

Division Eight began presenting the Silver Spike Award in 1992. After being nominated by a member, the Silver Spike Committee reviews the nomination. After this screening, worthy individuals are presented to the membership who votes on the award. It goes to individuals who have given exemplary service to Division 8. Oftentimes this service is minimally recognized.

Year	Recipients
1992	Art Goreham
1993	No Award
1994	Bob Johnson
1995	Bob Brown, Charles G. Keeling
1996	No Award
1997	Bruce Goreham, Joe O’Gara
1998	Jerry Ashley, Charles Hansen
1999	Greg Mathews
2000	Bob Dawson
2001	Bob Frankrone, Ray Rohmann
2002	Fran Hale, Miles Hales
2003	Ivan W. Baugh
2004	Mike Berry, Steve Taylor
2005	Kevin Jones
2006	Charles Buschman
2007	Jim Ward, Eric Waggoner
2008	Don Fowler
2010	Bob Sobotka
2011	Tom Guenther, Bobbie Hedge, Bill Lynch
2012	Joe Fields, Nat King, Mark Norman
2013	Ed Brennan, Cecil Stewart, Russ Weiss
2014	Barbara Soward, Fred Soward
2015	No Award
2016	Mark Hedge, Bob Kuchler
2017	Ron Ellison
2018	Jack Diehl
2019	Brenda Stewart
2020	Rick Wehr
2021	Barry Christensen
2022	No Award
2023	Stan White
2024	Rick Maloney MMR
2025	Kent Westphal

Silver Spike Nomination Criteria

The person nominated should stand “head and shoulders” above others by service to the NMRA at National, Regional and/or Division level.

The Silver Spike Plaque reads, “Holds the railroad together, symbolizes the strength of the road and shines as one of the stars to guide us down the track”.

Members may only receive the Silver Spike Award one time. Visit the Division 8 website for a list of past recipients.

- Eligibility
 - Any Division 8 member may be nominated except that individuals may only receive the award one time
 - The minimum service criteria is
 - Served as a Division 8 officer or trustee for a least one full term, or
 - Served on Division 8 committee(s) such as Train Show C Sale, Member Welfare, Contests, etc. for a least four years, or
 - Volunteered on a regular basis to work at Division 8 functions such as the Train Show C Sale, Train Day, Convention, etc. for at least four years
- Nominations will only be accepted from current Division 8 members in good standing
- Each Division 8 member may submit one nomination per year
- Submitting more than one nomination per year by a member will invalidate all nominations by that member
- Nomination will only be accepted in writing (email is considered writing)
- No verbal nominations will be accepted
- Nominations must fully state the reasons and qualifications for nominating an individual as outlined under eligibility
- Nominations must include the name and NMRA membership number of the nominator
- Nominations must be submitted by the due date established by the Silver Spike Committee

Every Division 8 voting member will be given the opportunity to make a Silver Spike nominations annually in August. Voting occurs in September, and the award is presented at the annual Christmas Party.