

FUNTRAK Times!

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Adam Pratts is not the only *FUNTRAK* club member that has been busy building modules. The above module is the handiwork of *FUNTRAK*'s own President, Lorenzo Franchi. *FUNTRAK* purchased a set of superelevated corner tracks at the annual train show in Syracuse in November. Brian challenged Adam and Lorenzo to finish a set of these corners for our upcoming shows. Lo and behold, here they are at the show in Durhamville. Adam finished two of the four corners while Lorenzo finished one with the remaining corner to be completed in the near future. Adam's corners are on page three of this issue along with some other pictures from the Durhamville show. This was the first time *FUNTRAK* attended this show and everyone had a wonderful time. We are looking forward to making this a tradition and hope to attend the next show. The next day found Adam in Camillus with a small layout to exhibit there and represent *FUNTRAK*. Fortunately, Adam was able to make it as the other members were skeptical of the weather and were unable to assist Adam at the show. Thanks for representing us, Adam. *FUNTRAK*'s next scheduled event is the show in Amsterdam. Hopefully by the time the show date arrives the weather won't be an issue and everyone will be able to attend and help out at the show. Come one, come all. See you at the show!

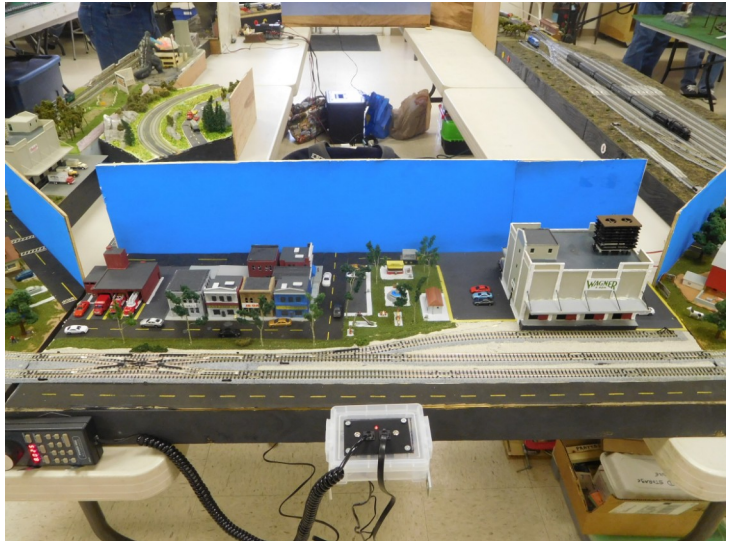
From the Desk:

Now that Spring has officially arrived, the race to summer has begun where our precious model railroading hobby seems to fall by the wayside. **FUNTRAK** manages to keep busy during these lean times and attends many of the cruise-ins in the local area, weather permitting, and sets up a "portable" small t-trak layout. This has proven to be a real crowd pleaser at these events and **FUNTRAK** anxiously looks forward to participating in many of them this summer. Meanwhile, here it is April and there are no large model railroading events on the immediate horizon. To fill in this uneventful time frame, **FUNTRAK** members have diligently been constructing new and exciting t-trak modules to bring to the upcoming shows. Many of these new modules will be exhibited for the first time at the cruise-in events, so if you are looking for the newest innovations and modules, come to some of these summertime events in the local area. Some of the newer modules include four new super elevated corners recently constructed and three of which were exhibited in March at Durhamville and Camillus. Club member Adam Pratts has been very actively working on numerous modules that reflect his superb capabilities at getting these modules finished and ready for display at a moments notice. Not to be outdone,

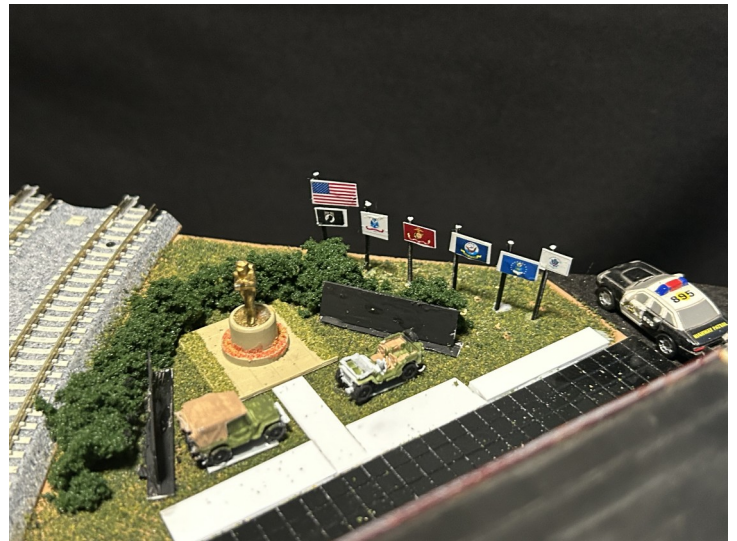
Lorenzo Franchi, our wonderful club President, also provided a new finished corner for display. Lorenzo is in charge of getting one more corner finished in the near future and should have it ready for display at one of our upcoming shows. The next regularly scheduled show for **FUNTRAK** to attend will be the annual spring show in Volney with the Oswego Valley Railroad Association group. This is a great local show that **FUNTRAK** always looks forward to attending. With the number and diversity of available modules that **FUNTRAK** has, the layout design is constantly changing. Rarely will you see the same layout at any of the shows. The basic configuration is sometimes familiar, but the modules used differ each time. Diversity s the spice of life, as the old saying goes. In other news, Brian recently update4d his 3D printers and is currently working on making new detail items for the club members to finish and use on their modules. Watch for some of these new items at the shows! As usual, **FUNTRAK** is at the forefront of innovation and progress with new, exciting ideas and products. If you like model railroading, come see us at one of the shows in your area. Club members are always happy to meet new folks and talk model railroading. See you at the shows!

Brian

DURHAMVILLE



CAMILLUS



EVENTS

The Great Batavia Train Show

Sunday, April 14, 2024

Richard C. Call Arena

at Genesee Community College

1 College Road

Batavia, NY 14020

9:30 am to 3:30 pm

Admission: Adults \$6.00 Under 18 \$3.00

Under 13 FREE

email: bataviatrainshow@gmail.com

The 10th Annual

“Rails Along the Mohawk”

Spring Model Train Show

Sunday, April 7, 2024

Riverfront Center

at Genesee Community College

Amsterdam, NY 12010

10:00 am to 3:00 pm

Admission: Adults \$5.00 Under 12 FREE

Information: Debi at (518) 461-5180

info@ahts.org

Gowanda & Buffalo Model Railroad Club Open House

April 14th, 2024

14267 Taylor Hollow Road

Collins, New York

Public Hours 12:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Admission - FREE. Fun for all ages!

FUNTRAK Officers

President: Lorenzo Franchi (315)867-4976

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

Schedules

April 2022

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| Amsterdam | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 |
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May 2022

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More Events

Spring Into Summer

April 7th, 2024

Knights Of Columbus

755 Erie Ave

N Tonawanda, NY 14120

Public Hours 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Chairman Bob Kleinmann

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Co-Chairman

Phil Cammarata

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MONTHLY QUIZ

Who hammered in the railroad's ceremonial “last spike?”

Leland Stanford, an industrialist and politician who also founded Stanford University, was the president of the Central Pacific Railroad Company when the transcontinental railroad was finished in 1869. As such, Stanford presided over the ceremony commemorating the completion of the railroad, and signaled the end of the construction process by tapping the golden “last spike” into the ground.