

*FUN*TRAK Times!

Volume 31

Number 9

September 2023

FREE



From the Desk:

The twentieth annual PicNik is now in the books. Everything went well and the weather was gorgeous. As usual, there was plenty of food, fun, and camaraderie. The biggest changes this year were in the modules. The relatively new incline mountain modules were incorporated along with the newly finished mountain reverse loop. These modules are part of the long term project of having a means of delivering goods between industries on the mountain modules and the lower levels. Future projects already in the works are a yellow line reverse loop that will make it possible for trains to alternate directions between the mountain and the lower level and thus achieve true commerce. The yard will be used to exchange consists and arrange delivery and receipt of commodities at industries located on various modules. Since the yellow reversing loop module is not a reality yet, the turntable module was installed in the layout to accommodate the necessary

"reversing" of the trains to return up the mountain inclines. Because there was no yard installed in this layout, products were exchanged and items delivered via passing sidings. The layout operated well and provided many challenges for the operators. With the current quantity of modules FUNTRAK possesses the variety of layout designs are nearly limitless and do not need to be repeated. This maintains a high level of interest since every layout now poses new challenges for those who are running things. Watch for FUNTRAK to develop even more new and innovative ways to keep model railroading fun and interesting. FUNTRAK's next outing is the Fonda Fair followed by the new show in Massena. This is our first time attending this show and FUNTRAK is looking forward to having an outstanding time. The model railroad "busy" season begins! Come out, bring the family, and enjoy the trains, both real and miniature. See you at the shows.

Brian

20th Annual Picnik!



Schedules

September 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Fonda Fair (Aug 30-Sep 4)					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	Clayton
Clayton	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	Massena
Massena	25	26	27	28	29	30

October 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

New for FUNTRAK This Year!

**14th Annual St Lawrence Valley
Model Train, Toy, & Collectible Expo**
presented by

Norwood Mode Railroad Club

Massena Arena

180 Harte Haven Plaza

Massena, New York 13662

Saturday, September 23, 2023 10:00am to 5:00pm

Sunday, September 24, 2023 10:00am to 4:00pm

\$5.00 Per Person, Age 10 and under free

182nd Annual Fonda Fair

21 South Bridge Street

Fonda, New York 12068

Wednesday, August 30, 2023 through

Monday, September 4, 2023

General Admission – \$12.00

Senior Citizen's Day (62 years & Older) —

Wednesday & Friday – \$5.00

Children 6-11 years – \$2.00

Children under 6 years – FREE

Parking – \$5.00

Info: Phone: 518-853-3313

Fax: 518-853-3310

E-mail Address: fondafair2012@yahoo.com

36th Annual Thousand Islands Train Fair

Clayton Arena Route 12

Clayton, New York

Saturday, September 9, 2023: 9 am - 5 pm

Sunday, September 10, 2023 10 am - 4 pm

**Admission: Adults \$7, Children under
12 free**

Info: Tom at (315) 489-1856

MONTHLY QUIZ

**What railroad pioneered sleeping
car service in the United States?**

The Cumberland Valley Railroad pioneered the use of sleeping cars in the spring of 1839 with a car named "Chambersburg." The berths were upholstered boards, in three rows, one above the other, held by leather straps, and in the daytime were folded back against the walls. The car operated between Harrisburg, PA and Chambersburg, PA.

FUNTRAK Officers

President: Lorenzo Franchi (315)867-4976

Vice President: Greg Brockway

Treasurer: Brian F. King (315)292-7066