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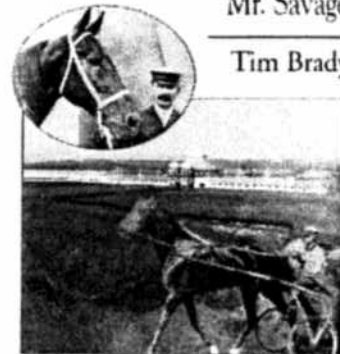


Celebrate the Legend is the theme of this years Dan Patch Days, June 24, 25, 26 celebrated annually in Savage ,MN. This is in recognition of the **100th Anniversary of the world record 1:55**. The event is expected to draw 10,000 people. The Dan Patch Historical Society partners with Dan Patch Days, Inc. to design and sell the collector button \$3. Buttons purchasers are eligible to win a beautiful commemorative intarsia of Dan Patch at the State Fair. This piece of art was created and donated by resident Jim Ryan. Second Prize is a beautiful blanket donated by Jens and Joyce Bohn. One of the highlights of the celebration is the **Find the Horseshoe Hunt**. A commemorative horseshoe, hand carved by Jock Holmen and lettered by Shirley Evenstad, is hidden on city property and for five weeks prior to the celebration clues are released that describe historically where the horseshoe is hidden. The winner receives \$200 cash, the souvenir horseshoe and a chance to ride in the parade. On Saturday, we will have our booth at Community Park with our historic display, visits by descendants of Mr. Savage, descendants of Dan Patch and the author signing the new books.

NEW BOOK ARRIVES!

Our long awaited book will be published in June 2006. Here seasoned author Tim Brady tells the story not only of Dan Patch, but of his owner M.W. Savage, who made use of the horse's renown to promote a variety of products throughout the world and become a millionaire in the process. An accompanying DVD contains rare footage on the race track and daily life on the lavish stock farm Savage built on the banks of the Minnesota River in the town that now bears his name. The book/DVD is available for \$24.95 plus \$6.25 S&H from the Dan Patch Historical Society. Orders may be placed on the website www.DanPatch.com paypal account or by mailing a check or money order to DPHS, P.O. Box 1:55, Savage, MN 55378. The book/ DVD will be available on June 24 at Dan Patch Days in Savage, MN where author Tim Brady will be signing copies. Future readings and book signings will be scheduled at the Savage Public Library and the Bloomington Historical Society and others.

THE GREAT DAN PATCH
and the Remarkable
Mr. Savage
Tim Brady



DVD INCLUDED

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DAN PATCH INDUCTED INTO HARNESS RACING HALL OF FAME

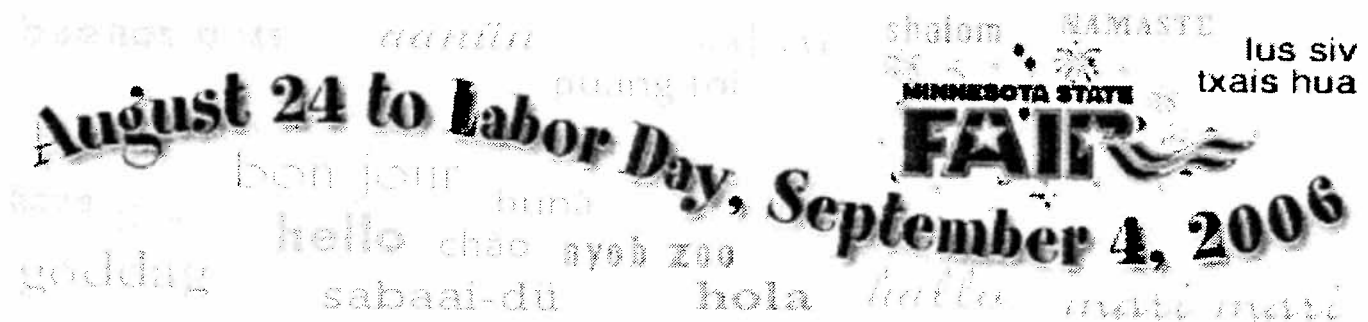
Famed local pacer Dan Patch was inducted into the Minnesota Harness Racing Inc. Hall of Fame on February 4, 2006 at Canterbury Inn in Shakopee, Minnesota. Hall of Fame inductees by the MHR



