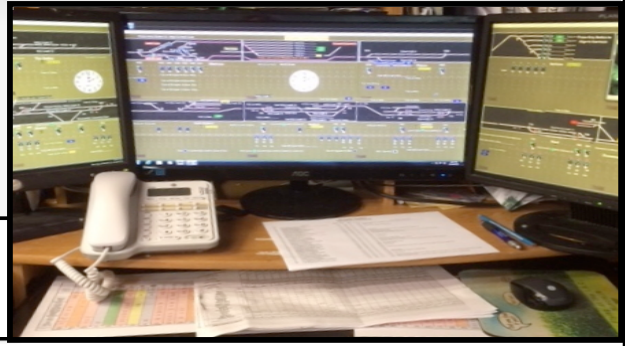


Michiana Division

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FORM - 19**Model Railroading in the Digital Age****A publication of the NMRA, Midwest Region, Michiana Division**

A word about the FORM-19 Masthead. Model Railroading in the Digital Age is the slogan of the Newsletter. In keeping with this line we will feature images depicting aspects of digital modeling. Currently we are showcasing an image from John Hanske of his JMRI dispatcher station on his Burlington Southern Railroad. You can send your images for possible use in the masthead to chart7968@yahoo.com.

**DIVISION EVENT
SCHEDULE**

**Saturday, AUGUST
15, 2020**

Michiana Division
Meeting

11:00am to 12:00pm

EASTERN TIME

ATTEND USING THE

ZOOM APP

LINK WILL BE PROVIDED

Clinic:

CAB RIDE ON THE
MILWAUKEE

By: Ron Christensen

**PLEASE,
STAY SAFE
AND HEALTHY**

Welcome to the FORM-19 for August 2020

Invitation: Please join us in our meetings for fellowship and learning with other model railroad enthusiasts. We meet on the 3rd Saturday, almost every month. See the location, time and topic at <http://michiana-nmra.org/meetings.html>, as well as topics from previous meetings. The **next meeting** is **August 15**, using "Zoom," so you can view it via the Internet. We will not meet in person because of COVID-19. You will receive an email via "**groups.io**" with the link to join the meeting scheduled for **10:00am CT/11:00am ET**. If you want to participate vocally, you will need a microphone for your connected device. More info/instructions will be part of the message with the link to join the meeting. You will be able to test your speakers' volume before the meeting starts. Once the meeting starts, if you don't hear anything, check that your speakers are not muted. To learn more about using Zoom, see <https://support.zoom.us>. The link for the meeting on August 15 will be posted in an email to you from the groups list.

Future meetings & ideas for topics: When we resume physical meetings, we would like to alternate locations between eastern and western areas of the Division, attracting more members from west of La Porte. Also, we may be able to "Zoom" the meetings for those who cannot attend in person. We invite you to suggest topics interesting to you. You can do this by posting your ideas on the Division's **groups.io**. Meeting locations and other attractions are mapped at the [Division web site](#) and click on "Michiana Division Interactive Map".



Rich Trowbridge was our July presenter.

**What you missed at the July
Division ZOOM Meeting.
'Proto-Freelancing' the GTW
Trenton & Western**

We had 14 people participating in the ZOOM meeting for Rich's presentation.

Rich described the journey he followed to create his GTW T&W railroad. Rich dug into the history of the area, which enabled him to develop a believable layout of the GTW for his Trenton & Western railroad. Rich is also including some of the industries in the area modeled to enhance the locations along the line. Boy, those O Scale rolling stock and engines are BIG. Rich is a member of the Division Board of Directors.

Rich's presentation was recoded and we hope to post it soon.

Thanks to all those who attended the July online clinic and we look forward to see you on August 15.



Ron Christensen is our August presenter.

**Cab Ride on the
Milwaukee**

Ron models the C&NW and the Milwaukee thru some small towns in Iowa. Ron will take us on a cab ride thru the exciting towns of Vining, Tama and past Gladstone, Iowa. Don't miss this ride-along opportunity. Ron is our current Division Superintendent.

NMRA Video Library

Have you checked out the Video Library lately? The library is located in the Members Only area on the NMRA.org website. The library is continually updated with videos from clinics presented during conventions, and other member meets. Additionally, videos are being added often from Model Railroader Video Plus and from Model Railroader Hobbyist TrainMasters TV presentations. Just sign in to the Members Only area of the NMRA online website, then click on the big blue box 'VIDEO LIBRARY'. Happy viewing.



NMRA NEWS

Did you know? There are a number of informational ways for you to stay connected with the NMRA beside the NMRA magazine. They include the 'e Bulletin' that is published every other month. The NMRA TURNTABLE that is published every month. Both of these come directly to your in box via email. Just make sure the NMRA home office has your current email address to receive these issues. Past editions can be found in the Members Only area on the NMRA website: www.nmra.org

GATEWAY-X Virtual Convention Brings An Entire National Convention Right To Your Home!!!

We hope you were able to take part during some of the presentations presented by the GATEWAY-X Virtual Convention. There really were some fantastic clinics and presentations

COMING SOON

We have been holding back the latest videos from our Division ZOOM meetings and other event videos. We hope to have our own Michiana Division YouTube Channel soon. We will be transferring previous videos and others into that channel. We'll let you know as soon as it is available.

Michiana Division - 2815

The Michiana Division was activated effective September 13, 2009.

Includes the following counties in Indiana: Elkhart, Fulton, Jasper, Lake, La Porte, Marshall, Newton, Porter, Pulaski, Saint Joseph, and Starke.

Includes the following county in Michigan: Berrien and Cass.

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