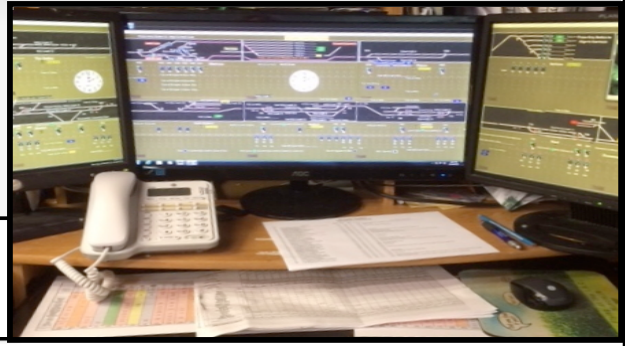


Michiana Division

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.

DIVISION EVENT SCHEDULE

**Saturday, OCTOBER
17, 2020**

Michiana Division
Meeting

11:00am to 12:00pm

EASTERN TIME

ATTEND USING THE

ZOOM APP

LINK WILL BE PROVIDED

Clinic:

The AP and Scenery

By: Jerry Peterson

Div. AP Chairman

**PLEASE,
STAY SAFE
AND HEALTHY**

Welcome to the FORM-19 for October 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 **October 17**, 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/11:00am ET**. 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 October 17 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 September presenter.

**What you missed at the
September Division ZOOM
Meeting.
Cab Ride the BS Lines**

We had 19 people participating in the ZOOM meeting for John's presentation.

John Hanske was back with us again, this time with a tour of his Burlington Southern railroad. John models a western route from central California through Oregon and Washington. John took us on a cab ride along the route and gave us a taste of the Pacific Northwest and the history of the area he models.

John's presentation was recoded and you can find it on YouTube at the following link.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rVi0N3vM_HI&feature=youtu.be&fbclid=IwAR2UaTzABPRungpU8uW4GMuYC0IH68uoqBZOIQcSrQHRo4C8ZyCwqQFzkL8

Thanks to all those who attended the September online clinic and we look forward to seeing you next time.



**Michiana Division Quarterly
Report to the Midwest Region,
NMRA
By Superintendent Ron
Christensen**

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We started the summer season with a trip to the Hoosier Valley Railroad Museum at North Judson, Although not a NMRA activity, the group that went were all NMRA members.

We now have a newsletter each month called *Form-19* edited by Chuck Hart, telling of NMRA activities.

Our regular third Saturday of the month, Zoom meetings have been as follows;
June: John Hanske described and demonstrated how to create routes for turnout control using the JMRI Route Tool.
July: Rich Trowbridge provided a clinic on his proto-free-lanced GTW O Scale high rail layout.

August: Ron Christensen presented a ride on the Milwaukee using a Cop Cam on a flat car.

September: John Hanske presented a cab ride on the Burlington.

In the late fall we intend to have a meeting to discuss the NMRA Achievement programs.

In past years we have featured buildings and cars. Next we will discuss scenery.

Submitted Sept 16, 2020.

Lets take a look at Scenery and the AP program

Our Michiana Division AP Chairman, Jerry Peterson, will lead us on a discussion about how Scenery is judged using AP Program guidelines. We intend this to be a lively interactive discussion. The desire is have 3 people who will talk and make statements about a scene, the rights and wrongs, etc.

Master Builder - Scenery

<https://www.nmra.org/scenery>

Size thirty-two square feet in HO scale, or eighteen square feet in N scale

It is not necessary to qualify for this certificate by constructing a single section of layout. You can construct several different scenes (such as modules), each of which must be at least eight square feet and of Merit Award quality. They must earn 87 ½ points using the AP Scenery judging sheet.

