

# *FUNTRAK* Times!

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## ***MODULAR MODULE***



Pictured is the front and back views of *FUNTRAK*'s latest project of 3D printed modules. More pictures of this newest method of producing easy to finish accurately dimensioned modules are inside.

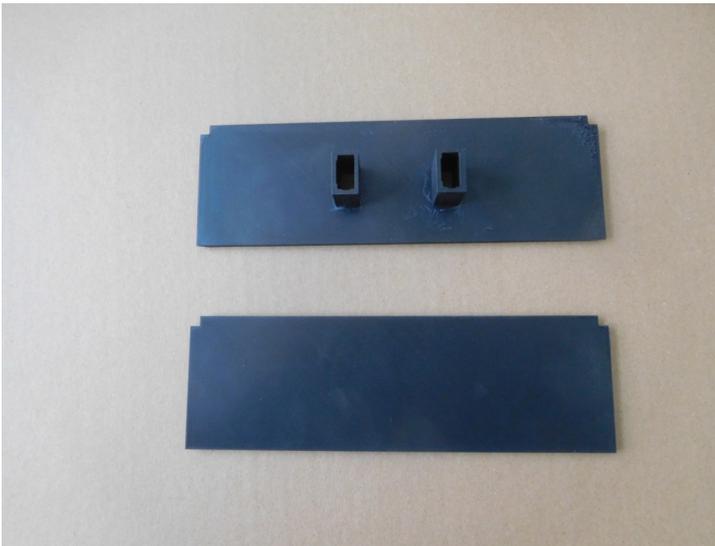
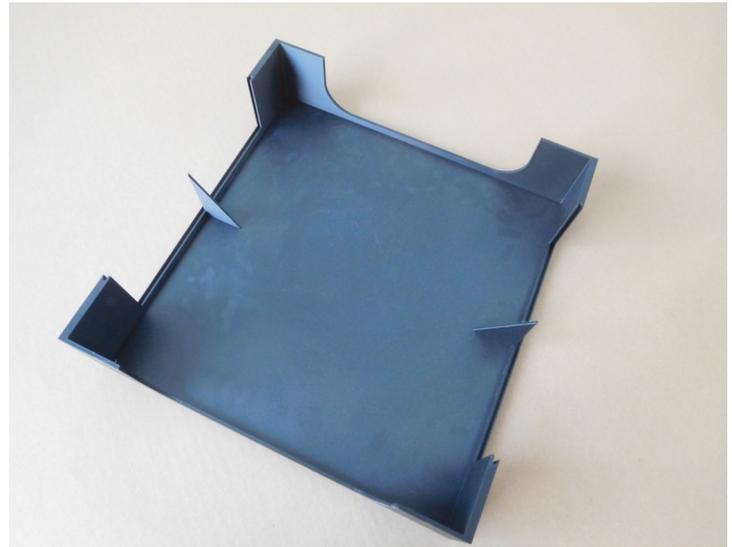
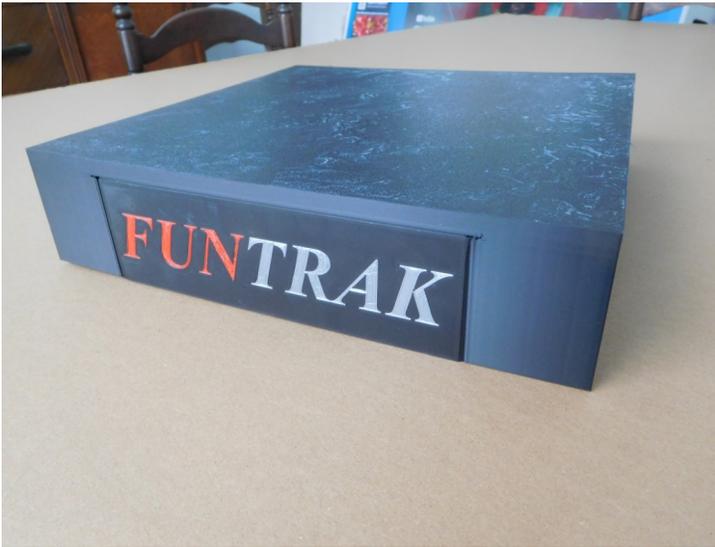
## From the Desk:

