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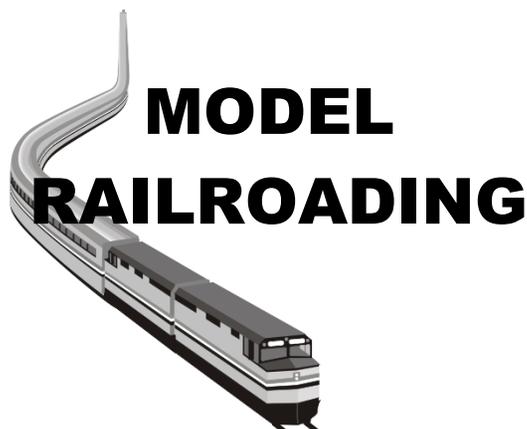
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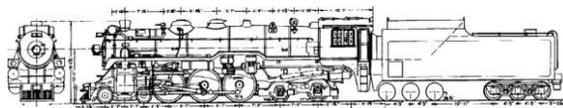
To reach us in Division 3, go to our website div3.ncr-nmra.org and click the 'Contact Us' tab.



THE HOBBY THAT HAS SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE!

- Do you like working with your hands?
 - Are you into crafts?
 - Do you like collecting things?
 - Are you interested in history?
 - Are you interested in painting?
 - Do you enjoy woodworking?
 - Do you like electronics?
 - Are you interested in computers?
 - Do you enjoy photography?
- Do you like historic and educational books or videos?
- Do you enjoy activities with your family? If you answered 'Yes' to any of the above...

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*The NMRA in
Northeast Indiana
and
Northwest Ohio*



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3 Rivers Division of the North Central Region, in Northeast Indiana and Northwest Ohio, is the local unit of the **National Model Railroad Association** (NMRA), a nonprofit organization dedicated to the advancement, promotion, and enjoyment of the hobby of Model Railroading.

Members of Division 3 have opportunities to participate in many type of activities. Regular monthly meetings usually feature a clinic or other presentation (discussion, hands-on, video, model, prototype) followed by a business session. Monthly meetings generally are on weekday evenings and begin at 7:00 PM, concluding around 9:00 PM. We are fortunate to have access to the restored Pennsylvania Railroad station in downtown Fort Wayne for our meetings. Meetings are open to all interested persons. Check our website for current information.

Several layouts in our area host regular operating sessions. Operating schemes range from car cards and waybills to computer-generated manifests and switchlists. Layout owners may be passionate about their chosen form of operations, but they welcome newcomers and experienced operators. Generally, each session is concluded with a discussion of what worked and what did not. Again, check our website for current information.

We have sessions where members display samples of their modeling or items from collections. Informal discussions are held prior to the meetings and during breaks in the

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program. Members compare notes on new items, discuss issues with layouts or equipment (no problems here - right), and advise each other on techniques. Chat sessions forego any formal agendas and cover topics brought up by the attendees.

Other activities held in the past have been picnics, railfan trips, and travels to the Regional and National NMRA Conventions. Division 3 hosts the North Central Region convention on a rotating basis.

North Central Region (quarterly *HotBox*) and Division 3 (occasional *The Dispatcher*) have newsletters. Issues are available online.

Division 3 has a public website and a restricted Yahoo group. The Yahoo group allows frequent and rapid sharing of material among registered members. Our website is described in the next column.

We would be pleased to have you join us for an evening of railroad and modeling fellowship. There is no admission charge; just bring your interest and curiosity. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us as described in the next column.



Division 3 Website Options

div3.ncr-nmra.org

- Home
Listing of upcoming Meetings and Events
- Newsletter
Archive of *The Dispatcher* newsletter
- Layouts
 - The Burlington Southern
 - CP, North Shore Sub-Division
 - GN, Cascade Division
 - LB&WC
 - NYC Mohawk Division
 - GN, Wilmar Division
 - Broad Top Mountain
 - Wabash Railroad
 - The NoWhere Line
 - Gatesburg, Hillside and Northern
 - C&O, Logan Subdivision
 - NKP – Indiana Northern
 - Great Lakes Rail Corp
 - Montpelier Trackside Modelers
 - Michigan Northern Railroad
 - B&O Lost Division
 - Montana Rail Link
 - CSX Plymouth Subdivision
 - Union Pacific
 - BNSF Chillicothe Subdivision
- 3ROPS
Three Rivers OPERATIONs
- Library
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- Links
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Upcoming convention we host
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