

Honouring a legend: Gary McCraw's exceptional career spanning four decades

We are proud to recognise Gary McCraw, our esteemed Director, for his remarkable contributions to the automotive industry over an extraordinary four decades with the RMI. Recently presented with a lifetime achievement award by the Automotive Remanufacturers' Association (ARA) and the South African Vehicle and Bodybuilders' Association (SAVABA), Gary's commitment to excellence and passion for our industry is truly unparalleled.

Having been awarded NADA's Lifetime Achievement Award in 2019, Gary's leadership and dedication have been pivotal in elevating the profile of our association and strengthening relationships across the sector. As Gary prepares to retire, we celebrate his legacy and honour his profound impact on the automotive retail industry. Click on the Read more link for the full tribute to Gary McCraw and his inspiring career.

Gary's journey with the RMI is nothing short of legendary. For nearly four decades, he has demonstrated an unwavering commitment to excellence and an unmatched passion for the automotive industry. His work has profoundly shaped the landscape of the sector, establishing a legacy of dedication, professionalism, and leadership that we are privileged to carry forward. Gary's deep institutional knowledge, industry expertise, and countless hours spent mentoring and guiding those around him have made him a true captain of the industry. His invaluable insights and leadership have elevated the RMI and its associated bodies, forging strong stakeholder relationships and driving the industry to new heights.

Those who have had the privilege of working with Gary know him as more than just a colleague; he is a father figure and mentor to many, offering sage advice, both professional and personal. His wisdom, patience, and encouragement have left an indelible mark on countless careers, shaping professionals who now carry forward his legacy of excellence. Even his playful advice on the golf course - though perhaps less reliable than his business counsel - has contributed to the camaraderie and warmth that Gary brings to every interaction.

As Gary transitions into retirement, NADA is thrilled to have the opportunity to continue working with him for the next 10 months as Director. His renewed energy and enthusiasm bring invaluable perspective to the association, ensuring a smooth transition and continued growth.

Gary, you are a true gentleman and scholar, a stalwart of the RMI and NADA. Your dedication and work ethic have been a shining example to us all.

As you step into this exciting new chapter of life, we want to express our deepest gratitude for everything you have done. Your mentorship, wisdom, and unwavering support have been a beacon of inspiration to everyone who has had the honor of working with you.

We are excited for you as you embrace the new adventures that retirement will bring. May your retirement be filled with joy, relaxation, and fulfillment. Your legacy will undoubtedly endure, and we wish you all the best in this new phase of life. Thank you, Gary, for being an incredible mentor, a respected colleague, and a friend to so many.

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