

# Harry Patterson takes world titles at Missouri Fox Trotter Championships

By Lee Grace  
Times Record News



Harry Patterson, owner of Patterson Auto Group, recently won several honors — including World Grand Champion — at the Missouri Fox Trotting Association World Championships held in Ava, Mo.

Besides selling cars and trucks throughout the North Texas area, Patterson breeds, raises, trains, and shows Missouri Fox Trotters, a cross between a Tennessee Walking Horse and an American Saddle Bred.

In addition to the World Grand Champion, his horses won 13 world championships and 12 reserve championships.

He bought his first horse in 1995 and his operation has grown to three ranches in the North Texas area. "We originally centered our

operation around one horse, Boss' Midnight Cash, and most of the horses that we won the world show with were his babies, or his daddy's daughters' babies," said Patterson.

Patterson won his first world championship in 2002 with Bosses Midnight Cash. "We found that he could do a lot of things. We won the world championship in barrels and poles and kind of went from there."

He noted that Missouri Fox Trotters are known for their smooth gait, abilities on the trail, long endurance and their ability to work cattle. "They're versatile, kind of a gaited ranch horse."

Patterson's horses competed in model classes (shown with a halter), barrels, poles, cutting, roping and ranch riding.

"We start our weanlings in the model classes," Patterson explained. "One of our horses, Cash's Clay, won the world championship and then went on to be the grand champion in the model class."

In the yearling class, Patterson had a reserve champion and a reserve world champion.

"We had another horse, Dash for Cash, and she won the three-year-old futurity," Patterson added. "She had to cut cows, rope, and compete in the ranch riding, and she won that world championship."

Patterson personally rode many of the horses and, in doing so, won a couple of world championships. "I rode a four-year-old and won the roping world championship. I also won the working cow horse competition. On that ride, I got real lucky and probably had the best ride of my life."

Patterson had to overcome monsoon-like conditions on his rides, as the remnants of a hurricane was over Missouri the day of the competition.



The Missouri Fox Trotting Association was established in 1948. MFTHBA is a world-wide group of Fox Trotter horse owners and enthusiasts. Its mission is to promote the improvement, use, exhibition and enjoyment of the breed.

Patterson and his wife, Brenda, have been influential in promoting, training and proving that Missouri Foxtrotters can do anything that other breeds can do, except be rough, which has identified the breed as the baby boomers most chosen horse.

The Pattersons also own Boss Man Saddles that are designed personally by Patterson. The Saddle Line is named in memory of his legendary stallion, "Zane's Boss Man," sire of today's three-time World Grand Champion, "Boss' Midnight Cash." Boss Man Saddles are often recognized as possibly the "best made saddle for the money."

To learn more about Harry Patterson's Missouri Foxtrotters operation, visit his website at [www.4psranch.com](http://www.4psranch.com).

Patterson Auto Group's three dealerships are Patterson Auto Group, Patterson Dodge-Chrysler-Jeep-Kia, and Patterson Honda.

Patterson Auto Center is the North Texas home to Mercedes-Benz, BMW, Hyundai, Buick, Cadillac, and GMC.

Patterson also owns and operates a dealership in Arlington, Texas.