

Michiana Division



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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.

4TH QUARTER DIVISION EVENT SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, October 15
10AM CT, 11AM ET
NYC MUSEUM TOUR
AND CLINIC

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21
1:30PM CT, 2:30PM ET
SOUTH SHORE SHOPS
TOUR

SATURDAY, November 19
10AM CT, 11AM ET
AP PROGRAM,
DISPATCHER CERT.

SATURDAY, December 17
10AMCT, 11AM ET
ZOOM MEETING
CLINIC

**PLEASE,
STAY SAFE
AND HEALTHY**



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

Greetings Model Railroaders!

A big thanks to everyone that turned out for the WMIR event in Hartford MI, and thanks to Rich Mahaney of Division 9 for including the Michiana Division.

Join us this fall as we continue to hit the road and meet in person. Lined up is a tour of the NYC Museum and Clinic in Elkhart, IN on October 15th, a Special Event at the South Shore Shops in Michigan City, IN on October 21, the annual AP program on November 19 and a ZOOM Clinic on December 17.

Don't forget NEW TIME: Join us on **Tuesday** 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 4TH 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 regular meeting** is **October 15, 2022**. Following this meeting is a special Railfan Road Trip to Michigan City on Friday, October 21, 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”.

ROAD TRIPS?

As the Mast Head of the Newsletter implies the Division will continue Road Trips through the fall months ahead. We’ll continue with a 1-Day trip to Michigan City to tour the CSS&SB shops, see Page 4, and then to the 2-Day Convention in Kalamazoo and a train show on the same weekend. See the information on Page 6. 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.

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, OCT, NOV and DEC

CSS&SB/NICT	Railfan Road Trip October 21, 2022	Michigan City, IN
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MODEL RAILROAD EVENTS

Convention	2 Day Model Railroad Convention October 28-29, 2022	Kalamazoo, MI
Train Show	Kalamazoo Model Railroad Club October 30, 2022	Kalamazoo, MI
Trainfest 2022	KALMBACH Media & GATS November 14-15, 2022	Milwaukee, WI

September 17 Road Trip to the West Michigan Railroad

Rich Mahaney of the NCR Division 9 arranged for a great tour of the WMIR and invited the Michiana Division to join in. Mike Hnatiuk, representing the WMIR, conducted the tour and presentations. All photos by: Rich Mahaney.



Michiana Division Fall Events

**Saturday, October 15 2022 Division Meet and Clinic at the
Elkhart New York Central RR Museum
721 South Main Street, Elkhart, IN**

<https://elkhartindiana.org/government/nnyccr-museum/>

The National New York Central Railroad Museum, located in Elkhart, Ind., recaptures the glory days when America's railroads were symbols of progress and goodwill ambassadors across the country.

Admission Adult: \$6.00, Senior: \$5.00, Child (4-12): \$5.00

Indoor Displays and Rolling Stock: An original NYC freight house full of railroad displays, operating model railroad and artifacts. Outside you will see an NYC EMD E8 diesel-electric locomotive, 4-8-2 L-3a Mohawk steam locomotive, a GG1 electric locomotive, and many other pieces of rolling stock.



Friday, October 21, 2022 Special Event South Shore Shops, Michigan City, Indiana

Greg Yovich, the Project Director for car rebuilds has offered a tour on 10/21 at 1:30pm CT.

Location is: 601 North Roeske Ave., Michigan City.

We will meet up in the building with the copper roof.

People should wear sturdy shoes -- safety shoes if you have them but OK if you don't.

Be prepared to sign releases.

Please RSVP to Greg Buelmann email greg@uncleheavy.com by October 7th to allow for enough hard hats and safety glasses?

Saturday November 19, 2022 Division Meet, AP Program (Location TBD)

For the past three years during the November Meet the program has covered a topic from the Achievement Program (NMRA AP) program.

Previously we have covered the following segments.

Master Builder – CARS

Master Builder – STRUCTURES

GOLDEN SPIKE AWARD

Ron Christensen MMR, AP chairman Michiana Division will lead this November's meeting and he will cover the details of the Dispatcher AP segment

If you are interested in getting the Dispatcher AP it is never to early to start.

This is phase one what a person would need to do.

It takes several operating sessions to make 50 hours serving in 3 of the 5 categories.

Many of you have operated on others' railroad and if dates are available some of the time may have already been worked and will only need the layout host to sign your form.

Acting as a dispatcher for 10 hours is probably the most difficult task to achieve.

The Achievement Program (AP) is a travel guide, to help you on your journey through the world of model railroading. The AP also provides incentive to learn and master the many crafts and skills necessary in the hobby of model railroading. With the completion of each category, you will be issued a certificate acknowledging your achievement.

