

*FUN*TRAK Times!

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FREE

DOUBLE DOWN



FUNTRAK returned to Durhamville this Spring for our second visit to the Historical Societies annual train and craft show. A reasonable sized layout was assembled for the enjoyment of the spectators at this fun filled event. Some of the regular *FUNTRAK* members who usually attend the shows were noticeably absent at the show this year. John Fleming had other commitments while Brian King was medically sidelined with a fractured shoulder. Hopefully, these afflictions will go away and all the club members will be able to attend future shows. Watch for us in the near future!

From the Desk:

This month's "From the desk" is basically a rehash of last year's article. 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 new modules exhibited for their initial outing recently in March at Durhamville. 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 moment's notice. 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 are different each time. Diversity is the spice of life, as the old saying goes. In other news, Brian has been using his 3D printers to make some DCC WiFi controller units. Watch for some of these new units at the shows! These are proving to be very popular as they allow multiple throttles which are basically smart phones with an application that runs the trains. The newest feature allows running both DCC and DC trains from the same control unit and running both from a single phone. 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

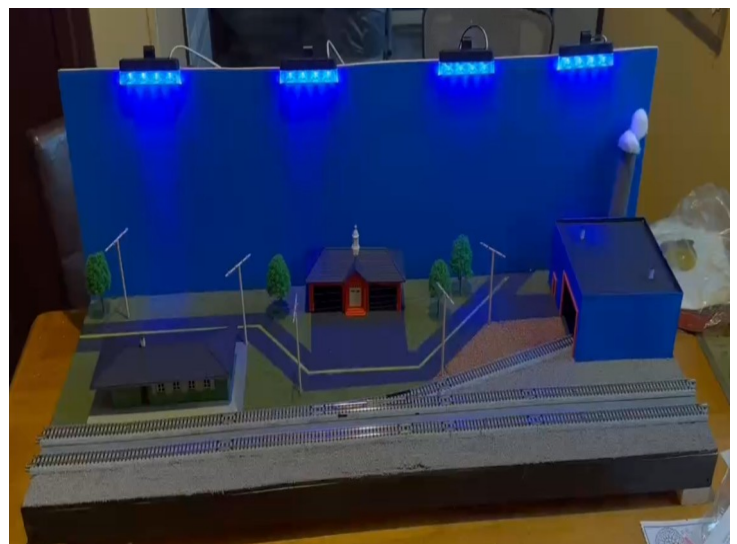
DURHAMVILLE



FAT CATS



JAMES LOCKWOOD



EVENTS

The 11th Annual "Rails Along the Mohawk" Spring Model Train Show

Sunday, April 6, 2025

Riverfront Center
at Genesee Community College
Amsterdam, NY 12010

10:00 am to 3:00 pm

Admission: Adults \$6.00 Under 12 FREE

Information: Debi at (518) 461-5180
info@ahts.org

Spring Into Summer

April 6th, 2025

Knights Of Columbus

755 Erie Ave

N Tonawanda, NY 14120

Public Hours 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Chairman Bob Kleinmann

716-440-3156

E-Mail bobscustoms2@verizon.net

Admission: Members: \$4.00

Non-Members \$5.00, Youth (5-12) \$2.00

Age 4 and Under FREE

Kenan Center Train Show

Sponsored by

TTCS and N.O.M.E Train Club

Kenan Center

433 Locust Street * 195 Beattie Street

Lockport, New York 14094

Saturday, April 12, 2025

10:00am to 4:00pm

Sunday, April 13, 2025

10:00am to 3:00pm

Admission: Adults \$5.00

Children under 12 - \$2.00 under 5 - FREE

Chairman Bob Kleinmann

716-440-3156

Co-Chairman Phil Cammarata

716-684-7786

Paul Vester

716-857-0302

Schedules

April 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
Amsterdam	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

May 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	Volney
Volney	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	31

MONTHLY QUIZ

What is the most environmentally responsible way to ship freight by land?

On average, railroads are three to four times more fuel efficient than trucks on a ton-mile basis. Railroads can move one ton of freight more than 480 miles on a single gallon of fuel, generating a carbon footprint up to 75% less than and making them the most fuel-efficient way to move freight over land. Better fuel efficiency equates to fewer emissions. So while railroads move 40% of U.S. freight, they are only responsible for 2.1% of U.S. transportation-related greenhouse gas emissions and just 0.5% of total U.S. greenhouse gas emissions. What does using a more fuel-efficient way to ship freight look like? If 10% of the freight shipped by the largest trucks were moved by rail instead, it would cut greenhouse gas emissions by more than 17 million tons each year - the equivalent of removing 3.35 million cars from our highways.