

Michiana Division

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Midwest Region
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Model Railroading in the Digital Age


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Model Railroading in the Digital Age is the slogan of the Newsletter.

We will feature electronic information depicting aspects of analog and digital modeling when possible.

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PLEASE,
STAY SAFE AND
HEALTHY

HAPPY NEW YEAR 2025

We are going into our sixth year of publication of the Michiana Division Form-19 Newsletter. There have been some really great articles covering modeling tools tips and tricks, road trips, prototype modeling, model railroad electronics, train shows, visits to many places that are track side related and some that are not too, museums and railroad preservation sites.

As we go into 2025, please consider sending your ideas for Division Meets, your modeling accomplishments, stories about your railroad trips and any other railroad subjects that you would like to share with the Division as an article in future FORM-19 Newsletters. I'll look forward to receiving your articles and sharing your work with other Michiana Division Members.

Please send articles, news items, photos and comments to the Editor of the Michiana Division FORM-19 Newsletter to.

Chuck Hart, email: chart7968@yahoo.com by March 21st to be included in the April 2025 Spring issue of the FORM-19 Newsletter.

Welcome to the 1ST Quarter of the FORM-19 for 2025

REMINDER: The Michiana Division has moved our regular Saturday meetings back to the third Saturday of the month.

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 regular meeting** is **JANUARY 18, 2025**.

Future meetings & ideas for topics: Future meetings for the Division 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” some meetings in the future 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 <http://www.michiana-nmra.org> just click on “Resources” “Michiana Division Interactive Map”.

MICHIANA DIVISION WINTER MEETS

Saturday, January 18th Our Division has been invited to attend NCR Division 9 in Kalamazoo, Michigan. See page 3 for information about the day’s events.

Saturday, February 15th meet is planned to be an in-person Layout Tour.

Saturday, March 15th plan to attend the 20th Annual Elkhart Model RR Club’s Train Show.

Stop by the NMRA table and introduce yourself to other Division members during the show.

MICHIANA DIVISION ROAD TRIP IDEAS

SWAP MEETS AND TRAIN SHOWS

Here is a source for train shows and swap meets that may be in the primary area of the Michiana Division and the five state areas of Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, and Ohio.

<https://www.trainshowlist.com>

20th Annual Elkhart Model RR Club’s Train Show.

Claywood Event Center

Saturday, March 15, 2025, 10:00am to 3:00pm (ET)

13924 N 1100 W (County Line Road)

Nappanee, IN 46550

<https://www.emrrc.com> for more information

NCR Division 9 Meet Saturday January 18th
Location is the Kalamazoo Bridge Club

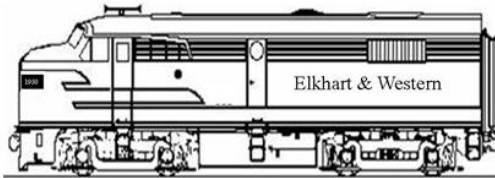
Our division is invited to attend the Division 9 meeting at the Kalamazoo Bridge Club located at 648 Maple Hill Drive. After the Division 9 normal business meeting, there will be an update on the Grand Elk Railroad by Mr. Ryan Yanez - General Manager. A zoom link is planned for anyone unable to attend in-person. Division 9 normally gathers about 9am, typically have a meeting between 9:45am and 10:30am, clinic/speaker at 10:30am to noon. All are eastern time.

