

FUNTRAK Times!

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FREE

ADAM'S LAST STAND



Adam and Melissa's final show with *FUNTRAK* at Clayton before their move to California. Best of luck folks!

From the Desk:

One more in the books! Massena finishes out the shows *FUNTRAK* displays at in September for this year. October presents a break for shows and then on to November with Volney and Syracuse. Both of these shows entail larger layouts for everyone to enjoy with Syracuse being the biggest. *FUNTRAK* anticipates this will be another highly successful showing of the club's exquisite modules. The Syracuse show is the largest show *FUNTRAK* displays at since we have not participated in Springfield in many years. The expense to attend Springfield and bring modules has become prohibitive. With gas as high as it is and lodging, food, weather and other considerations, it has become nearly impossible to afford participating in the Springfield show. Last year was particularly nasty as the weather was miserable with temperatures well below zero and winds to make it even worse. It is unfortunate because Springfield is the largest show in the Northeast and is usually well attended by both exhibitors and manufacturers. Hopefully, the weather will not be as bad for next years show as it was this year. Meanwhile, the upcoming show in Syracuse should be a great alternative to Springfield as it is nearly as well attended and the weather is not usually too awful. *FUNTRAK* has similar layouts for both Syracuse and Volney so

operations are very interesting and more observable at Volney being that the show at Volney is a much smaller venue. This allows more interaction with less congestion for the public to enjoy what is actually going on with the layout instead of just watching the trains chase each other in an endless circle. With the newest methods of control, multiple trains can be run at the same time on the same tracks without interfering with each other. This makes running trains much more involved and interesting. Now the trains actually have a purpose and destinations to do a job. Model railroading has come a long way in the past few years. With animation, sound, and digital control, everything is more realistic than in the past. The next step seems to be in the development of 3D printing to make many of the items not commercially available. Talented modelers are designing and building a plethora of items to enhance the realism of the magic kingdoms they construct. The future looks very bright for this aspect of modeling. As usual, *FUNTRAK* is at the forefront of many of the technological advances and will continue to lead the way as much as possible. Bring the family to one of the local shows and see these new fangled items for yourself. You will be amazed at the realism they present.

Brian

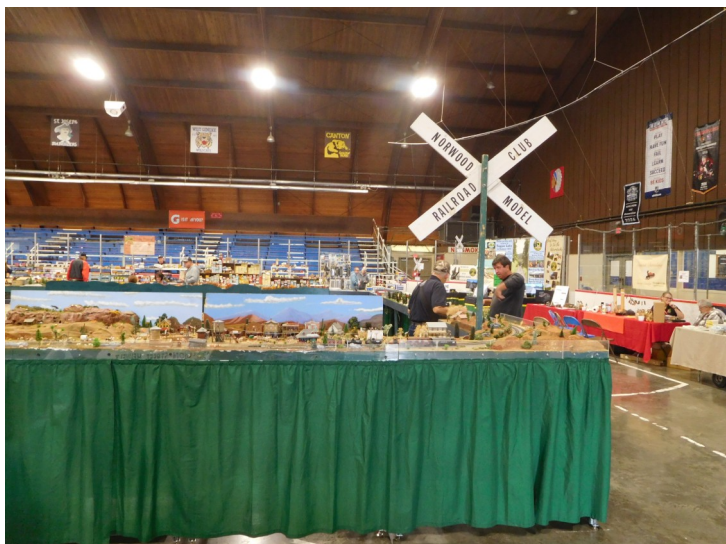
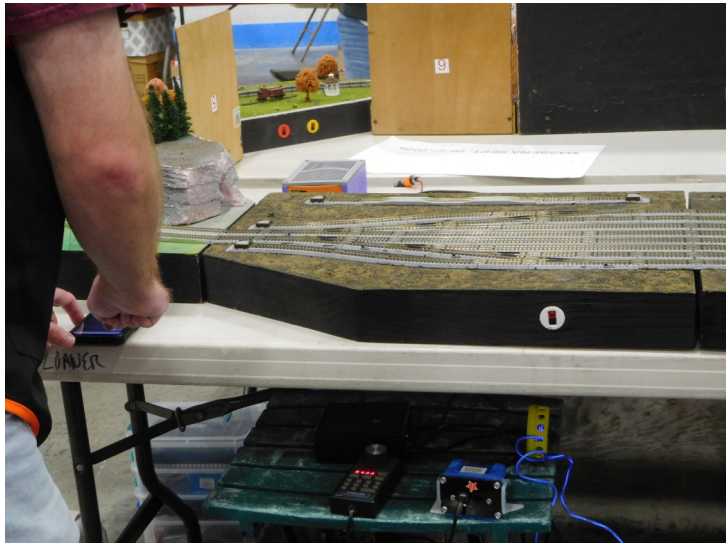
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EVENTS

Schedules

Buffalo Falling Leaves Train Show

Polish Falcons

445 Columbia Ave, Depew, New York 14043

Sunday, October 11, 2026 10am to 3pm

Info: Paul Vester [\(716\) 857-0302](tel:7168570302)

E-Mail feebeelovr@yahoo.com

ADMISSION: Adults \$5.00 5-12- \$2.00

Under 5 – FREE

The Greater Rochester Train Fest

ROC Dome Arena

2695 East Henrietta Rd,

Henrietta, NY 14467

Sunday, October 4, 2026

9:30 AM to 3:30 PM

Admission: \$7 adults; \$3 under 18 yrs;

FREE under 13 yrs

Eastern Division TCA York Train Show

334 Carlisle Ave.

York, PA 17404

Friday, October 23rd: 9:00AM - 6:30PM

Saturday, October 24th: 9:00AM -3:00PM

Admission: Adults \$20.00

Information: <https://www.easterntca.com>

**FUNTRAK has scheduled a meeting
at Fat Cat's on Thursday, October 15th
starting at 4:30pm.**

FUNTRAK Officers

President: Lorenzo Franchi (315)867-4976

Vice President: Greg Brockway

Treasurer: Brian F. King (315)292-7066

October 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	Fat Cats	16	17
21	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

November 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					

More Events

The Great Scale Model Train Show

Cow Palace

State Fairgrounds

Timonium, Maryland

Saturday, October 31, 2026 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

Sunday, November 1, 2026 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

Admission: Family, Sat & Sun: \$22 / Sun: \$17

Solo Adult, Sat & Sun: \$12 / Sun: \$10

Kids under 16 free w/paid adult

MONTHLY QUIZ

What is a short line railroad?

Short lines are smaller railroads that run shorter distances and connect shippers with the larger freight rail network. Although they may be smaller, short line railroads make a big impact on freight shipping. Collectively, they operate 50,000 miles of track — that's nearly 40 percent of the national railroad network. American short lines operate in 49 of the 50 states and in five of those states, they operate 100 percent of the freight rail. Short lines tend to be concentrated in small town and rural America. They handle the first mile and last mile of the freight rail network, serving as a distribution and feeder system for the overall freight rail network.