

Michiana Division



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Midwest Region

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Model Railroading in the Digital Age



A publication of the NMRA, Midwest Region, Michiana Division

Model Railroading in the Digital Age is the slogan of the Newsletter.

We will feature electronic information depicting aspects of analog and digital modeling when possible.

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July 2024 Form-19 Superintendent's Message By Greg Bueltmann

Greetings Model Railroaders.

Our convention in May was a terrific success. Thanks very much to our committee who worked tirelessly for over a year to plan the event which was hosted by the Michiana Division but was very much a Midwest Region convention. Our committee members who met weekly from March 2023 through May 2024 are listed below.

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| John Banicki | Daniel Banks | Bob Blake |
| Dan Brewer | Greg Bueltmann | Ron Christensen, MMR |
| Jim DiPaola | Chuck Hart | Bob McGeever |
| Jim Osborn | Mike Roderick | Alex Schneider |
| Steve Studley | Jim Temple | Rod Thomson |

There were many others who helped on the days of the event. We couldn't have done it without them as well. Thanks to everyone who attended and supported the 2024 Around the Bend Conference.

We will not host any formal events over the summer as a division, but there are plenty of activities to take advantage of. The Franklin Train Show in Franklin, Indiana will take place August 3 & 4, 2024 and our friends in the North Central Region are planning a weekend convention for October 10-14, 2024, in Northville, Michigan. Details for both events are provided inside this issue of our Form 19 Newsletter.

**PLEASE,
STAY SAFE AND
HEALTHY**

Welcome to the 3RD Quarter of the FORM-19 for 2024

NOTICE

THE DIVISION BOARD OF DIRECTORS DECIDED AT THE LAST MEETING TO TAKE THE SUMMER OFF (JULY/AUGUST/SEPTEMBER)

REMINDER: *The Michiana Division has moved our regular Saturday meetings back to the third Saturday of the month.*

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 regular meeting** is **OCTOBER 19, 2024**.

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”.

ROAD TRIPS?

Train shows are back and so are in-person conventions. So, let’s look at the possibilities of hitting the road this year. 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 the contest rooms when attending a Region and National Convention.

MICHIANA DIVISION ROAD TRIP IDEAS

SWAP MEETS AND TRAIN SHOWS

Here is a source for train shows and swap meets that may be in the primary area of the Michiana Division and the five state areas of Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, and Ohio.

<https://www.trainshowlist.com>

Central Indiana Division

Franklin Train Show

August 3 & 4, 2024

Saturday, August 3, 10:00am to 4:00pm

Sunday, August 4, 10:00am to 3:00pm

www.cidnmra.org for more information



Central Indiana Division
of the
National Model Railroad Association
presents the 2024



FRANKLIN TRAIN SHOW

Saturday, Aug. 3rd, 10am to 4pm
Sunday, Aug. 4th, 10am to 3pm

Four buildings filled with vendors
and portable layouts

One building for demonstrations
both days



Admission: \$7.00 per Adult
(Kids under 16 free with parents)
(\$5.00 with proof of current NMRA membership with card)

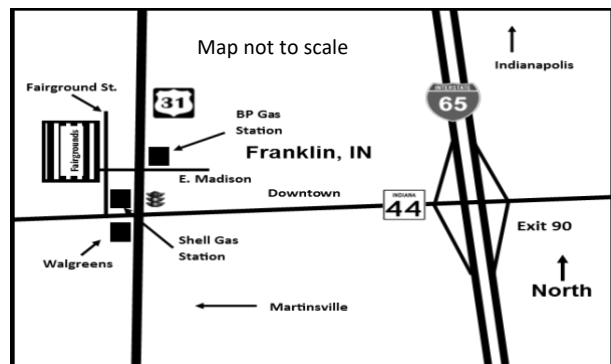
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- Operating Layouts
- Dealer Tables
- Manufacturers
- Free Parking
- Displays
- Demo's
- Door Prizes
- Food

★ Popular Vote Contest ★

Bring what you are working on



Check out our website at
<http://www.cidnmra.org>

For information contact Michael Roderick at (317) 833-3556 or FranklinTrainShow@gmail.com

NOTE: The next CID train show is at Danville, IN on November 23, 2024

Division Six of the
NCR- North Central Region of the
NMRA- National Model Railroad Association presents-



NORTH CENTRAL EXPRESS 2024



A MODEL RAILROAD WEEKEND CONVENTION!

THURSDAY - FRIDAY - SATURDAY - SUNDAY
OCTOBER 10-11-12-13, 2024
NORTHVILLE, MICHIGAN, USA

WELCOME to the NCR Model Railroad Convention, **NORTH CENTRAL EXPRESS 2024!** The convention is being hosted by DIVISION SIX, located in Wayne and Washtenaw counties. We are planning a great weekend of model and prototype railroading, just for YOU! Please access our website for all of the important information you need to help you to decide to attend this event. As you'll soon read, we're concentrating on having fun and learning all about model railroading! All you need to do is fill out the registration page, send it in with your registration fees and you'll be part of one of the greatest model railroad events in Michigan! Visit us online and register there using your credit card and PayPal security services! Come and join us for the **MAXIMUM** model railroad **FUN**, all in one weekend!

