

Michiana Division

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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, DECEMBER 19,
2020**

Michiana Division
Meeting

11:00am to 12:00pm

EASTERN TIME

ATTEND USING THE
ZOOM APP

LINK WILL BE PROVIDED

Clinic:

Evolution of Duck Lake

By: Chuck Hart

**PLEASE,
STAY SAFE
AND HEALTHY**

Candidate for 2021/2022**Michiana Division
Superintendent****Greg Buelmann**

Greg began model railroading in the late 1960s after receiving a Tyco HO train set as a Christmas gift. He currently models the CNW and MILW joint ore operations on a mid-sized layout located in his basement in Gary, Indiana. Greg has been a member of the NMRA off and on since 2002 and has served on the Michiana Division Board of Directors as a Director-at-Large for the past year. He has given clinics for the division on benchwork construction and JMRI physical panel design, integration, and construction. During the Covid-19 pandemic he has helped to continue the work of the Michiana Division by hosting and organizing ZOOM meetings along with other members of the division.

Michiana Division members will receive a ballot. Please show your support for the Division by voting and sending back your ballot.

Welcome to the FORM-19 for December 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 December 19**, 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 December 19 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”.

Right: The initial benchwork for the base of Duck Lake.



Chuck Hart is our December presenter

This month we will resume with the clinic originally scheduled for November.

The Inspiration and Evolution of Duck Lake

Where do you get the ideas for your layout and the scenes you create? Chuck will discuss the background, history, inspiration and evolution of Duck Lake on the Short Line; ‘Duck Lake and Bear Canyon Railroad’ being modeled on his layout. We’ll cover many aspects of Duck Lake including the inspiration, design, build, scenery and water pour.



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December 2020

Christmas is right around the corner and that means Christmas trains both big and small. The NYC Railroad Museum in Elkhart Indiana has set up a display of model trains decorated in Christmas designs. The display can be seen in the rear of the Observation Car located at the museum.

Right: Christmas train display. Located in the rear of the Observation car located at the NYC Museum in Elkhart, Indiana.

Below: HO train and structures provided by Michiana Division member Jim Temple. N-Scale trains and structure provided by Michiana Division member Chuck Hart



Below: Dan Brewer gave us a presentation of his layout in May 2020. Dan continues to make progress and has provided a few structure pictures that may be helpful to those looking for inspiration on your layout.





NMRA NEWS



NMRA Virtual Model Railroad Convention NOVEMBER 21 at 11:00am (EST) – NOVEMBER 21 AT 11:00pm (EST)

Public · Hosted by **NMRA**

All clinics were recorded and can be found on the NMRA YouTube channel <https://www.youtube.com/c/NMRAORGModelRailroading/videos>

Original schedule listed below:

11:00am DCC++ David Ramos NJ, USA

12:00pm Sage Brush Trees Andy Crawford KY, USA

1:00pm Confessions of a (Reforming) Armchair Railroader (Seven Secrets to Getting Started, getting Going, and Enjoying Model Railroading More) John Doehring MA, USA

2:00pm Modeling The Manufactures Railroad New Haven CT 1948 Ron Poidomani CT, USA

3:00pm Scratch build buildings on the MHO Junction Lloyd Henchy ON, Canada

4:00pm Wreck of the Belle Pat McCarthy MS, USA

5:00pm Using JMRI for Auto Train Running and Dispatching Tim O. WI, USA

6:00pm Lumberjack: the old, the new and the ugly? Jeff Rykiel TX, USA

7:00pm Arduino Uncoupling Michael Barrett TX, USA

8:00pm Making Pallets Craig Mackie QLD, AU

9:00pm Dead Rail Pete Steinmetz CA, USA

10:00pm Animation Laurie McLean QLD, AUS

The NMRA @ home

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.

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.

MIDWEST REGION and DIVISION NEWS

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 is 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

It's election time for the Division Superintendent for the 2-year 2021-22 term.

A ballot for the 2021/2022 Michiana Division Superintendent position will be posted on the Division Members Group list for Michiana Division Members to vote. Please show your support for the Division by voting and sending back your ballot.

Looking ahead the Division will be taking 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 for a Division BOD position 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).

NOTICE - Michiana Division YouTube Channel is now live!

You can now view videos from our Division ZOOM meetings and other events videos. Check out our YouTube channel at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCbvaWZMhVoRweILW3aiXZlQ>
We will be transferring previous videos and others into that channel as time permits.

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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