board of directors "must have made significant contributions to harness racing in Minnesota" said Beth Dale, Hall of Fame chairperson. Dan Patch was an easy choice for board members. "Dan Patch is one of the most famous racehorses of all time and still widely esteemed in harness racing" Dale said. Dan was the first horse to receive the honor. In attendance were members of the DPHS and relatives of Dan's owner M. W. Savage.



DAN PATCH DAY AT THE MINNESOTA STATE FAIR



Tuesday, August 29, 2006 is designated by State Fair officials as "Dan Patch Day" which falls just prior to the hundredth anniversary of the horse's world record setting mile run in one minute, 55 seconds on September 8, 1906 in the Fair's grandstand.

The society has been meeting for months with Fair staff to work out the details. We will have a booth/display near the KSTP building by the grandstand on Dan Patch Avenue. We will also participate in the flag raising ceremony at 10 AM and the parade at 2 PM. The Fair will be distributing one of a kind buttons and the post office will have a Dan Patch cancellation. We will have our cutout of Dan racing at the Fair, so bring your camera. Society president Bohn said, "he hopes to see many familiar faces there."

Mission Statement: The Dan Patch Historical Society was formed for the purpose of collection, preservation and dissemination of historical knowledge and artifacts about the horse, Dan Patch, and its owner, M. W. Savage.

DEPOT UPDATE

The parking lot is done and looks great with the wall, railing, paving, curb and striping. The depot will be here any day. The absolute last time to purchase an engraved brick for the walkway at the depot will be 4 PM on Sunday, June 26, 2006 after the parade at the depot site.

The dedication and unveiling of the walkway is tentatively set for the evening of Friday, September 8, 2006 - Dan's 100 year anniversary date. Watch the website and the newspaper for details.

Cash donations are appreciated too as are donations of labor and supplies. Call 952-890-4152 with questions. All brick donors and others who donate cash, supplies and labor will be listed in the next newsletter. All donors will be acknowledged in the depot.

New Members

Michael H. Brandt, Edina, MN
 Tausha Chamberland, Savage, MN
 Robert Savage, Excelsior, MN
 Barry & Lorna Stock, Savage, MN



FOUND - Tack box found in a barn in Oxford, Indiana has the words "Dan Patch" in the front and contains horse shoes, leg wrappings, leathers, weights and other tools. Also found was a September 24, 1900 Horseman magazine.

Dan Patch Historical Society Membership Application

Name: _____ Telephone: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Annual Dues: Student (\$5) Individual (\$15) Family (\$25) Benefactor (\$50) Corporate (\$250 & more)

Please mail completed form and check to: Dan Patch Historical Society • P.O. Box 1:55 • Savage, MN 55378



From the President

This is a banner year for us. Celebrating the Legend of the 100th Anniversary of Dan Patch's record at the State Fair is huge for us. Dan Patch Days will be big with the release of the book along with Dan Patch Day at the Minnesota State Fair on August 29 and the return of the Savage depot to the

Town Square in Savage. Our group of volunteers with lots of support have accomplished a great deal. I thank each and every one who has helped us.

We continue our education mission with a talk at the Dan Patch Toastmaster's meeting in Richfield. The group was established 52 years ago and hope to participate in our parades. We've been to Nativity Church in Bloomington, St. John's Church in Savage, Savage Chamber, a cub scout group, M.W.

Savage School carnival, Hidden Valley School and Glendale School. I encourage all of you to purchase a commemorative button, buy a copy of **The Great Dan Patch and the Remarkable Mr. Savage** book and an engraved brick. See you at Dan Patch Days and the Minnesota State Fair.

Jens

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