Open to ALL model railroaders! You DO NOT have to be an NMRA member to attend!

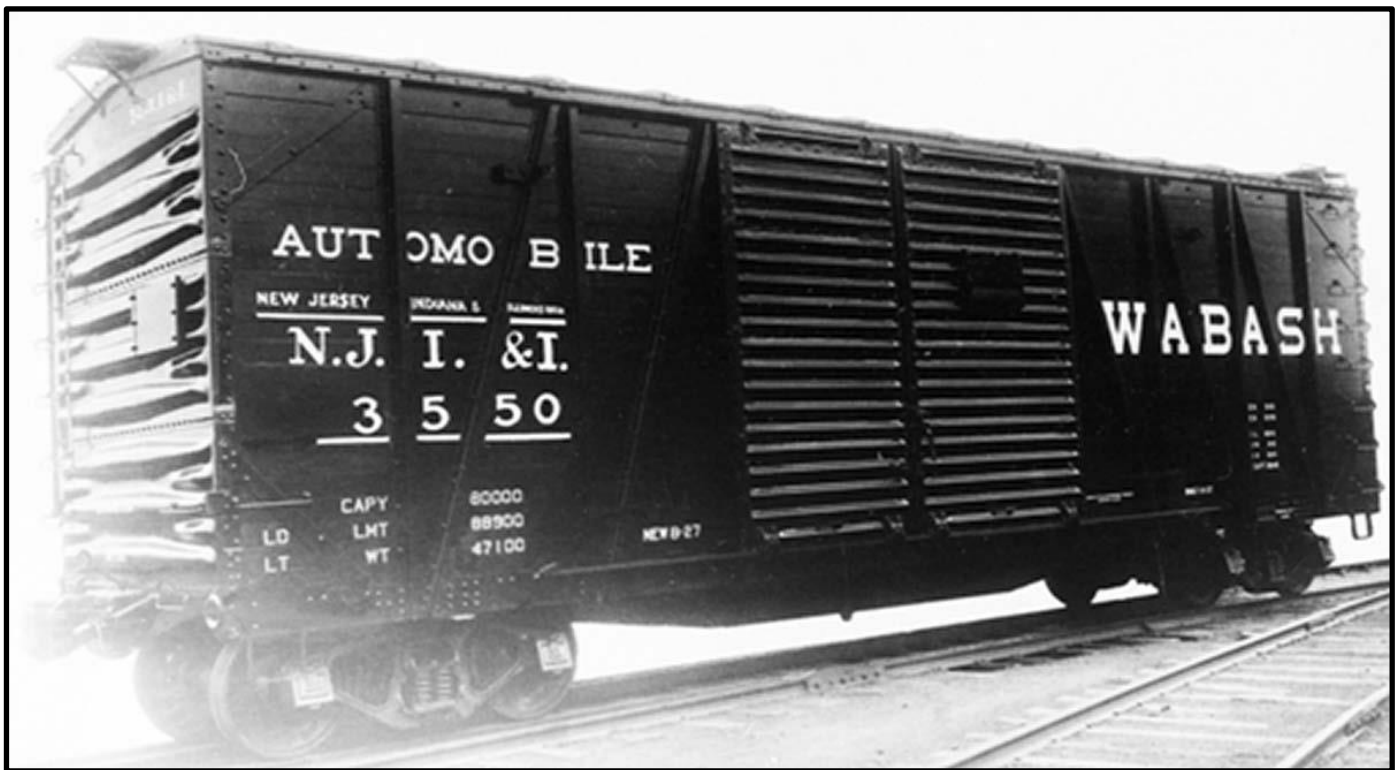
EVENT HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE-

- * Event site – Ward Church, Northville, MI
- * Event shirts available pre-order only
- * Special DAY PASS entry available!
- * Online Registration available on website!
- * Banquet Dinner on Saturday evening
- * Clinics on Friday and Saturday
- * Operation sessions available Thursday, Friday, Saturday
- * NO model contest – MODEL SHOWCASE – show off your work!!
- * Get a discount for participating in the Model Showcase!!
- * Model layouts to visit on Friday and Saturday
- * Prototype tours on Friday (if available)
- * Yard Sale of new/used model railroad equipment
- * Ask the Experts (MMR's) table
- * EVERYONE welcome to attend!



