

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.

In keeping with this line we will feature digital information depicting aspects of digital modeling.

3RD QUARTER DIVISION EVENT SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, July 16
11:30AM-5:00PM CDT
**Hesston Steam
Museum**

SATURDAY, Aug 20
9:00AM-4:00PM CDT
**Hoosier Valley
Railroad Museum**

SATURDAY, Sep 17
9:00AM CT, 10:00AM ET
**West Michigan
Railroad,
Hartford, MI**
**(Michiana Division &
NCR Division 9
Joint Meeting)**

**PLEASE,
STAY SAFE
AND HEALTHY**



July 2022 Form-19 Superintendent's Message By Greg Bueltmann

Greetings Model Railroaders!

It was great seeing many of you in person at the Tri-Region Indy Junction convention in May. As of this writing we are looking forward to our in-person outing to the Illiana Garden Railroad Society in Valparaiso, Indiana on June 18th as well. Sharing our hobby of model railroading with others is one of the aspects of model railroading that makes it so enjoyable.

Our next in-person outing will take place on July 16th, 2022 at the Hesston Steam Museum (<https://hesston.org/>) in La Porte, Indiana. We will meet briefly at Noon CDT outside of Doc's Soda Fountain to greet one another and then explore the park, which includes three steam railroads and many other exhibits that illustrate the impact of steam power through the ages. The park is open from 11:30 AM to 5 PM CDT.

On Saturday, August 20th, join us at the Hoosier Valley Railroad Museum in North Judson, Indiana (<http://hoosiervalley.org>). The museum is open from 9 AM to 4 PM Central Time. Visit the website to purchase train tickets (admission is free) and plan to spend the day or a few hours at the park. At 11 AM CDT we will meet as a group informally at the picnic tables that are located just east of the museum building and gift shop.

Looking forward to September 17th, 2022, we will join forces with North Central Region's Division 9 for a tour and presentation on the West Michigan Railroad. The plan is for a presentation and tour at 10:00 AM EDT including Transload facilities, locomotive storage and junction with the CSX in Hartford. Afterward we will go for lunch in the Hartford area.

Join us on Thursday evenings at 6:30 central / 7:30 eastern. These Thursday Model Railroad Zoom calls started in May 2020 with a small group and have grown to include many devoted model railroaders from all over the country. The topics are as varied as the people who present. The invite is sent every week to the NMRA Michiana Division groups.io mailing list. If you are not receiving the invites, please contact me at greg@uncleheavy.com.

Welcome to the 3rd Quarter of the FORM-19 for 2022

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 **July 16, 2022**.

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 ROAD TRIP IDEAS

SWAP MEETS AND TRAIN SHOWS

Here are two sources for train shows and swap meets that may be in the primary area of the Michiana Division.

For the five state area of Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan and Ohio.

<https://www.trainshowlist.com/listings.pdf>

If you are on Facebook you may find this page of interest.

MODEL TRAIN SHOW SCHEDULES

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/MTSS1>

MICHICANA DIVISION ROAD TRIPS FOR JULY, AUG, SEPT, OCT AND NOV

MODEL RAILROAD EVENTS

RR Prototype Modelers	St Louis RPM	July 29-30, 2022	Collinsville, IL
GATEWAY 2022	NMRA Nat'l Convention	August 7-13, 2022	St Louis, MO
NATIONAL TRAIN SHOW	Part of NMRA Nat'l Conv.	August 12-14, 2022	Collinsville, IL
Franklin Train Show	Presented by MWR CID	August 28-29, 2022	Franklin, IN
One Day Conference	Presented by NCR DIV 9	October, 28029, 2022	Kalamazoo, MI
Trainfest 2022	KALMBACH Media & GATS	November 14-15, 2022	Milwaukee, WI
PROTOTYPE RAILROAD CONVENTIONS			
MONON Railroad	2022 MRH-TS Convention	September 16-18, 2022	Michigan City, IN
GNRHS-Nelson 2022	Great Northern Convention	September 17-21, 2022	Nelson BC, Canada

ROAD TRIPS?

As the Mast Head of the Newsletter implies the Division will continue Road Trips through the summer months ahead. We'll be visiting two great museums during July and August. In September our Division has been invited to join the NCR Division 9 for a railfan road trip to the West Michigan Railroad in Hartford Michigan. Remember, its is all about getting out of the basement away from our layouts and hitting the road.

Train shows are coming back and so are in-person conventions. So lets look at the possibilities of hitting the road over the next few months. We'll look at both model and prototype getaways available and the opportunities to get together with old friends we may not have seen for a while and meet some new friends. Don't forget to take your models and photos to display and/or enter into the contest rooms when attending a Region and National Convention.

