

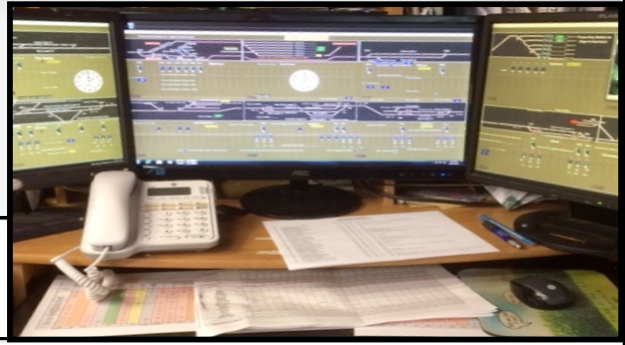
Michiana Division



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Model Railroading in the Digital Age



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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, JULY 18,
2020**

Michiana Division
Meeting

11:00am to 12:00pm

EASTERN TIME

ATTEND USING THE

ZOOM APP

LINK WILL BE PROVIDED

Clinic:

Proto-freelancing the
GTW

By: Rich Trowbridge

**PLEASE,
STAY SAFE
AND HEALTHY**

Welcome to the FORM-19 for July 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 **July 18**, 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/11:00amET**. 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 June 20 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".



John Hanske was our June presenter.

**What you missed at the June
Division ZOOM Meeting
'Create Routes using JMRI'**

Again we had about 20 people participating in the ZOOM meeting for John's excellent presentation.

John described and demonstrated how to create routes for turnout control using the JMRI Route Tool. John also showed us how to create Sensors and Screen icons to set up turnouts and Routes. John also showed us how to control the routes from both the JMRI screen panel display and from push buttons on a physical panel.

Thanks to all those who attended the May online clinic and we look forward to see you on July 18.



Rich Trowbridge is our July presenter.

**Proto-freelancing the
GTW Trenton & Western**

Similar to Dan Brewer's presentation, Rich will discuss his journey for the conception and design of his 'O' scale model railroad. I hope we get to see some of the excellent weathering Rich has done on those big models!

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 be added to 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!!!

The NMRAX team is proud to present the first ever virtual National Convention, Gateway-X. While we can't meet in St. Louis this year as we had hoped, we will be bringing you the National Convention virtually via the NMRA Facebook page & YouTube channel. Starting on July 12th at 8:00am EDT and running through 11:00pm EDT on July 18th, Gateway-X will be streaming **105 hours** of content. (Please adjust the times according to your own time zone.)

A copy of the PDF schedule for the events is in the FILES section of the groups list. You may need to copy and paste links into your browser to open the web pages.

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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