

*FUN*TRAK Times!

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FREE

UNION STATION



The crowds at Union Station this year were exceptional. *FUNTRAK*, as usual, supplied a crowd pleasing layout for the enjoyment of young and old alike. All the trains cooperated and ran flawlessly as expected. There were numerous vendors, all with great bargains for anyone interested in purchasing their favorite model railroad items. The prototype ambiance provided by the actual train station only added to the excitement of the operating miniature trains as well as the real trains arriving and departing on the station platforms. Overall, this was a great show for everyone involved. *FUNTRAK* anxiously looks forward to next year's show! See you there.

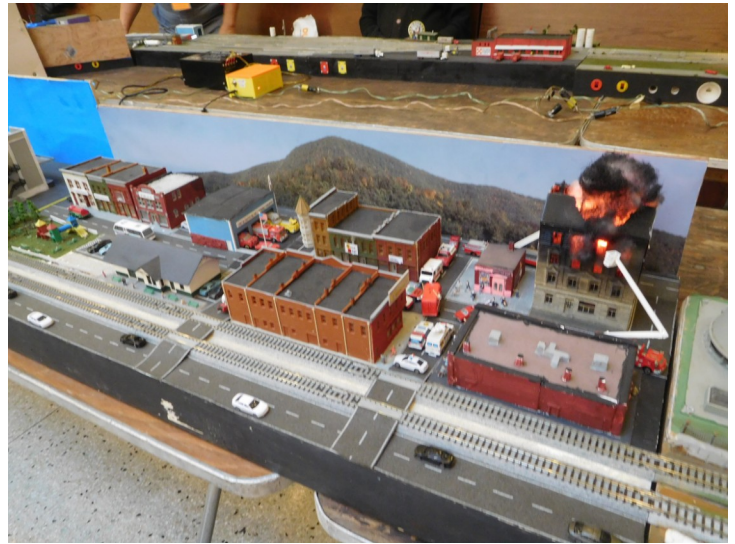
From the Desk:

A new beginning! This month *FUNTRAK* will be setting up a layout at a new show in Syracuse at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3146. This will be the first show for this group and *FUNTRAK* is proud to be a part of this inaugural exhibit. New shows are always a challenge since there is no information about how anything in the past may have transpired. There are numerous questions that have to be addressed as well as many problems to be solved. Hopefully, all these items will be easily resolved and attendance at this show will be great. Weather can also be an issue so we are looking forward to reasonable weather for February so as to not discourage anyone from attending. Meanwhile, while *FUNTRAK* is planning its attendance schedule for the near future, *FUNTRAK* members are simultaneously designing and constructing some new modules. A set of wide corner mountain track accommodating modules are in the works. Track is being obtained and the module design itself is being drawn. These new modules will allow larger trains to

be operated on the mountain line to provide a more realistic background for the operating trains. Innovation has always been a hallmark for *FUNTRAK* and these new modules are no exception. *FUNTRAK* is one of the few clubs to have mountain modules and is a leader in the area of creativity in this realm. Many of the features incorporated in the club modules and layouts come from the myriad of ideas already in the public domain and are proudly displayed for the enjoyment of the many spectators who come to see the trains at the local shows. With the advent of computer animation being implemented into many of the modules *FUNTRAK* possesses, the general public is always mesmerized by the activity on display on each of these miniature marvels. Upcoming future shows will be presenting some of these fabulous displays. Come out to these shows, bring the family and be amazed at the family fun and involvement everyone enjoys. See you at the shows!

Brian

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EVENTS

Buffalo Snowball

Train Show

TOY TRAIN MEET

Hosted by: TTCS

Polish Falcons Club

445 Columbia Ave, Depew, New York

Sunday, February 9, 2025

9:30am to 3:00pm

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

Under 5 - FREE

Information: Art Toale - 716-837-1791

34th Annual WNYRHS

Train & Toy Show

Events Center

5820 Soth Park Avenue

Hamburg, New York 14075

Saturday, February 15, 2025

10:00am to 5:00pm

Sunday, February 16, 2025

10:00am to 4:00pm

Admission: Adults \$8.00

Children under 12 - FREE

Information:(716)837-1791

Email: feebeelovr@yahoo.com

Edgerton Model Railroad

Club Train Show

Edgerton Recreation Center

41 Backus Street, Rochester, New York 14608

Saturday, February 22, 2025

9:00am - 2:30pm

ADMISSION: - FREE

(DONATIONS APPRECIATED)

Information: Lee Wood (585)410-4359

Schedules

February 2025

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

March 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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CNY Train Show

Veterans Of Foreign Wars Post 3146

2000LeMoyne Avenue

Syracuse, New York 13208

Saturday, February 15, 2025

10:00am to 5:00pm

Sunday, February 16, 2025

10:00am to 4:00pm

ADMISSION: Adults - \$8

Children under 12 - 18 \$5

Under 11 - FREE

Information: cnytrainshow.com

MONTHLY QUIZ

What is the high-speed train that travels under the English Channel?

The Eurostar connects Britain with France, Belgium, and the Netherlands via a tunnel under the English Channel known commonly as the Chunnel. For four years, 13,000 workers dug a 95-mile tunnel 150 feet below the surface for \$13 billion. Although the two ends met in December 1990, it would take another four years before the Chunnel was ready for service.