COMING UP IN JULY and AUGUST.
Not one but two road trip opportunities for our Michiana Division families.

HESSTON STEAM MUSEUM
Michiana Division July family road trip
July 16, 2022
Museum hours: 11:30AM-5PM Central Time
1201 E. 1000 N, La Porte, IN 46350

<https://hesston.org>

Plan to meet up with other Division Members at 12:00PM CT in front of Doc's Soda Fountain and bring your picnic basket and enjoy your lunch at one of the many tables under the shade trees.

EXHIBITS, FOOD and SHOPPING

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| Train Rides! | Steam Power Plant |
| Steam Powered Saw Mill | Browning Locomotive Steam Crane |
| Antique Steam Traction Engines | Working Black Smith Shop |
| Western Union Telegraph Office | DOC'S Soda Fountain |
| The Depot Store | |



HOOSIER VALLEY RAILROAD MUSEUM

Michiana Division August family road trip

August 20, 2022

Museum Hours: 9:00AM - 4:00PM Central Time

507 Mulberry Street

North Judson, IN 46366-0075

<http://www.hoosiervalley.org>

Plan to meet up with other Division Members at 11:00AM CT at the picnic tables located just East of the Depot and bring your picnic basket and enjoy your lunch at the museum.

EXHIBITS and SHOPPING

Locomotives

- C&O 2-8-4 No. 2789
- Notre Dame & Western Porter No. 5332
- EL Alco S1 No. 310
- Interlake Iron GE No. 11

ROLLING STOCK

- 19 plus unique freight cars
- 6 Caboose operational caboose and display
- 3 Plus unique passenger cars



SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 17
RAILFAN THE WEST MICHIGAN RAILROAD
9:00AM CT/10 AM ET

Members of our Michiana Division will join members of the NCR Division 9 at the West Michigan Railroad (WMI) in Hartford, MI. The railroad uses locomotives from Great Lakes Locomotive (GLLX), and also stores many locomotives for GLLX. WMI currently operates about 4.23 miles between the CSX interchange in Hartford to 56th Street west of Lawrence, MI.

The WMI began operations in 1995, replacing the bankrupt **Kalamazoo, Lake Shore and Chicago Railroad** on an ex-**Pere Marquette Railway** line between Hartford and Paw Paw, Michigan. That company had taken over operations in 1987 from **CSX Transportation**. Traffic on the West Michigan Railroad consists of canola pellets, plastic pellets, frozen food, refrigerated fresh food, stone, methanol, and corn oil.

We are planning to meet in Hartford, MI. for a tour and presentation on the West Michigan Railroad. The presentation and tour will start at 10AM ET to look at the Transloading Facilities; the locomotive facility and where the WMI interchanges with CSX in Hartford.

NCR Division 9 will go for lunch after the tour and then meet for their annual division meeting. Michiana Division Members are welcome to join Division 9 members during lunch. The restaurant has not been picked out yet so look for the restaurant information a future FORM 19 Bulletin.



From Rich Mahaney, Division 9 member, NCR Director;

“On Friday June 3rd, I went past the Endeavor facility in Hamilton, MI and saw that a West Michigan Railroad engine is now located there. In the last two weeks the West Michigan Railroad has taken over switching that facility from CSX and now owns the track from Hamilton to Holland, MI. I was told that they would keep one of their engines at the facility to make the switching moves from Hamilton to Holland. Looks like they have created a new name for the line also the "Hamilton Northwestern". This engine is sitting right next to the fence gate that leads to the trestle over the river that is just north of the plant.”



The
MONON Railroad Historical-Technical Society's
2022 CONVENTION
will be at Michigan City, Indiana
September 16 to 18, 2022

MONON Railroad H-T S
Convention
September 16 to 18, 2022
Michigan City, Indiana



See the MONON RH-T Society website for more information:
<https://monon.org>

**A joint Great Northern Railroad Historical Society and the
Canadian Pacific Historical Association Convention**
September 17 to 21, 2022
Nelson, British Columbia, Canada



See the Great Northern Railroad Historical Society website for
more information:
<https://www.gnrhs.org/>

So we have quite a line up of places to see and things to do this summer and early Fall for your Road Trip possibilities. And, the Michiana Division will continue to add events for you in the local area too.

Tri-Region Convention INDY Junction 2022

Rod Thomson, Michiana Division, wins two awards for his 1920's era display



Above: Rod Thomson, right, receiving his awards during the awards presentation.