It appears that February is not a very active or friendly model railroading show month. This year we have had exceptionally cold weather along with a significant amount of snow just to make things less comfortable. In spite of this, *FUNTRAK* continues to promote the hobby by constructing new modules using the latest and newest methods available. As illustrated by the pictures in this issue one of the newest means of making an N scale T-trak module is to 3D print it. This is possible because the Bambu 3D printer is now available in a size large enough to print an entire module at one time. The advantages of the 3D printed design include dimensional stability as well as consistency and accuracy. This makes it much easier to assemble layouts at a show since there is much less tweaking required to snap the modules

together and ensure they are level. Other advantages in this design are that with the inserts, individuals can choose what they need to include on the module such as electrical provisions, logos, or just empty spaces, making the module lighter and easier to transport. The shortcoming is that anything larger than a single module cannot be 3D printed. This may be less of a problem because of the accuracy of the printed module and the reduction of a visible seam between the single modules. Hopefully, the advantages will outweigh the disadvantages of the shortcomings. *FUNTRAK* is always trying to improve the hobby products used to entertain the general public and these new modules should contribute to this effort. Watch for these modules in the future shows that *FUNTRAK* is a participant. See you at the shows!

**Brian**

# 3D MODULE



**Top left:** This shows an orthographic view of the module with the logo insert installed on the front of the module.

**Top right:** This is the underside of the module.

**Bottom left:** These are the backs of the inserts for the module.

**Bottom right:** These are the inserts for this module. The module can have any of these inserts or inserts of your own design. They are snapped in place and can be glued in if a permanent installation is desired. Other designs could include sockets for Cinch Jones connections, switches, or Kato plugs if desired. No insert would be required at all if there are to be no electrical connections. Future iterations of the module are in the design stages to include adjustable legs with provisions to adjust them from the front and back faces of the module. Further refinements will include predefined holes for securing Kato track from under the top of the module along with provisions to electrically connect to the track.

# EVENTS

## Kingston Model Train and Railroad

### Hobby Show

Murphy Midtown Center

467 Broadway, Kingston, NY

March 22, 2025 @ 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

ADMISSION: Adults: \$8.00 Under 12 \$2.00

Information: (845) 616-0931, or by email at

kingstonmts@aol.com

## Albany Train Show

Polish Community Center

225 Washington Ave Ext

Albany, NY 12205

Saturday, March 14, 2026 9 am to 3 pm

Admission: Adults \$7.00

Children under 12 – FREE

Information: Doug Bafaro

(518) 879-6341 dblionel@hotmail.com

Jeff Stedge

(518) 852-7725 jstedge@nycap.rr.com

## Rails Along the Mohawk

### Spring Model Train Show

Riverfront Center (Amsterdam Mall)

1250 Riverfront Center (on Main St)

Amsterdam, NY 12010

Sunday, April 3, 10am - 3pm

Adult Admission \$6.00, 12 & under FREE

Contact: ALCO Historical & Technical Society

Debi at 518-461-5180 or info@ahts.org

## Verona Town Historical Association

### Train Show

6600 Germany Road

Durhamville, New York

Saturday, March 14, 2025

11:00am to 4:00pm

Admission: FREE

# Schedules

## March 2026

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			

## April 2026

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	

## The Annual Binghamton Train Show

American Legion Post 1645

177 Robinson Street

Binghamton, NY 13904

Saturday March 21, from 10:am to 4:00pm

Admission \$5.00, 12 & under admitted free

Information: Joshua Vanbarriger

607-768-0678

thefreighyardmodeltrains23@gmail.com

## Rochester Model Railroad Club

150 South Clinton Avenue

Rochester NY 14604

March 1 & 2, 2025

Saturday: 10 AM - 5 PM Sunday: 1PM - 5PM

Admission: \$8 (Under 9 FREE with an adult)

info@RocMRRC.com

# MONTHLY QUIZ

Where did Amtrak's Lake Country Limited operate?

Running between Chicago, IL and Jansville, WI, the Lake Country Limited was created to help grow Amtrak's express freight service. The route, started in April 2000, was not successful, only operating until September 2001.