

# *FUN*TRAK Times!

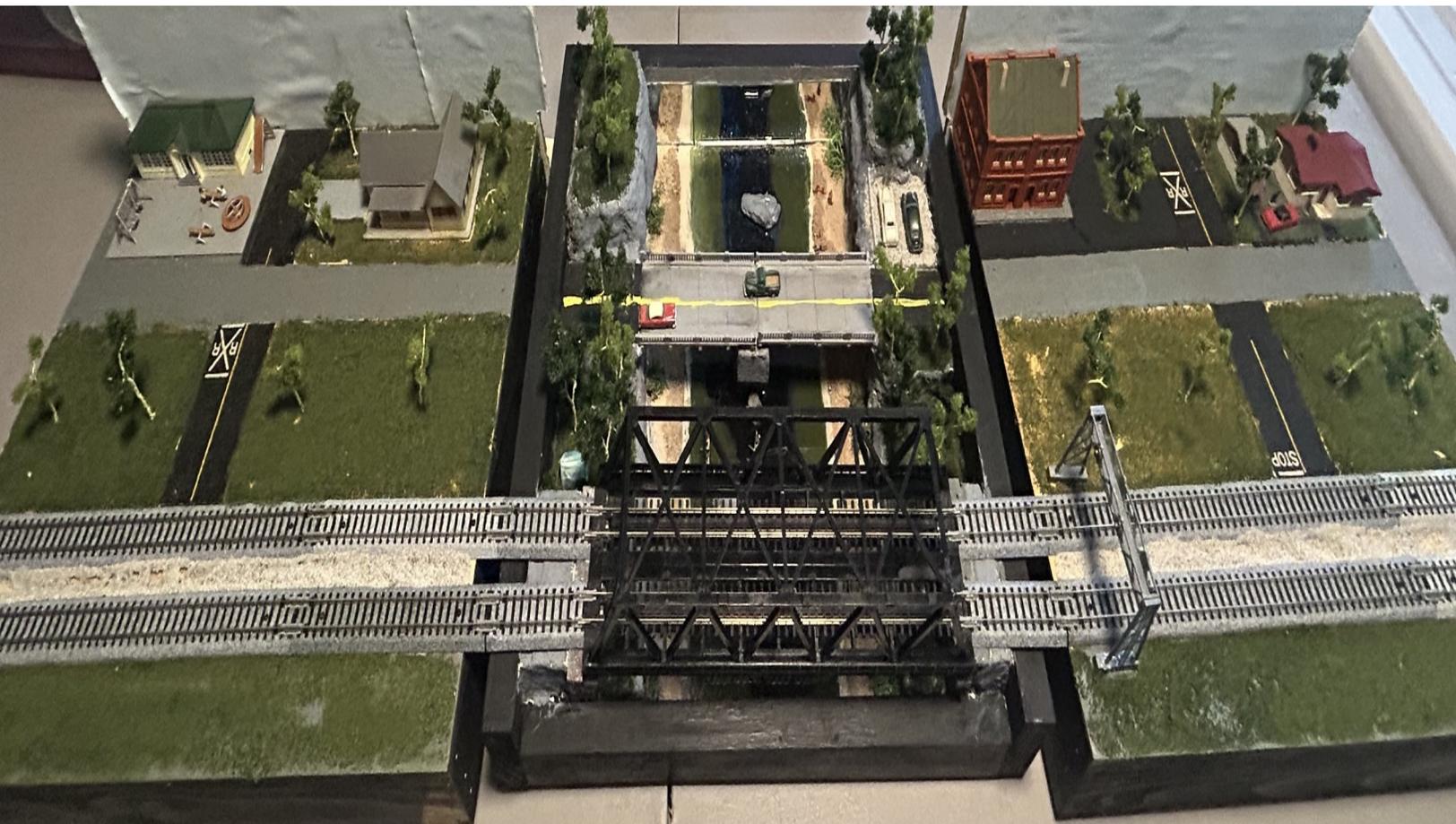
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## **ADAM STRIKES AGAIN!**



