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
1967: Louis W. Menk, Northern Pacific Railway
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
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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1993: Raymond C. Burton, Jr., TTX Co.
1994: L. S. “Jake” Jacobson, Copper Basin Railway
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