

Michiana Division

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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

From the Michiana Division Superintendent:

Summer is here and many members will be taking their long anticipated vacations away from home. The Division will take July and August off as well from having Division meets and plan to start up again in September.

We did have an election for at large members of the board of directors at our meet on May 17th. Chuck Hart was re-elected, and Robert Petit was elected to replace John Banicki. Thanks John for your past service as a BOD member.

Happy 4th of July and safe travels. See you in September.

Best Regards,
Greg Bueltmann
Superintendent, Michiana Division NMRA

Welcome to the 3RD 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 meet** is **September 20, 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 SUMMER MEET

Saturday, September 20th

La Porte County Exchange

807 Indiana Avenue

La Porte, IN 46350

Program is being developed and will be announced in a future FORM-19 Bulletin

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>

Michiana Division News

Long time member, Allen Black passed away on June 18th. Allen was a regular attendee at Division meets and an avid operator at local layouts during Ops Sessions. Allen will be missed and remembered for his laugh and energetic helpfulness in the Division.

From the Division Achievement Chair

Ron Christensen, MMR reports that Dan Brewer has completed and received the following AP Certificates.

AP-Model Railroad Engineer Civil

AP-Model Engineer Electrical

AP-Master Builder Scenery

Congratulations Dan



I need your assistance. I am compiling a history of the Midwest Region, and I am looking for a few older editions of the **Waybill**. Specifically, any issues published during 1966 through 1971.

Please contact me by replying to this email or directly at:

indycop999@hotmail.com if you have any Waybill issues within this timeframe in your collection.

BTW, you can take a historical look back at the Midwest Region from 1945 to 1964 at:

<https://www.mwr-nmra.org/mwr2016/mwr.about.html#history>

Past issues of the Waybill currently back through 1998 are also available to electronically search or download at:

<https://www.mwr-nmra.org/mwr2016/mwr.waybill.html>

I appreciate your help in completing this story for all to enjoy.

Regards,

John Coy, MMR and MWR President

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	
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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.

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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	

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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>

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 September 21st to be included in the October 2025 Fall issue of the FORM-19 Newsletter.

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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MEET LOCATION COMMITTEE	VACANT
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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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