

# *FUN*TRAK Times!

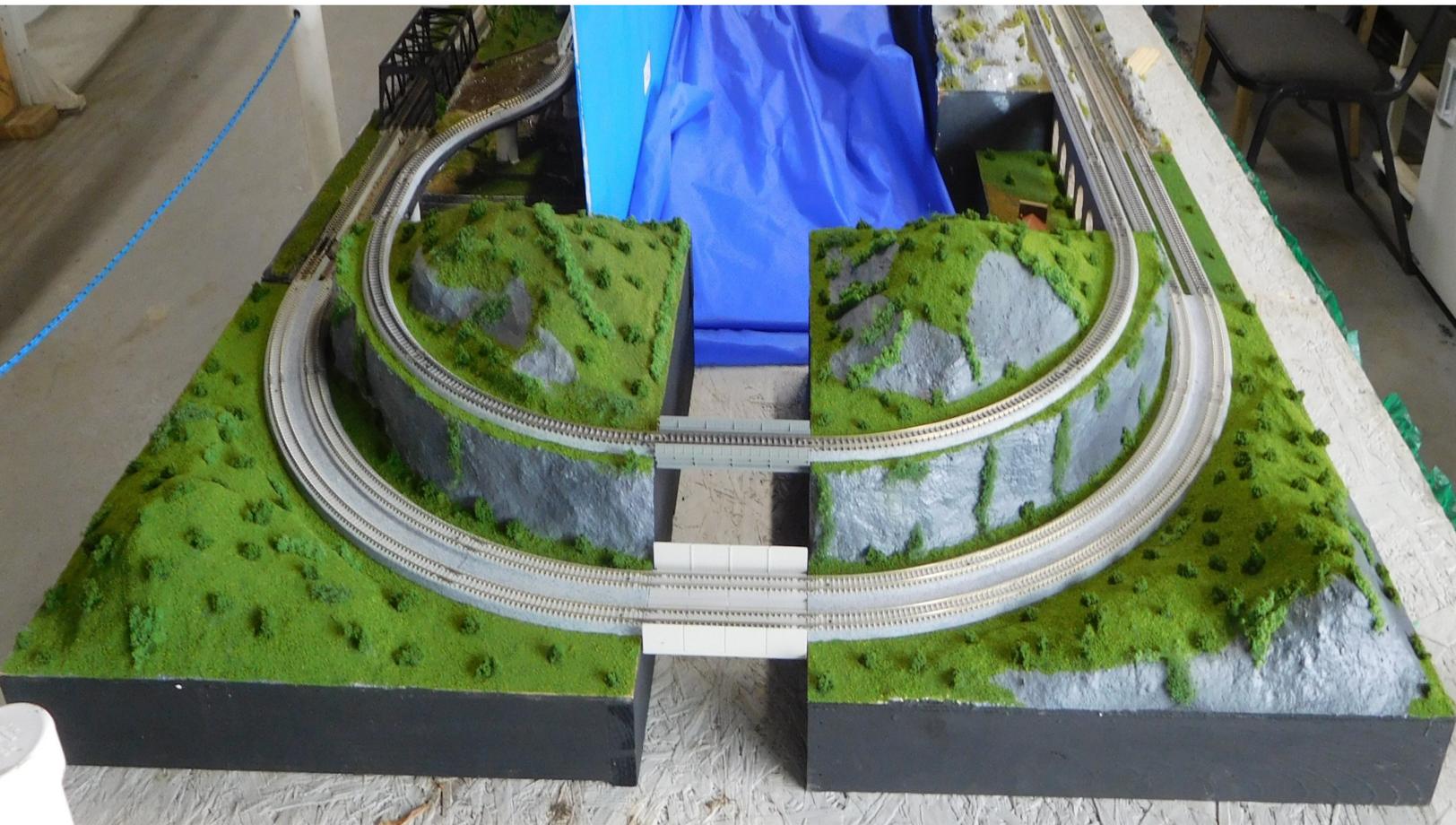
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## ***HIGH, WIDE, AND HANDSOME***



*FUNTRAK*'s latest creations include these two large radius mountain corners. Club member John Fleming coordinated the construction of these mountain corners in order to accommodate larger motive power on the mountain line. This was proven successful at the Fonda Fair when John and Lorenzo successfully operated a Kato E8 locomotive around the mountain loop utilizing the new wide radius mountain corners. There are also two more of these new corners at the opposite end of the loop along with a new module built by Zachary Franchi and a specialty module used to allow the use of a single mountain track when inserted into a single track mountain layout. Innovation in the T-trak module world has become commonplace for *FUNTRAK* as is evidenced by the implementation of these new concepts and modules designed and built by the club. See more of these modules inside!