"The Grand Elk Railroad (GDLK), a Watco company, moves primarily frac sand, plastics, metals, forest products, agricultural products, and aggregates. Watco has operated the GDLK since 2009. Watco capabilities: - Railcar storage and fleet management - Railcar repair and maintenance - Transloading - Transportation options (rail, water, road, and air) - Material handling and storage - Comprehensive logistics solutions - Transportation facility design and real estate development"



20th Annual TRAIN SHOW

Presented by
The Elkhart Model Railroad Club

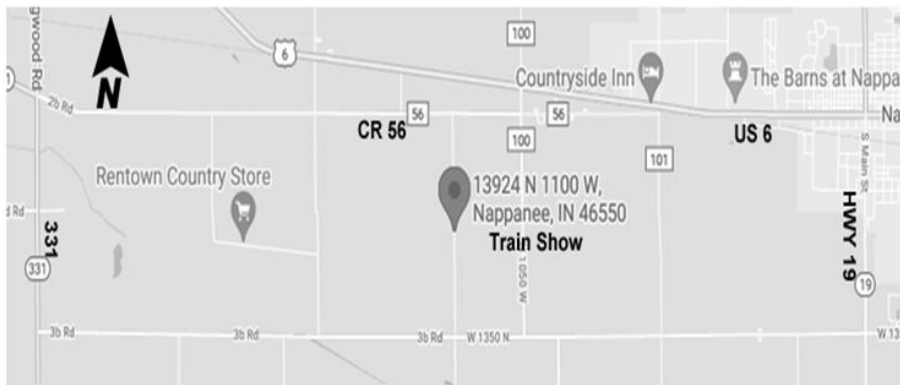


SATURDAY

MARCH 15th, 2025
10:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. (E.D.T.)
Claywood Event Center
13924 N 1100 W (County Line Rd.)
Nappanee, Indiana 46550

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Operating layouts
150 vendor tables, all scales
Admission \$5.00
Ages 12 & under free with paid adult

For show & club information visit
www.emrrc.com

Or see us on Facebook
For vendor information contact
Ken Prager 574-300-5151
Email: trainshow@emrrc.com



Try our new Club QR
code.

It should take you directly
to our Club Website.
Thanks for visiting and
we'll see you at the Train
show on March 15, 2025.



Midwest Region NMRA

The following information about the 2025 MWR Election was posted in the fall issue of the *Waybill*.

There is still time to vote!!!

The ballot is posted in the winter issue of the *Waybill*.

In 2025 the Midwest Region (MWR) will elect a President, a Vice President, and three (3) Directors-at-Large to the Board of Directors. All the positions are for a term of two years, with two complete consecutive terms in office before a break in service is required.

The Board meets twice a year; on the first Saturday in April and the first Saturday in November. The meetings will begin at 10:00 a.m. (Central Time) and are about two hours in length. These meetings will be held via ZOOM.

From your membership card, or you can look up your division based on your zip code at:

<https://www.mwr-nmra.org/mwr2016/mwr.divisionmap.htm1>

Note: "Midwest" is not your Division!!! It is your Region.

If you do not provide all of the above information, your ballot will not be counted. If you vote by mail, return the printed ballot to:

Midwest Region Election Committee,
c/o Jim Osborn, 2202 Bay Oaks Dr. McHenry, IL 60051-3710.

Your ballot must be received no later than Friday, January 31, 2025.

Thank you for your participation,
Steve Studley

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NATIONAL MODEL RAILROAD ASSOCIATION
2025 National Convention

STATION No. VI

Hosted by:
the NORTH CENTRAL REGION

July 14-19, 2025

Open to ALL model railroaders! You do not have to be an NMRA member to attend! **REGISTRATION IS OPEN!!**

Our location – Sheraton Detroit-Novi, MI
A suburban location with FREE parking!

CONVENTION GOALS and HIGHLIGHTS -

Our main objectives are to provide events of value, items attendees will see as worth their money, all at the lowest possible cost. ** We will honor the traditions of past conventions but at lower cost and with greater flexibility. ** This convention will be shorter, starting at 1 PM on Monday and continuing through Saturday afternoon with a banquet Saturday evening. ** Note that registration includes all layout visits and operating sessions, and all activities at the hotel except Modeling with the Masters, and admittance to the National Train Show. ** We will support all the traditional activities of the SIG's. ** The National Contest will be fully supported. The contest will be in a prominent room and will be run by the National Contest team. There will be space for model displays, modular layouts and other functions. Those putting their models on display will have the option of entering the People's Choice Contest. ** We will have several prototype tours which may include a Ford plant tour and a cruise on the Detroit River with an emphasis on the industrial aspects of the waterfront. ** We expect to have at least 90 clinics. The clinics will be varied, and each will be given twice. ** We expect to have at least 60 layouts open for visit. Most layouts will be at least 900 sq. ft. in size running to over 3,000 sq. ft. in one or more cases. All layout visits and op sessions will be self-guided so you may take your time.

