

*FUN*TRAK Times!

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FREE

FIRE IN THE HOLE!



Two of FUNTRAK's newest members also happen to be members of their local fire and rescue teams. The above module is James Lockwood's recent creation. His beautiful module pair graced FUNTRAK's layout at the annual Volney Spring Time Express Model Railroad Show. The locomotives are current releases of prototype engines being used by the railroad to honor these wonderful people. Our other representative is Adam Pratts who has a number of modules he regularly supplies for shows that FUNTRAK participates in. His newest addition to his "fire" module is a sound box that provides animated sound to the scene capturing the attention of folks appreciating the scene. The realism embodied in these fine miniature displays illustrates the capabilities of FUNTRAK's members to represent the real world. Come to a local show and get close up looks at these fine displays.

From the Desk:

FUNTRAK's first official outing with the cruise-in crowd officially began on Wednesday, May 14, 2025 when club members Malcom, John, Lorenzo, Adam and Brian set up a small t-trak layout at Fat Cat's inside the main restaurant. Being inside and having electricity makes things a little easier than setups outside in the weather. After some initial tinkering, the new WiFi smart phone throttles were able to run both the standard DC trains and the DCC equipped engines. The trains ran great as was expected and everyone had a great time. The food available is always wonderful and reasonably priced and the camaraderie is fabulous. The observers are fascinated by the action in such a small area and love to stay and watch as the trains transit their way around and through the scenic modules. The combination of model railroads and nostalgic classic automobiles out in the parking lot keeps the interest of a variety of people from all aspects of life. This mix of interests elicits stories of all kinds and brings out new and enchanting tales from the attendees at these events. With good food, good stories, good people, and good weather, it is difficult to NOT have a good time! With summer upon us, now is the time to get out and participate in these charming activities and enjoy meeting new friends while satisfying your appetite for both food and enjoyment. Look for *FUNTRAK* at more cruise-ins this summer. *FUNTRAK*'s next scheduled meet is this month on the 11th. See you there!

Brian

FAT CAT'S



VOLNEY



EVENTS

Edgerton Model Railroad Club

Layout tour

Saturday, June 28, 2025 11:00am to 2:00pm

Edgerton Recreation Center

41 Backus Street

Rochester, New York 14608

Lehigh Valley Railroad

Historical Society

Open House

8 East High Street

Shortsville, New York

will be open to the public on

Sunday, June 15, 2025 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Admission is free; donations are welcome.

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

Hamilton Ancaster Model Train Show & Sale

Ancaster Fair Grounds

630 Trinity Rd South

Jerseyville, Ontario L0R1R0 Canada

Sunday, June 15, 2025

9:30 am - 2:30 pm

Admission; \$5.00

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FUNTRAK Officers

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Schedules

June 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	Fat Cats	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

July 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	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

Can rocket boosters ship
by rail?

Actually, most anything can ship by rail, but rocket boosters just happen to be one of the most interesting. When NASA needed to ship rocket boosters from a manufacturing facility in Utah to Kennedy Space Center in Florida for its Artemis I mission, they used rail to make it happen. The two massive rocket boosters consisted of 10 13-foot wide and 32-foot-long segments weighing 180 tons each. The historic shipment that launched on June 15, 2020, involved specialized rail cars, multiple railroads and lots of planning. But on June 15, 2020, the rocket boosters arrived safely by rail.