

# The Bob Knight Shiny Wheel Memorial Award

## Bob Knight Shiny Wheel Procedure Established April 2021 by the NARCOA BoD

1. **General:** The Bob Knight Shiny Wheel Memorial Award is presented to a member of NARCOA or to a non-member who is a longtime supporter of NARCOA to mark their outstanding long-term contributions to advance the rail car hobby.
2. **Purpose:** This award memorializes the contributions and dedication of Bob Knight, who served as Area Six Director for many years and as the NARCOA President from 2015 until 2019. Bob's unselfish commitment to NARCOA and his tireless efforts to advance and promote the club were exemplary and a role model for all. Bob Knight began this award informally in 2015.
3. **Guidelines:** Any NARCOA member may nominate anyone for this award.
4. **Criteria:** The following are the general criteria to select an individual to receive this award.
  - a. Outstanding leadership – the awardee leads a NARCOA project or committee, makes a unique contribution to NARCOA, or otherwise advances the rail car hobby in a significant way.
  - b. Service to NARCOA – the awardee has gone above and beyond expectations to help NARCOA and its members.
  - c. Contribution to the growth of the rail car hobby – the awardee opens new railroads for runs, recruits new members for NARCOA, and makes excursions more enjoyable.
5. **Award Procedures:**
  - a. Nominations are always open.
  - b. Nominations are in by a letter or email that identifies the person and outlines the nomination reasons.
  - c. The NARCOA Secretary receives the nominations.
  - d. The NARCOA President, in consultation with the Board of Directors, selects recipients.
  - e. If the BoD decides that a nominee is not acceptable, that decision is final.
6. **Award Presentation:**
  - a. Award presentation takes place at an appropriate place and time decided by the President. Presentation may occur at gatherings of members, such as at a safety meeting or at a dinner where many members are present. These are types of preferred venues.
  - b. The awardee's Area Director, another member of the Board, or an Officer of NARCOA presents the award as the representative of all NARCOA members.
  - c. Awardees receive a certificate and are listed permanently on the NARCOA website to mark their achievements.
  - d. Award winners are life members of the Bob Knight Memorial Shiny Wheel Association.
7. **Limitations:**
  - a. Officers and directors are eligible for the award. Any officer or director under consideration for recognition will recuse themselves from the discussion of their nomination.
  - b. The Bob Knight Shiny Wheel Memorial Award is not presented posthumously.
  - c. The award is presented only once to an individual.

Bob Knight gave the Shiny Wheel Award to the persons listed below during his tenure as NARCOA President. These persons are the Shiny Wheel Association's charter members. Their service is the standard for future awards.

8. **Charter Members of the Shiny Wheel Association:**
  - a. September 2015 - Keith Mackey NARCOA Webmaster
  - b. October 2015 - Brian Davis NARCOA Setoff Editor
  - c. November 2015 - Dan Page, NARCOA Elections Chairman, Membership Committee, Store Manager
  - d. December 2015 - Tom Norman, NARCOA Treasurer, and Insurance Administrator
  - e. January 2016 - Al McCracken, Operator Certification Program
  - f. August 2016 - John Philbrick, Superintendent of the South Branch Valley RR
  - g. October 2016 - Bob Hastings, NARCOA Secretary, Membership Committee
  - h. November 2016 - Dan Berg, NARCOA Officer