Saturday, December 17 ZOOM Meeting and Clinic (Subject TBD)

Fun with Train Names

We have mentioned in previous Newsletters about Ron Christensen MMR, and his daily email Q and A and various subjects thrown out for discussion. Recently Ron tossed out "Trains that were named after Women". There were many responses. Here are the ones I was able to collect. There were some repeats so I didn't include them. I'll bet there are many more. Thanks to everyone that responded.

Ron C. started with Pocahontas/(N&W provided by Brien E.)

Bob B. – Phoebe Snow/Lackawanna, Kate Shelly/C&NW, Betsy Ross/PRR, Sun Queen/PRR & ACL, Nancy Hanks/Georgia Central, Southern Belle/KCS, Fast Flying (colonial woman eloping?)/C&O

John O. – Ann Rutledge/GM&O

Dave N. – Betsy Ross/AMTRAK, Cape Ann/BM, Judith Special/GN, Katy Flyer/KATY, Miss Lou/IC, Motor Queen/NYC, Nellie Bly/PRR, Evangeline/VIA

John O. – noted the Nancy Hanks was named after a female racing horse but the horse was named after Abraham Lincoln's mother.

**NCR ONE DAY (really two!) MODEL RAILROAD CONVENTION
KALAMAZOO/BATTLE CREEK, MI**

The NMRA NCR Division 9 is hosting an NCR One Day Model Railroad Convention over two days (OCT 28/29, 2022) which will include layout tours, clinics, a special dinner and hopefully some operating session, all of this is over a Friday afternoon through Saturday time frame. The location is in the Kalamazoo and Battle Creek area of Michigan. The Kalamazoo Model Railroad Club will be hosting their Annual Fall Train Show and Sale on the Sunday (Oct 30) of that weekend if you would like to attend that also. A weekend of railroading activities. Hotel selection in the area is on your own.

Registration location(s) on Friday will be a will be at the first layout at 3:30pm in Galesburg. You can view the layout and pick up registration related materials. Registration and clinics on Saturday will be at The River Church, located at 517 Walbridge, in downtown Kalamazoo. The building is northeast of the Kalamazoo Amtrak Station, and their parking lot backs up to the train tracks.

Oct 28, Friday afternoon, there will be layout open houses from 3:30pm to 6:00pm. You must have a paid registration and convention badge to see the layouts. Registration for the convention will occur at the first layout on the tour.

Oct 28, Friday evening, there will be a gathering of model railroaders for dinner at Clara’s Restaurant in downtown Battle Creek starting at 6:30pm. You need to reserve a spot for this event and dinner will be ordered off the menu with individual bills. Who knows what might be scheduled for education, entertainment and fun!

Oct 29, Saturday, at the River Church, registration from 7:30am to 8:30am and time to visit with other model railroaders. Free refreshments and some breakfast foods during registration and the clinics! Clinic times are - 8:30am, 9:45am and 11am. 12 clinics will be presented between four different rooms. Lunch on your own. Then more model railroad layout viewing 1:00pm to 5:00pm, operating sessions on Saturday evening. 11 layouts will be open for viewing on Saturday afternoon.

More information will all be posted on The NMRA NCR Division 9 website, including information about paying with credit cards, PayPal for registration and Friday registration sites. The Division 9 website address is - <http://ncr-div9.com/conventionForm.php>

Registrations at this time can be check or money order made out to NMRA, NCR, Division 9. Cut off the registration form below and mail it to: Division 9 Superintendent and Convention Registrar Garry Johnson, 371 32nd Street N, Springfield, MI 49037. Registration fees in US Dollars only: Pre-registration of \$25, late registration fee is \$30 on or after September 1, 2022. Yup, send them in now and save some money! For more information or question contact Rich Mahaney at 269-214-4221 or rcmahaney@gmail.com

-----REGISTRATION FORM/Cut off and send to: Garry Johnson, 371 32nd Street N, Springfield, MI 49037-----

NAME _____ NMRA Number _____
ADDRESS _____ CITY _____
STATE _____ COUNTRY _____ ZIP _____
EMAIL _____ PHONE _____

Are you interested or planning to attend the Friday, Oct 29, 2022 dinner at Clara’s in Battle Creek, the cost of dinner will be on your own YES ___ NO ___.

Are you interested in attending operation sessions on Saturday evening? YES ___ NO ___ . More information will follow in the future as these get set up.



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.

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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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 your help.

Neal Thomas will be leaving the MWR Michiana Division and is moving to the NCR very shortly. Neal has contributed to the Division as the Membership Chairman and in the role of Chief Clerk. It is desirable to split these rolls between two people. If you have experience with Microsoft products including MS Word and MS Excel please consider filling one of these positions. Only a few hours a month is required and would fill the up coming vacancies. 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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