

*FUN*TRAK Times!

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FREE

UNION STATION



Union Station always presents a challenge. This year, FUNTRAK was relegated to an obscure back corner of the station. Regardless, the FUNTRAK layout still managed to attract large numbers of viewers. Adam and the crew diligently set up the attractive T-trak layout for all to enjoy. Despite its relatively small size, this layout incorporated many features for the public's perusal. The outside red line was DCC operated which allowed for more than one train at a time while the inside yellow line was conventionally powered to make sure those without DCC equipped locomotives had an opportunity to run their trains. This arrangement has been pretty much standard for the club. When the mountain line is included, it is usually run conventionally to accommodate all the special features built into the mountain modules that utilize the conventional powering methods. Tee modules in the larger layouts provide more than two or three layout loops and ensure many trains are running at any given time, thus capturing and maintaining the attention of the attendees at the shows. Come to one of the shows, bring the family, and see for yourself!

From the Desk:

Now that we are well into the new year, **FUNTRAK** has already managed to involve the club members in a variety of model railroad activities. Between Christmas and New Year, **FUNTRAK** members operated a moderately sized T-trak layout at the Oneida County History Center. Visiting guest David King from Canada was gracious enough to assist with this show and help with any repairs or "bugs" that needed fixing. **FUNTRAK** was also able to attract some new members at this show. Pictures on the next page show the layout and some club members who were responsible for the management of this popular layout. Following the club's outing at the History Center, **FUNTRAK** moved on to Union Station for the annual TTCS show in the middle of January. Some of Lorenzo's creations are shown in the middle pictures on the next page. His modules always attract attention at any of the shows **FUNTRAK** attends. Finally, Adam Pratts, one of **FUNTRAK**'s newer members, provided this picture of a fiery scene on a T-trak module at the Springfield Big "E" show. This module

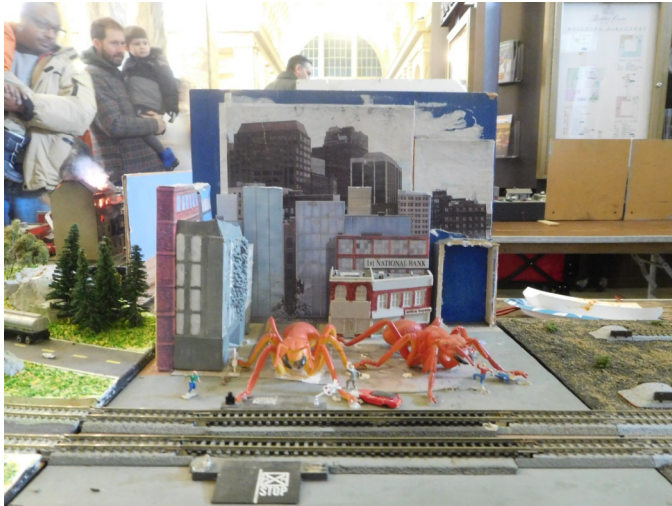
closely resembles Lorenzo's Godzilla module and Adam's fire building module combined. Great minds think alike! In keeping with **FUNTRAK**'s traditional springtime habits, new construction is again underway. This time we are building four new super elevated corners as well as a set of mountain inside corners. All of these modules will have provisions to be powered to assist in the power distribution throughout the many layout designs that come up at the various shows. The large corners are popular because they make running larger locomotives and longer trains more realistic. The mountain inside corners will allow the layout to be "L" shaped and extend in more than one direction, thus alleviating the necessity for an excessive length space to accommodate the longer mountain sections. Future plans include new yard additions and a mountain aqueduct line for the mountain area. Stay tuned for a very bright future!

Brian

ONEIDA COUNTY HISTORY CENTER



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SPRINGFIELD BIG "E"



EVENTS

Buffalo Snowball Train Show

TOY TRAIN MEET

Hosted by: TTCS

Polish Falcons Club

4555 Columbia Ave, Depew, New York

Sunday, February 4, 2024

9:30am to 3:00pm

ADMISSION: Adults - \$5.00 5-12-\$2.00

Under 5 - FREE

Information: Art Toale - 716-837-1791

33rd Annual WNYRHS Winter Train & Toy Show

Events Center

5820 Soth Park Avenue

Hamburg, New York 14075

Saturday, February 17, 2024

10:00am to 5:00pm

Sunday, February 1, 2024

10:00am to 4:00pm

Admission: Adults \$8.00

Children under 12 – FREE

Information:(716)837-1791

Email: wnyrhs@gmail.com

Edgerton Model Railroad Club Train Show

Edgerton Recreation Center

41 Backus Street, Rochester, New York 14608

Saturday, February 24, 2024

11:00am - 2:00pm

ADMISSION: Adults - \$5

Children under 12 - FREE

Information: Lee Wood (585)544-0916

Schedules

February 2024

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		

March 2024

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
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NEXT MONTH



Back down under. Revisiting John Colliver.

MONTHLY QUIZ

Approximately how long was the
transcontinental railroad?

From Omaha to Sacramento, the transcontinental railroad stretched approximately 1,776 miles. Of those, 690 were laid by the Central Pacific Railroad, and 1,086 miles were laid by the Union Pacific Railroad. The two companies connected their rail lines in Utah to complete the project.