Terrain (35 pts)

Structures (20 pts)

Background (25 pts)

Lighting (20 pts)

Realism / Conformity (25 pts)

Prepare a set of photographs

Prepare a description of the materials and methods of construction used in creating various features of Terrain, Background, and Lighting. Attach one copy of materials in Sections 2 & 3 to the Statement of Qualification (SOQ, see below) for use by the judges in determining the effectiveness of the craftsmanship displayed by the member requesting certification.

Submit a completed Statement of Qualifications (SOQ) including the attachments for Sections 2 & 3 and the signed evaluation forms (see links below) and/or copies of the Merit Award certificates from Section 5.

The house in the picture to the right has some problems. Tell us what you see during the October ZOOM meeting!

You can check out the Achievement Program at this link:
<https://www.nmra.org/education/achievement-program>

CATEGORY DESCRIPTION and POINTS SCORE

TERRAIN, 0-35 points

The ground and all natural features such as rocks, water, trees, hills and depressions, as well as manmade features such as the railroad roadbed, cuts, fills, drainage ditches, embankments, streets and roads.

STRUCTURES, 0-20 points

Structures are considered from the standpoint of prototypical suitability, placement and appearance as scenic elements. (The quality of construction is covered under the Master Builder Structures category). Structures include: bridges, trestles, culverts, buildings and all other types of structures (towers, power lines, signs, fences, etc.), track and right-of-way appurtenances (such as turnout controls, signaling structures, crossing gates and shanties etc.), turntables and other service structures.

BACKGROUND, 0-25 points

The treatment of the wall, backdrop or ceiling to realistically depict depth and distance, horizon and sky.

LIGHTING, 0-20 points

Illumination effects from three aspects: railroad cars and signals, etc.; buildings, streets and roads, etc.; overall lighting effects - day and/or night. An entirely daylight scene is acceptable.

REALISM/ CONFORMITY, 0-25 points

The general overall impression that the scene is a believable, miniature representation of prototype railroad.

Total Points 125





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 inbox via email. Just make sure the NMRA home office has your current

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 updated 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.

The NMRA @ home

Here is another way to increase your modeling knowledge and get some additional reading time about model railroading for free. Every other month in the NMRA magazine Jim Zinser, MMR, hosts articles from various Region and Division Newsletters. You can do your own investigating by going to www.nmra.org, click on Regions, then Regions and Divisions. From the list click on any Region and you will be taken to their website. From there you will usually see their Region Newsletter and a list of their Divisions. You will find there is probably enough reading material to keep you busy for many hours of learning more about modeling and the NMRA.

MIDWEST REGION ELECTIONS

In 2021 the MWR will elect a President, Vice President and three (3) Directors-at-Large. The Region Election Committee will submit its recommendations and the names of all resident members nominated by petition to the Board of Directors for review and approval during its next meeting. Each candidate's biography/statement & photo and a ballot will be included in the 2020 Winter issue of the Waybill. The results of the election will be announced during the next MWR Annual Meeting of Members. MWR Link: <http://www.mwr-nmra.org>

MICHIANA DIVISION ELECTIONS

In November 2020, the Michiana Division will elect a Division Superintendent for the 2-year 2021-22 term. Ron Christensen now holds the Superintendent position. The Board is very interested in members of the Division who would like to serve in the Superintendent position and head the Division Board of Directors for the next 2 years, planning and executing programs and other activities. The Superintendent position will be filled by using a member ballot system.

Looking ahead the Division will be looking for nominations to fill the upcoming vacancy of two Division Director at Large positions. The Directors at Large positions are filled by a vote of attending members during the Annual Spring Meeting.

If you are an interested candidate, please get in touch with Jim Temple, Elections Conductor, at jngtemple@yahoo.com or call him at 269-471-5164 (H) or 269-240-4643 (M).

COMING SOON

We have been holding back the latest videos from our Division ZOOM meetings and other event videos. We hope to have our own Michiana Division YouTube Channel soon. We will be transferring previous videos and others into that channel. We'll let you know as soon as it is available.

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 counties in Michigan: Berrien and Cass.

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