type I

## Additional SHOOTER/DISPLAY Bows

Year	Model	Length	Weight	Number	Notes and Comments	Location
1950	Polar	62"	47#	P1531	Straight bow. Aluminum lamination.	Home Office
1951	Ranger	62"	54#	R3694B	Straight bow. Yellow glass on back. Running Bear	Home office
1952	Kodiak	64"	48#	10150-B	Blond glass back and belly. My birth year!	Zebra Office
1959	Kodiak	56"	55#	AA697	Purple Heart sight window. Quiver bushing	Great Room
1959	Kodiak	60"	55#	BF823	Shooter! Slight twist upper limb. Re-tipped.	Home Office
1959	Kodiak	64"	55#	DC749	Purple Heart sight window.	Home Office
1966	Kodiak	60#	51#	613004	Great shooter. Light - some hand shock. Grip big.	Home Office
1967	HC-30	66"	43#	7C192	Great shooter. Stamped "Display." Wish it were 50#.	Home Office
1968	HC-300	69"	34#	8B396	Great shooter. A bit light in draw weight.	Home Office
1982	Signature	60"	60#	144	Fred Bear Signature Bow. Favorite shooter!	Home Office

## TRADE/SALE - Classic Trade Bows

Year	Model	Length	Weight	Number	Distinguishing Characters	Location
1953	Kodiak LH	64"	61#	15431	Static. Burnt-orange glass both sides. LH!	Home Office
1957	Kodiak	64"	57#	DZ929	Maple riser, Brown Glass. Missing upper limb overlay	Home Office
1959	Kodiak	64"	75#	DB041	Purple heart. Missing riser overlays. Quiver bushing.	Home Office
1962	Kodiak Special	66"	48#	26AJ20	Rosewood riser. Soft green glass, Great shooter.	Home Office
1982	Fred Bear Signature Riser			194	Genuine Fred Bear Signature Riser.	Home Office

## WANTED - Classic Shooter Bows!

Year	Model	Length	Weight	Notes and Comments
1970	Fred Bear TD B Riser	NA	NA	Wood B Riser, Type I. Good wood w/contrast.
1967½	Bear Super Kodiaks	60"	50 to 55#	Black Hi-Compression material.
1960	Bear Kodiak	60"	50 to 55#	Black and white overlays
1969-72	Ben Pearson Mercury Hunters	60"	50 to 55#	Jim Dougherty classic.

# Lost Arrows Trade List

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After more than 30 years of collecting and being fascinated by old archery gear, I've come to a point where I'm currently trying to focus on three things: upgrading a few of the bows in my collection of Bear Kodiak Recurves 1950 to 1970, acquiring a few more very specific classic "shooter" bows to use in the field, and selling and trading away some of the excess bows and gear I have accumulated over the years.

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## **BOWS for TRADE or SALE**

Complete descriptions and clear digital photographs of specific items can be quickly sent to your email address. Just let me know which items interest you.

**1953 Bear Kodiak K-4 "Black Knight"** – This is apparently a one-of-kind 1953 Bear K-4 with BLACK glass on the both its belly and back. The bow is marked K-4, 55# and 12886. It's right handed with the typical, beautiful static tips of a 1953 K-4. The bow measures approximately 61 inches tip to tip unstrung. The limbs are approximately 1.25 inches wide at the fadeout. There are no decals of any sort on this most unusual K-4. The leather grip and leather rest pad are well worn by appear to be original. The bow is equipped with a period-correct bowquiver insert. A complete online discussion, description and detailed photographs of this most unusual one-of-a-kind bow can be found at: <http://www.tradrag.com/forum/viewtopic.php?f=48&t=3183> . Any information or even guesses on how this unique bow came about would be much appreciated. Feel free to make any buy or interesting trade offer. See my Wants list.

**1959 Bear Kodiak - 64" and 75#.** Serial number DB041. Purple Heart sight window. Beautiful bow! Collectors will tell you that the 1959 Kodiaks hold their value better than any of the other Bear Archery Kodiak...and that heavy-weight 1959s are the most highly valued and collectable of all. This bow is all original and in reasonable shape. A spectacular heavy-weight 1959 Bear Kodiak. And yes, this one is 75 pounds! A very special 1959 Bear Kodiak. \$900 or best buy or interesting trade offer. See my Wants list.