One of *FUNTRAK*'s most ambitious members has again struck gold with his newest module creation. Adam has a knack for making his modules look stunningly realistic with the details he includes and his attention to the “little” things that mean so much in impressing the public. His newest module, above, has all his trademark details included and presents a wonderful appearance for everyone to admire. The addition of people and their respective activities in the water riding in a canoe show just how realistic this scene is and can be really appreciated. *FUNTRAK* has setups scheduled for Dave’s Diner and Fat Cats this month, weather permitting, and hopes Adam will be able to display his new handiwork at these displays. We’re all looking forward to seeing Adam and his modules at these scheduled venues. See you there!

# From the Desk:

Since the summer months are traditionally rather quiet, our Florida correspondent, Kevin Kwiat has subtly reminded us up here in the north of how pleasant it is to have some warmer weather. Kevin relates how many of our friends migrate south for the winter and how a few model railroaders recognize this migration. Thanks for reminding us, Kevin!

## Brian

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As *FUNTRAK Time!*'s unofficial Florida correspondent I can attest to the annual migration of "snowbirds". No, I am not referring to some actual avian species, but the humans who come here from up north to escape the winter snow and then return north when the snow there is gone. Here in Sarasota, FL we see a large in flux of such snowbirds.





I recently encountered a completely different kind of snowbird. Yes, it came from up north, but it was neither an avian nor a person; instead it was an HO train layout. The owner of the Sarasota Toy Museum acquired a layout that had been a featured exhibit at the Vermont Antique Mall. He had it make the snowbird-like 1,437 mile journey from Vermont to Florida aboard two 53-foot tractor trailers. Following reassembly in the toy museum, the layout is now maintained by the Sarasota Bay Model Railroad Society. Although the layout has sections that go from winter to spring to summer to fall, the winter section

dominates - its snow-covered, towering mountains represent the ski area in Killington, Vermont. It even has operating chairlifts for skiers. The layout had been featured in *Model Railroader Scenery Magazine*. George Borsari, founder of the Sarasota Bay Model Railroad Society, said, "This is a world-class layout. Just look at it. It has 28,000 handmade trees, a staggering number."

**Kevin**

# EVENTS

Central New York Division  
Northeastern Region, NMRA, Inc.

## Family Picnic

sponsored by

**Bill and Judy Brown**

6002 Singletree Lane  
Jamesville, NY 13078

July 26, 2025

12:00 pm - 4:00 pm EDT

Information: [cnymra@gmail.com](mailto:cnymra@gmail.com)

FUNTRAK has scheduled a meeting at Dave's on Tuesday, July 8<sup>th</sup> and at Fat Cat's on Wednesday, July 23<sup>rd</sup> starting at 5:00pm, weather permitting. There will other meetings tentatively scheduled in preparation for the upcoming PicNik. See web page.

**Plan for the 21st PicNik  
August 3, 2025**

## PicNik Directions

Take Route 5S to the Mohawk exit. This is Columbia Street/Route 28. Follow this up Vickerman Hill for approximately 11.4 miles where Routes 28 and 20 intersect. Continue straight across this intersection for 0.8 miles. At the end of this route, turn right. Follow this scenic road for 10 miles to Oaksville. Turn right onto Bissell Road. Go 3 miles to the end of the road and turn left. This is County Route 59. The driveway to the PicNik is 0.4 mile on the right immediately after the 13 ton bridge sign. You made it!

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# Schedules

## July 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	Dave's	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	Fat Cats	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

## August 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
PicNik	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
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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

Who was the first sitting U.S.

President to ride a train?

Trains have a rich history in United States politics — among other things, they helped 19th-century candidates crisscross the nation and have frequently been the site of stump speeches. But it wasn't until 1833 that a President first rode on one of these so-called "Iron Horses." Andrew Jackson rode a Baltimore & Ohio Railroad train on a pleasure trip from Washington, D.C. up to Baltimore.