

# *FUN*TRAK Times!

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FREE

# CLAYTON



***FUNTRAK's* annual trek to the Thousand Islands train show in Clayton was a great time for everyone, as usual. Club members John Fleming, Lorenzo Franchi and Brian King presented a typical medium sized t-trak layout for the public's enjoyment. As expected, the layout operated wonderfully and drew many spectators. The variety and quantity of visual gems kept people fascinated and saw many returnees who may have missed something at their first viewing. The relaxed nature of this show, the spectacular setting near the Saint Lawrence river, and the accommodating weather all contributed to a very successful weekend for all the participants involved with this great event. *FUNTRAK* is looking forward to next year!**

# From the Desk:

Now that fall has officially arrived, *FUNTRAK* begins its cyclical model railroad train show participation schedule. Following the PicNik in August, *FUNTRAK* moves on to the Fonda Fair through Labor Day, then to the Thousand Islands for the Clayton train show. Next up is Massena at the end of September. October is typically a little quieter with fewer local events for *FUNTRAK* to join in on. After a short respite in October, shows pick up again with Syracuse and Volney. Coming into December is Tiger Tracks at RIT in Rochester followed by *FUNTRAK*'s annual display at the Oneida County History Center during the Christmas holiday period. This leads into the new year with shows at Union Station locally and the Big E in Springfield Massachusetts near the end of January. Spring brings Volney again and some mixed local setups at some of the cruise-ins in the area. *FUNTRAK* manages to keep busy all year long with shows, meetings, and construction gatherings to support the club and model railroading in general. This issue of the newsletter illustrates the number of activities that *FUNTRAK* supports when the occasion arises. Pictures from each of the events *FUNTRAK* has attended so far this season are on page three. Beginning with the Fonda Fair the two pictures from this years display show a mine scene on the

HO layout and Lorenzo's Kato crossing on his new triple module. Following Fonda *FUNTRAK* traveled to Clayton and displayed a medium sized "L" shaped layout shown on the cover along with the general plan for club displays at the show. Two more pictures on page three show more of the general layouts presented at this years show. Finally, the pictures from Massena show John and Lorenzo setting up the layout on Friday afternoon and the last picture is of Lorenzo's newest acquisitions, two new locomotives to add to his DCC roster. The club's next gathering is set for October third at Fat Cats in Herkimer where *FUNTRAK* will set up a small DCC controlled layout for the public to enjoy. This will also be a rare opportunity for people to meet Mark Bean, *FUNTRAK*'s Australian club member. Mark graciously provides us with his expertise in many areas of model railroading including many of the electronic devices and lots of the 3D printed items the club indulges in using. This is a great opportunity to meet and greet with someone from "down under" as well as getting a great meal at a great price for fabulous food. Take advantage of this event if you can. Looking forward to seeing you there!

**Brian**

# FONDA FAIR



# THOUSAND ISLANDS



# MASSENA ARENA



# EVENTS

## Buffalo Falling Leaves

### Train Show

Polish Falcons

445 Columbia Ave, Depew, New York 14043

Sunday, October 20, 2024 10am to 3pm

Info: [E-Mail \[feebeelovr@yahoo.com\]\(mailto:feebeelovr@yahoo.com\)](mailto:Art>Toale 716-837-1791</a></p></div>
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ADMISSION:Adults \$5.00 5-12- \$2.00

Under 5 – FREE

## Great Batavia Train Show

Genesee Community College & Richard C. Call  
Arena

One College Road, Batavia, New York 14020

Sunday, October 13, 2024 9:30am to 3:30pm

ADMISSION:Adults \$6.00 Under 18 - \$3.00

Under 13 – FREE

Phone: 585-343-0055

[bataviatrainshow@gmail.com](mailto:bataviatrainshow@gmail.com)

## Trainorama

Variety Club House

6114 Broadway, Lancaster, New York 14086

Sunday, October 31, 2024 9:00am to  
3:00pm

ADMISSION:Adults \$5.00 Members \$3.00

Under 12 – \$1.00

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# Schedules

## October 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	Fat Cats	4	5
8	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		

## November 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	Syracuse
Syracuse	4	5	6	7	8	Volney
Volney	11	12	13	14	15	Remsen
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

## Toy Train Show

The Knights Event Center

2735 Union Road

Cheektowaga, New York 14221

Sunday, October 27, 2024 9:00am to 2:00pm

ADMISSION:Adults \$5.00

Under 18 – FREE with adult

Call Chuck at:

716-390-8216

## MONTHLY QUIZ

How many railroads operate in the  
United States?

Freight rail shipments in the United States travel on seven Class I railroads (the largest railroads, five of which are U.S. based and two that are based in Canada but have tracks in the States) and approximately 630 Class II and III short line railroads (smaller railroads). Class I railroads operate over approximately 92,000 route miles in 47 states and short lines operate over approximately 45,000 route miles in 49 states.