

## Spate Award

The Robert W. Spate Public Service Award was created by the Great Falls Model Railroad Club (of Lewiston and Auburn, Maine) in memory of Robert W. Spate. The award is designed to be presented annually to a member or organization of the Northeastern Region of the National Model Railroad Association who best exemplifies the promotion of the hobby of model railroading. Preference is given to service to the hobby in a public forum open to young people, and/or to others who are not normally exposed to the hobby. The award includes an engraved plaque, and is presented at the annual Region Convention. The award is funded by an established endowment and does not incur any cost for the NER.

Robert W. Spate of New Harbor, Maine, was a Life Member of the NMRA and a member of the HUB Division. He actively shared his model railroading interests with young folks and others who wanted to learn more about the hobby. After he retired, Bob moved to Maine and continued his service from his rather remote Pemaquid Point. The award was created to honor Bob, and to recognize others who continue to foster our hobby.

Nominations for the Robert Spate Award may be made by active division boards of directors or trustees, or by a Northeastern Region area director for those members or organizations not represented by an active division. Final selection will be made by a committee approved by the Northeastern Region's Board of Directors.

