

*FUN*TRAK Times!

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***FUNTRAK* club member Adam Pratts displayed his N-Trak Holland Patent module at the recent model railroad and craft show held at the firemen's pavilion in Holland Patent. Additionally, *FUNTRAK* provided a small T-trak layout while Adam also supplied a second small T-trak layout for the model railroad enthusiasts attending this new show. Food, crafts, trains, and fire fighting related equipment were all on display for everyones education and interest. This was a great time!**

From the Desk:

The Annual *FUNTRAK* PicNik is almost here. This year marks the twenty third anniversary of the *FUNTRAK* PicNik and the return of the Cavemen cruise-in car club members and their nostalgic vehicles. Additionally, the usual trains will again be set up for everyone's enjoyment in the garage to preclude the necessity of going up and down the stairs to the basement. The regular events and food selection are scheduled to be available and should provide something for everyone's delight. Activities to keep the children entertained are scheduled along with background music to remind the adults of the "good 'ol days". The fifty fifty raffle will

be back to help support both clubs and this annual event. The PicNik will take place rain or shine as there is adequate cover in case of inclement weather but, hopefully, the weather will cooperate and it won't be necessary to hide inside! This is a great time to reminisce with friends old and new and to kick back, relax, and just have a great time. Bring a dish to share, the family, and a vehicle if you have one, or a train if you have that. Everything begins around noon and runs until. The fifty fifty drawing is typically held at 3:00pm. *FUNTRAK* and the Cavemen look forward to seeing you here at the PicNik!

Brian

HOLLAND PATENT FIRE DEPARTMENT



EVENTS

**Plan for the 23rd PicNik
August 2, 2026**

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!

FUNTRAK has scheduled a meeting at Fat Cat's on Wednesday, August 26th starting at 5:00pm, weather permitting. There will be other meetings tentatively scheduled in September and beyond. See web page for more information as it becomes available.

Riverhead Railroad Festival

Hosted by

Railroad Museum of Long Island

416 Griffing Avenue
Riverhead, NY 11901

Saturday, August 29, 2026 10:00am – 4:00pm

Sunday, August 30, 2026 10:00am - 4:00pm

ADMISSION: Adults (Ages 13+): \$15.00

Children (Ages 5 to 12): \$8.00

Toddlers (Under 5): Free

Information: (631)727-7920

Schedules

August 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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PicNik	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	Fat Cats	27	28	29
30	31					

September 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	Clayton
Clayton	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	25	24	25	Massena
Massena	28	29	30			

(Fonda Fair (Sep 2 - Sep 7))

Central New York Division of the Northeastern Region National Model Railroad Association, Inc.

Saturday August 22, 2026 Division Trip to Steamtown The Trip: The trip is self-drive: we will meet at the Steamtown entrance at 10:30 AM. Travel: Those who may wish to carpool should meet at Lafayette, NY Park & Ride no later than 8:15AM. Lunch will be on your own. We will have a back-shop tour and a train ride. The train ride will cost \$6, payable day of at the park. You must RSVP (cnynmra@gmail.com) for the trip no later than Friday August 7!!!!

MONTHLY QUIZ

Railroads were responsible for the creation of what?

At noon on November 18, 1883, railroad schedules switched from tracking more than 300 local time zones to tracking just four — Eastern, Central, Mountain, and Pacific. Created by calculating solar noon at the closest meridian, these time zones were slowly adopted by various U.S. states as “railroad time” and were finally made official by the U.S. government when it passed the Standard Time Act in 1918.