

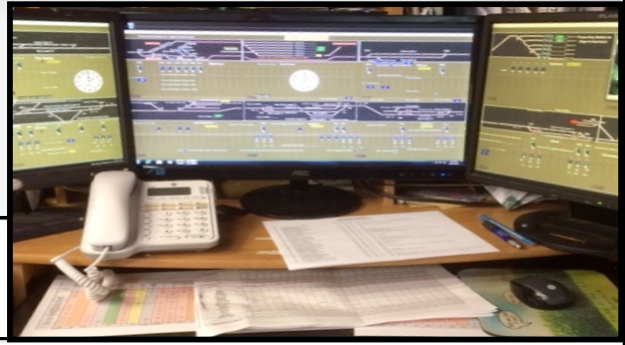
Michiana Division



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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, MAY 16,
2020**

Michiana Division
Meeting

11:00am to 11:40pm

EASTERN TIME

ATTEND USING THE

ZOOM APP

LINK WILL BE PROVIDED

Clinic:

BUILDING THE
MICHIANA SOUTHERN

By: Dan Brewer

**PLEASE,
STAY SAFE
AND HEALTHY**

Welcome to the FORM-19 for May 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 **May 16**, 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 May 16 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".



Greg Buelmann was our April presenter.

What you missed at the April Division ZOOM Meeting JMRI TURNOUT CONTROL

Greg Buelmann presented a clinic on April 18, 2020 using a Power Point presentation. Greg described the aspects of train control using Routes in the Java Model Railroad Interface (JMRI) software. Greg also described turnout control using a physical panel display and how he is building his Control Panels. The clinic was presented on-line using the ZOOM application and was performed in two increments over of about an hour in duration.

If you missed the clinic and would like to read his presentation, you can find it in the File Folder 'Clinics, Tips, How to's, Technics'

Look for: 'NMRA JMRI Custom Control Panel Presentation APRIL 2020.pdf'. You can also find the presentation on YouTube at:

https://youtu.be/3BNW_7NopSg

Thanks to all those who attended the online clinic.



Dan Brewer is our May presenter.

Dan's presentation will discuss 'Conceptualizing and building an operations-based model railroad'. I heard we might also learn about LCC and how it interplays with DCC. Watch for the ZOOM link so you can join in the discussion.

We hope the discussion may lead to a regular article from Dan in future issues of the FORM-19 Newsletter.

Ron Christensen, our Division Superintendent has been hosting an email discussion group during this period of 'Stay at Home'. About 30 to 40 people have been discussing every thin from layout design, vehicles, train brakes, railcar designs, decals, meat refers and the meat industry. Currently the discussion is centered on industries. If you would like to join in the contact Ron and he will add your email to the discussion. Ron's email is in the box at the bottom of



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 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

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.

Our next meeting will be Saturday, May 9th from 7:00 PM - 8:30 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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