<https://nmra2025.com/>



For more information click on the link below:

<https://nmra2025.com>



National Model Railroad Association, Inc.

New Member Application

Name:		
Address:		
City:	State/Country	Zip:
Phone:	Birth Date:	Scale:
Email:	Occupation:	

Membership	1 Year	2 Year	Total
Member - All rights & benefits as well as the digital NMRA magazine access.	\$68.00	\$136.00	
Member with Printed Magazine Subscription - All rights & benefits, digital NMRA Magazine access and the Printed Magazine.	\$92.00	\$184.00	
Family - Spouse or minor child of above member. No magazine, no voting rights, not allowed to hold office.	\$10.00	\$20.00	
Sustaining - Mandatory for group memberships (Clubs, Business, Associations). All rights & benefits, digital NMRA Magazine access and the Printed NMRA magazine.	\$120.00	\$240.00	
Student - Between the ages of 19-25 years of age. All rights & benefits, digital NMRA magazine access.	\$40.00	\$80.00	
Membership			\$
General Donation			\$
Merchandise			\$
Region Subscription			\$
Total			\$

Thank you for being a member of the NMRA! It is extremely important to have your current email address on file. This is used for access to the member only section, turntable, ballots, voting, annual donation statements, online renewals and communication. Please be sure to note your email address below.

Email:

Region Subscriptions				
If you do not see your region listed, there is no charge for region subscription! Most regions offer the subscription online on the website.				
21 Northeastern Region	\$12.00	28 Midwest Region	\$6.00	
23 North Central Region	\$10.00	33 Southeastern Region	\$10.00	
26 Pacific Coast Region	\$8.00	36 Sunshine Region	\$12.00	

Make Checks Payable to NMRA. We accept MasterCard, Visa, Discover, and American Express.

Credit Card Number:

Expire Date: CVV Code: Signature: _____

Mail To: NMRA, P. O. Box 1328, Soddy Daisy, TN 37384-1328

Email: HQ@NMRA.ORG

423-892-2846

Thursday Evening Zoom Meets

These meetings are open to all modelers and attract visitors from all over the country. Following the call, a video recording of the event is posted on our YouTube channel. A directory of available videos is provided on our division website at www.nmra-michiana.org. If you would like to receive the weekly invite that is sent out for these sessions, please contact me at greg@uncleheavy.com.

Michiana Division YouTube Channel is now live!

You can now view videos from our Division ZOOM meetings and other event videos. Check out our YouTube channel at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCbvaWZMhVoRweILW3aiXZlQ>

YOUR Michiana Division needs a Membership Chairman.

Neal Thomas has left the MWR Michiana Division and has moved to the NCR. Neal contributed to the Division as the Membership Chairman. If you have experience with Microsoft products including MS Word and MS Excel please consider filling the position for the Division Membership Chairman. Only a few hours a month are required for this important member position.

Please contact Superintendent Greg Bueltmann.

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 and the following Counties in Michigan: Berrien and Cass.

Michiana Division Committees

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ELECTION COMMITTEE	JIM TEMPLE
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CLINIC COMMITTEE	VACANT
INTERNET COMMITTEE	GREG BUELTMANN
PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE	CHUCK HART
CONVENTION COMMITTEE	GREG BUELTMANN
MEET LOCATION COMMITTEE	JOHN BANICKI
AP CHAIRMAN	RON CHRISTENSEN, MMR

We are always looking for help with organizing and making the division stronger from within the membership. Please consider taking the load off by volunteering a small amount of your time.

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