**1940s Sublette & Sons Flight Bow** – One of the most unusual and interesting vintage bows I have ever found is a late-1940s Sublette & Sons flight bow. As is typical of flight bows of that era, it measures just 42 inches tip to tip unstrung. The limbs feature unusual and quite radical static limb tips with are reinforced with what appears to be black horn or Micarta on the underside. The back of the bow is beautifully faced with what appears to be sinew. The base of the static limbs tips also appears to be wrapped horizontally with what appears to be sinew. Also distinctive is the flight-oriented arrow rest arrangement on the bow. A strip of carpet-like material acts as a side plate and a cut-off and trimmed toothbrush end functions as the arrow shelf. That's typical, I'm told, of flight bows of the 1940s. This unique piece of archery history is marked Sublette & Sons, Los Angeles. A complete online discussion, description and detailed photographs of this most unusual 1940s flight bow can be found at:

<http://www.tradrag.com/forum/viewtopic.php?f=48&t=3190> . Feel free to make any buy or interesting trade offer. See my Wants list.

**Roper Bighorn Bow** – This is one of the most unusual and unique recurve bows ever made by anyone! The Roper Bighorn was made in California by Lowell W. Roper in the mid to late 1950s. Roper was an NFAA National Champion in 1955. He was also the designer and manufacturer of the fascinating and much-sought-after cast aluminum Roper Indian Arrowheads. This bow is marked The Roper Bighorn, C-1044, 66" and 50 at 28 in. A complete online discussion, description and photographs of this most unusual 1950s recurve can be found at: [http://tradgang.com/cgi-bin/ultimatebb.cgi?ubb=get\\_topic:f=14;t=003125](http://tradgang.com/cgi-bin/ultimatebb.cgi?ubb=get_topic:f=14;t=003125). Feel free to make any buy or interesting trade offer for this radical recurve. See my Wants list.

**1953 Bear Kodiak** - LEFT HAND. 64" and 61#. Serial number 15431. Burnt orange glass front and back. Static limb tips. Very classy, very classic, early Bear Archery Kodiak. A must for any Bear Archery collection! \$120 or best buy or trade offer

**1957 Bear Kodiak** - 64" and 57#. Serial number DZ929. Maple riser. Brown glass. Single shelf. Missing tip overlay on the top limb. The 1957 Kodiak is a noted great shooter, however, many '57s need their limbs tips replaced to reach their full potential. This is a super candidate for limb-tip replacement, and then it would likely be a superb shooter. Extremely classy Kodiak! \$250 or best buy or trade offer.

## **BROADHEADS for TRADE or SALE**

These VERY special and VERY desirable broadheads are for trade or sale.

**1939 Zwickey Barbed #1 (11/32) Broadhead** - Yes, this is broadhead #1394.00 (page Z-5) in the Broadheads 1871-1971 Identification and Rarity Guide! According to the Guide, "An 11/32 Barbed Zwickey is one of the most sought after heads in existence and is ranked as one of the Top Ten All Time Classic Broadheads." Wade Phillips, who authored the Guide, says that the last three known specimens of this broadhead sold at auction for between \$1500 and \$1800. Make an interesting trade or buy offer.

**1939 Zwickey Sloped Shoulder #2 Two-Blade (11/32)** - Broadhead #1395.000 (page Z-6) in the Broadheads 1871-1971 Identification and Rarity Guide. Make offer.

**1942 Zwickey Sloped Shoulder #5 Round Ferrule Tip Four Blade (5/16)** - Broadhead #1398.000 (page Z-6) in the Broadheads 1871-1971 Identification and Rarity Guide. Make offer.

## **Miscellaneous Items for TRADE or SALE**

I also have a variety of other great stuff and used outdoor gear for trade. Here's a brief outline of just some of those items.

Original Bear Archery Catalogs - Many years in the range 1961 through 1979.

Signed Black and White Photos of Fred Bear

Brunton 10x42 Eterna Binoculars

Hunting Packs by Badlands, Timberhawk, Camelback and Eberlestock

Silvas Leather Hunting Boots - size 11

2 Tanned Black Bear Hides - Spectacular Fur!

A Few High-End Modern Compound Bows.

Leupold Handgun Scopes

## **WANTED Display Bows**

These are bows I would like to acquire through trade or purchase. They are classic bows to hang on the wall. They need not be shootable. They must be all-original and all there. They must also be right hand and of the length specified.

**1951 Bear Kodiak** - 64 inches and any weight. Blond glass backing. Aluminum lamination under blond glass belly.

**1960 Bear Kodiak** - 60 inches and any weight. Standard rosewood sight window and white/black glass overlays.

**1970 Bear Takedown Riser - B-length and Type I.** Looking for great-looking wood. This one must be sound and shootable.

## **WANTED SHOOTER Bows**

These are vintage bows I want to string up and shoot. They must be right hand with straight, sound limbs and quite capable of being shot and hunted with today.