

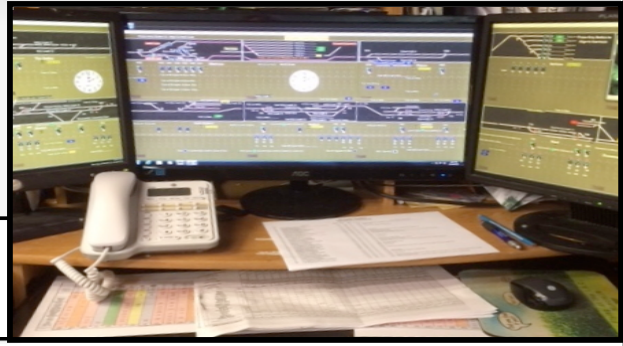
# Michiana Division



National Model Railroad Association  
Midwest Region

## 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](mailto:chart7968@yahoo.com).

### DIVISION EVENT SCHEDULE

**Saturday, JUNE 20,  
2020**

Michiana Division  
Meeting

11:00am to 12:00pm

EASTERN TIME

ATTEND USING THE

ZOOM APP

LINK WILL BE PROVIDED

Clinic:

CREATING ROUTES

USING JMRI

By: John Hanske

**PLEASE,  
STAY SAFE  
AND HEALTHY**

### Welcome to the FORM-19 for June 2020

**Invitation:** Please join us in our meetings for fellowship and learning with other model railroad enthusiasts. We meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 **June 20**, 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 computer or iPad. 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 should 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".



Dan Brewer was our May presenter.

## **What you missed at the May Division ZOOM Meeting**

### **‘Conceptualizing and building an operations-based model railroad’**

We had 22 people participating in the ZOOM meeting for Dan Brewer's excellent presentation of his layout that is under construction.

Dan reviewed the decisions that he made to decide what area to model, what era, what scale, the track plan development with operations in mind, bench work and helix construction, and his wiring scheme using LCC.

We hope to have the clinic posted soon and the location information will be sent by email as soon as available.

Thanks to all those who attended the May online clinic and we look forward to see you on June 20.



John Hanske is our June presenter.

## **Create Routes using JMRI**

John Hanske will continue our discussion on Control Panels that was started by Greg Bueltmann in April. John will describe and demonstrate how to create routes for turnout control using the JMRI Route Tool. Routes can be controlled from a JMRI screen panel display and from push buttons on a physical panel. The clinic will be presented on-line using the ZOOM application.

## **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](http://www.nmra.org)

The NMRA has also started NMRA-X. This is on-going virtual show of clinics, layout tours and other modeling adventures. Check it out at the NMRA Facebook page.

<https://www.facebook.com/NMRA.org/>



## The Operations Sig is performing Virtual Meet-ups.

The next meeting will be Sunday, June 7th from 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM Eastern Daylight Time. You can find out more by looking for the OPSIG on Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/OperationsSIG/>

## 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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