Rod's awards pictured above.
Favorite Display; PEOPLE CHOICE
Display; BEST OF SHOW



Construction: Display base of 1 X 3 framing with ½" plywood and MDF sheets of varying thicknesses

Track work: Cork roadbed with Atlas nickel code 83 flex track. Turnouts are Atlas #4.

Structures: Combination of scratch build and kit bash. All structures are weathered with paints, stains and weathering powders.

Scratch built Surreys and Buckboards.

Scratch built structures include: Stockyard and office, Team track platform, Ore shed and platform, Track maintenance shelter, Depot and platform, Feed mill weigh office, Outhouse, Water tank and spring house structures, Windmills, Railroad trestle. Elevated Walkway Bridge, Power/telegraphy poles and wires, most vehicles.

S-scale Automated Switching Layout at Indy Junction 2022 Conference

**Charles Malinowski demonstrated his automated layout at
Indy Junction 2022, May 18-22.**

Do you think that you don't have room for a layout? Do you want a switching layout to operate itself while you talk to visitors? This automated switching layout built by Charles Manlinowski shows you the way. It could be built in any scale. Charles' layout is built as two modules with a cassette switching lead at the top of the picture. An Iowa Scaled Engineering Motorman is mounted flat on the top of the layout hidden under the removable building in the lower left corner of the layout picture. The Motorman (\$99.00 including two opto sensors) provides the DCC power for the locomotive and the logic to throw the track switch so that the train goes back and forth, stopping at each end for its programmed time, and alternates which track it will operate on at the lower end of the layout.

While Charles lives in the NMRA Central Indiana Division, he has attended events in our Michiana Division. Do you have any automated operation on your layout? Do you have an automated modular layout? Share a story about your project for a future issue of the newsletter.



**DCC power and automation via the
Motorman from Iowa Scaled Engineering.**



Article by Neal Thomas, Chief Clerk, NMRA Michiana Division



NMRA NEWS

NMRA Digital Magazine - Arrived at the Station on April 1st!

We hope you are all are trying out and enjoying the launch of the NMRA Digital Magazine as much as we are. So far, we have provided the basic information in terms of dues, availability and general benefits.

On mobile devices, laptops, and desktops, the magazines are available as full pages as if reading the print version, as well as a special flowable text version. The flowable text makes it easier to read individual articles by enlarging the text and placing it into one continuous column for easy scrolling. It is simple to go back and forth between the versions.

The digital NMRA Magazine is searchable by keywords so it is easy to find your favorite railroad or topic. You can also bookmark articles for quick access later.

Members are able to save issues offline for viewing when Internet access is not available. This means you can access current and back issues of the NMRA Magazine anytime and anywhere.

NMRA TURNTABLE JUNE 2022 – *Small Bulk Petroleum Dealers*

Make sure you check out the clinic presented to our Michiana Division during one of our ZOOM meetings on March 24, 2022 by Ron Christensen, MMR.

Are you taking advantage of the NMRA Partnership Program?

The NMRA has partnered with model railroad manufacturers of all sizes who have agreed to give discounts to NMRA members. Discounts range from free shipping to 40% off all purchases. From Micro-Mark to Rusty Stumps, more manufacturers are being added every month. To see the current listing, log in to our website and visit the Partnership page in the Members Only section: www.nmra.org Membership, Member Home, Benefits, **NMRA Partnership Program**. **There are now more than 50 Partners participating in the program.**

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2022 NMRA NATIONAL CONVENTION



NMRA National Convention Location:

Marriott Grand
St Louis 800 Washington Ave, St Louis, MO

National Train Show Location:

The Gateway Convention Center
1 Gateway Drive, Collinsville, IL

Convention Website:

https://www.eventsquid.com/event.cfm?preview&event_id=13724

Convention Features

- **Layout Tours**
- **Bus Tours**
- **Self Drive Tours**
- **Prototype Tours**
- **Non-Rail Tours**
- **Modeling With the Masters**
- **Clinics**
- **Door Prizes**
- **Partner Activities**
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- **Contests**
- **National Train Show**



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NOTICE - 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>

Here are some statistics from our YouTube channel

- Views since January 1, 2022: 2,200
- Unique Viewers since January 1, 2022: 935
- Watch time since January 1, 2022: 408.2 hours

Statistics for the 90 days prior (during the holidays) were about 8% higher. While we're glad to be able to meet in person again and are looking for the outings coming up, it's nice to know that the efforts we've made to get online are reaching our intended audience.

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.

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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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