

Railway Age's Railroader of the Year Award

The Railroader of the Year Award was started by Modern Railroads magazine in 1964 as the "Man of the Year" award. Railway Age acquired Modern Railroads in 1991 and has presented the award annually since 1992.

Recipients under Modern Railroads

- 1964: D. W. Brosnan, Southern Railway System
- 1965: Stuart T. Saunders, Pennsylvania Railroad Co.
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- 1967: Louis W. Menk, Northern Pacific Railway
- 1968: William B. Johnson, Illinois Central Railroad
- 1969: John W. Barriger, Missouri-Kansas-Texas Railroad
- 1970: John S. Reed, Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railway
- 1971: Jervis Langdon, Jr., Penn Central Transportation Co.
- 1972: Charles Luna, United Transportation Union
- 1973: James B. Germany, Southern Pacific Transportation Co.
- 1974: L. Stanley Crane, Southern Railway System
- 1975: Frank E. Barnett, Union Pacific Railroad
- 1976: Dr. William J. Harris, Jr., Association of American Railroads
- 1977: Edward G. Jordan, Conrail
- 1978: Robert M. Brown, Union Pacific Railroad
- 1979: Theodore C. Lutz, Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority
- 1980: John G. German, Missouri Pacific Railroad Co.
- 1981: Lawrence Cena, Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railway
- 1982: A. Paul Funkhouser, Family Lines Rail System
- 1983: L. Stanley Crane, Conrail

1984: Hays T. Watkins, CSX Corp.
1985: John L. Cann, Canadian National
1986: Raymond C. Burton, Jr., Trailer Train Co.
1987: Willis B. Kyle, Kyle Railways
1988: Darius W. Gaskins, Jr., Burlington Northern
1989: W. Graham Claytor, Jr., Amtrak
1990: Arnold B. McKinnon, Norfolk Southern Corp.
1991: Mike Walsh, Union Pacific Railroad

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1992: William H. Dempsey, Association of American Railroads
1993: Raymond C. Burton, Jr., TTX Co.
1994: L. S. "Jake" Jacobson, Copper Basin Railway
1995: Edwin Moyers, Southern Pacific Transportation Co.
1996: Robert D. Krebs, AT&SF, and Gerald Grinstein, Burlington Northern
1997: Paul M. Tellier, Canadian National
1998: David R. Goode, Norfolk Southern
1999: Edward A. Burkhardt, Wisconsin Central Transportation Co.
2000: The Railroad Worker ("Railroader of the Century")
2001: Michael R. Haverty, Kansas City Southern Railway
2002: E. Hunter Harrison, CN/Illinois Central
2003: Richard K. Davidson, Union Pacific Railroad
2004: Robert J. Ritchie, Canadian Pacific Railway
2005: David R. Goode, Norfolk Southern
2006: Richard F. Timmons, American Short Line &
Regional Railroad Association
2007: William E. Wimmer, Union Pacific Railroad

2008: Stephen C. Tobias, Norfolk Southern
2009: Michael J. Ward, CSX
2010: Matthew K. Rose, BNSF
2011: Wick Moorman, Norfolk Southern
2012: David L. Starling, Kansas City Southern
2013: James R. Young, Union Pacific
2014: Joseph H. Boardman, Amtrak
2015: E. Hunter Harrison, Canadian Pacific
2016: Carl R. Ice, BNSF Railway
2017: Thomas F. Prendergast, New York MTA
2018: John C. Hellmann, Genesee & Wyoming
2019: Jean-Jacques Ruest, CN
2020: Patrick J. Ottensmeyer, Kansas City Southern
2021: Keith Creel, Canadian Pacific