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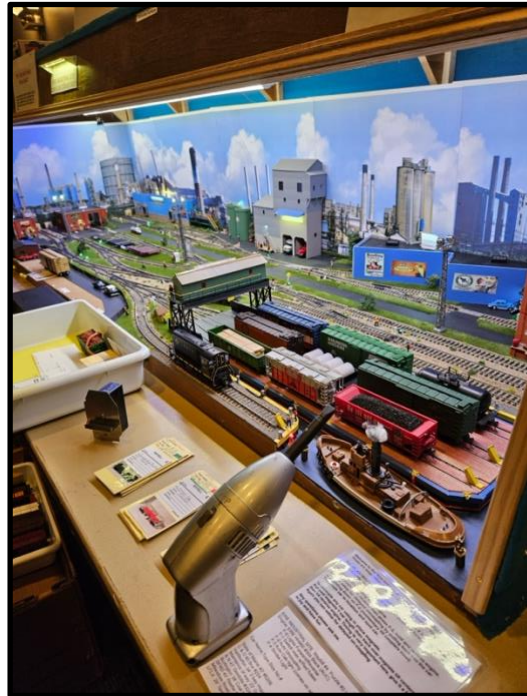




***MWR Convention Car... A few cars remain available.
Contact our Michiana Division. Greg Bueltmann via email:***

greg@uncleheavy.com

Photos from the MWR Convention.
All photos by Dan Brewer



Tom Stathis brought his very popular switching puzzle module. Here are 3 views of the module along with Tom and a young fellow exercising his switching skills.
Rod Thomson and his wife Linda provided 'take and make' modules along with all the materials to complete you own diorama.

It's "Hello" at One End
(THE OPERATOR'S)

And just the Reverse at the Other
(THE SUBSCRIBER'S)

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On Saturday I attended, along with Ron Christensen, MMR and his wife, the National Insulator Association (NIA) National Convention Show. This year their National Convention was held in Elkhart, Indiana. The show featured many displays and about 120 tables of items for sale. Interest included telephone, electrician, railroad and other hobbyists' collections. Wires along the railroad right of way played an important role for railroads for many years including controls for signals, telegraph and telephone communications and other uses. Many companies manufactured telegraph and telephone products specifically for the railroads. Along with those products pole lines were installed to support the equipment and glass, porcelain and other materials were used to insulate the wires from the supporting structures. Some railroads even had identifying marks displayed on their insulators. Below are two examples: one from the Pennsylvania railroad and one from the Canadian Pacific Railroad. Bottom is a photo from a typical NIA show.





National Model Railroad Association, Inc.

New Member Application

Name:		
Address:		
City:	State/Country	Zip:
Phone:	Birth Date:	Scale:
Email:	Occupation:	

Membership	1 Year	2 Year	Total
Member - All rights & benefits as well as the digital NMRA magazine access.	\$68.00	\$136.00	
Member with Printed Magazine Subscription – All rights & benefits, digital NMRA Magazine access and the Printed Magazine.	\$92.00	\$184.00	
Family – Spouse or minor child of above member. No magazine, no voting rights, not allowed to hold office.	\$10.00	\$20.00	
Sustaining – Mandatory for group memberships (Clubs, Business, Associations). All rights & benefits, digital NMRA Magazine access and the Printed NMRA magazine.	\$120.00	\$240.00	
Student – Between the ages of 19-25 years of age. All rights & benefits, digital NMRA magazine access.	\$40.00	\$80.00	
Membership			\$
General Donation			\$
Merchandise			\$
Region Subscription			\$
Total			\$

Thank you for being a member of the NMRA! It is extremely important to have your current email address on file. This is used for access to the member only section, turntable, ballots, voting, annual donation statements, online renewals and communication. Please be sure to note your email address below.

Email:

Region Subscriptions				
If you do not see your region listed, there is no charge for region subscription! Most regions offer the subscription online on the website.				
21 Northeastern Region	\$12.00	28 Midwest Region	\$6.00	
23 North Central Region	\$10.00	33 Southeastern Region	\$10.00	
26 Pacific Coast Region	\$8.00	36 Sunshine Region	\$12.00	

Make Checks Payable to NMRA. We accept MasterCard, Visa, Discover, and American Express.

Credit Card Number:

Expire Date: CVV Code: Signature: _____

Mail To: NMRA, P. O. Box 1328, Soddy Daisy, TN 37384-1328
 Email: HQ@NMRA.ORG
 423-892-2846

Thursday Evening Zoom Meets

These meetings are open to all modelers and attract visitors from all over the country. Following the call, a video recording of the event is posted on our YouTube channel. A directory of available videos is provided on our division website at www.nmra-michiana.org. If you would like to receive the weekly invite that is sent out for these sessions, please contact me at greg@uncleheavy.com.

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>

YOUR Michiana Division needs a Membership Chairman.

Neal Thomas has left the MWR Michiana Division and has moved to the NCR. Neal contributed to the Division as the Membership Chairman. If you have experience with Microsoft products including MS Word and MS Excel please consider filling the position for the Division Membership Chairman. Only a few hours a month are required for this important member position.
Please contact Superintendent Greg Bueltmann.

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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