

FUNTRAK Times!

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FREE

Rails Along The Mohawk



Adam Pratts welcomes the public to the “Rails Along the Mohawk” model railroad exhibit on Sunday, April 7th, at the Riverfront Center in Amsterdam. Along with many train layouts were numerous vendors of all kinds of railroad items as well toys of all kinds. The overall display was very impressive and well laid out for people to see the variety of trains and products available. *FUNTRAK* supplied a small layout for this event while other clubs brought much larger layouts for the attendees enjoyment. There were trains in nearly every scale from tinplate to LEGO, HO, and S scale. Vendors provided all the supporting items needed for any model railroad enthusiast from rolling stock to scenery materials, electrical necessities, buildings, and more. There were bargains galore if you looked hard enough. *FUNTRAK* anticipates that we will be returning again for the next event and may bring a larger layout next time. Everyone had a great time and looks forward to the next opportunity to participate in this wonderful show.

From the Desk:

This month I am going to show how *FUNTRAK* is one of the leaders in innovation in the t-trak community. Below are two pictures of t-trak modules being constructed by our southernmost club member, Mark Bean. These modules are completely 3D printed! This makes them lighter and more accurately constructed as well less susceptible to weather conditions or moisture than many of the modules made from wood. Many "features" can be designed right into the original plan for these modules. Removable backdrops can be added if desired. Accommodations for mounting various items can be made. Holes required for wiring, affixing track, or securing buildings and scenery can all be accounted for right from the beginning, making it easier to finish the module. With the increased accuracy of

construction, setting up a layout is less tedious and requires less fine tuning. The modules snap together with much less "fiddling" and are easier to disassemble when the time arrives to tear down. *FUNTRAK*'s new leg adjusters can be designed to fit right into the modules so leveling adjustments can be made from the outside of the module instead of from under the module. The time, effort, expense, and simplicity of the modules will become more evident as more of them show up at events in the future. Again, *FUNTRAK* is at the forefront of technology and innovation. If you would like more information about these futuristic modules, email your questions to FUNTRAK.net. We will be sure to get back to you as soon as possible.

Brian



Amsterdam



EVENTS

Spring Time Express Model Railroad Show

presented by

Oswego Valley Railroad Association

At the Volney Volunteer Fire Barn

3002 State Route 3, Fulton, New York

Saturday, May 4, 2024 10:00am to 5:00pm

Sunday, May 4, 2024 10:00am to 4:00pm

Adults-\$5:00 Children 6-12 \$2:00 under 6
FREE

Information: 315-796-9095 or 315-561-1162

Lehigh Valley Railroad Historical Society Station Museum

8 East High Street

Shortsville, New York

will be open to the public on

Sunday, May 19, 2024 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Admission is free; donations are welcome.

More info, visit www.lvrhrs.org or call 585-
289-9149

New York Museum of Transportation

6393 East River Road

Rush, NY, 14586

"Trolley Rides"

Sunday, May 19, 2024 11:30 pm - 3:30 pm

Admission; \$10.00

Reservations required.

FUNTRAK Officers

President: Lorenzo Franchi (315)867-4976

Vice President: Greg Brockway

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

Schedules

May 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	Volney
Volney	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	

June 2022

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

Layout setups at Dave's Diner and Fat Cats are contingent upon the weather and are scheduled for Tuesday and Wednesday nights respectively. Call to confirm dates.

MONTHLY QUIZ

The transcontinental railroad passed through which mountain range?

One of the most challenging aspects of the railroad's construction was clearing a path through the Sierra Nevada. Up to 12,000 workers, mostly Chinese laborers, worked through the grueling winter of 1866-67 to drill, blast, and dig through the mountains to create the route. The final passage was more than 1,500 feet long, at an elevation of 7,000 feet.