## From the Desk:

The Annual *FUNTRAK* PicNik is now in the history books. This years PicNik included the attendance of the Cavemen Car Club mini cruise-in with members bringing a variety of cars for the attendees to appreciate. Vehicles ranged from modern convertibles to historical automobiles to old milk delivery trucks. The combined PicNik and train display along with the car cruise-in was a real crowd pleaser. Everyone was amazed at the variety of cars and trucks as well as the running trains. This year the trains were set up in the garage instead of the cellar. This made it much easier for people to come and see the operation of the small world of model trains. Charlie Kelsey of the Caveman remarked that the little trains didn't seem to "go anywhere" or "do anything". To dispel this myth, John Fleming provided his Inglenook module challenge for Charlie to solve. This provided some real entertainment as Charlie moved cars around to actually accomplish something other than just running in a circle. The cars on display also provided much interest as folks inspected the work that club members expended in updating and renovating these gems from the past and

present. While the PicNik provided a mixture of interests for all, the Fonda Fair presents not only *FUNTRAK*'s model railroad expertise, but a huge variety of other interests for the general public. The farming community in upstate New York is a family of many different backgrounds that supply the foods and products that most of us take for granted. A large number of these foods and products are displayed at the fair. *FUNTRAK* also displays many of its newest innovations for the T-trak layout at this show. This year there were six new modules displayed including four wide mountain corners, a new mountain double module built by Zachary Franchi, and a specialty module constructed by club members to accommodate a special mountain layout design. *FUNTRAK* is noted for being on the cutting edge of innovation and design in the model railroading world. If you want to see some of these new creations, come to one of the many model railroad shows coming up this year all around the area. Many of these shows are listed each month in this newsletter. We will be watching for you!

**Brian**

# PICNICK



# FONDA



# FAIR



# EVENTS

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## 184<sup>th</sup> Annual Fonda Fair

21 South Bridge Street  
Fonda, New York 12068

Wednesday, August 27, 2025 through

Monday, September 1, 2025

General Admission – \$12.00

Senior Citizen's Day (62 years & Older) —

Wednesday & Friday – \$5.00

Children 6-11 years – \$2.00

Children under 6 years – FREE

Parking – \$5.00

Info: Phone: 518-853-3313

Fax: 518-853-3310

E-mail Address: [fondafair2012@yahoo.com](mailto:fondafair2012@yahoo.com)

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## 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Thousand Islands Train Fair

Clayton Arena Route 12

Clayton, New York

Saturday, September 6, 2025: 9 am - 5 pm

Sunday, September 7, 2025 10 am - 4 pm

Admission: Adults \$7

Children under 12 free

Info: Tom at (315) 489-1856

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## Model Train Show

sponsored by

The Central New York

Model RR Club & Historical Society

2000 LeMoyne Avenue

Syracuse, New York 13208

Saturday, September 27, 2025 10:00am to 4:00pm

Sunday, September 28, 2025 10:00am to 4:00pm

\$8.00 Per Person Age 11-18 \$5.00

Age 10 and under FREE

information: 315-664-1588

# Schedules

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## September 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Fonda Fair	1	2	3	4	5	Clayton
Clayton	8	9	10	11	12	13
	14	15	16	17	18	19
Massena	22	23	24	25	26	Massena
Mattydale	29	30				Mattydale

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## October 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	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		

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## 16th Annual St Lawrence Valley

### Model Train, Toy, &

### Collectible Expo

presented by

Norwood Model Railroad Club

Massena Arena

180 Harte Haven Plaza

Massena, New York 13662

Saturday, September 20, 2025 10:00am to 5:00pm

Sunday, September 21, 2025 10:00am to 4:00pm

\$7.00 Per Person,

Age 10 and under FREE

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## MONTHLY QUIZ

Completed in 1900, the Yukon Railroad was built to promote what?

The White Pass and Yukon Railroad was a \$10 million endeavor to promote the Klondike Gold Rush in Yukon, Canada, in the late 1800s. For over 80 years, this 110-mile track transported gold, silver, copper, and lead ore from Canadian mines to Alaskan ports in Skagway. The railway was a multinational effort, combining funding from the British with American engineering and Canadian contracting.