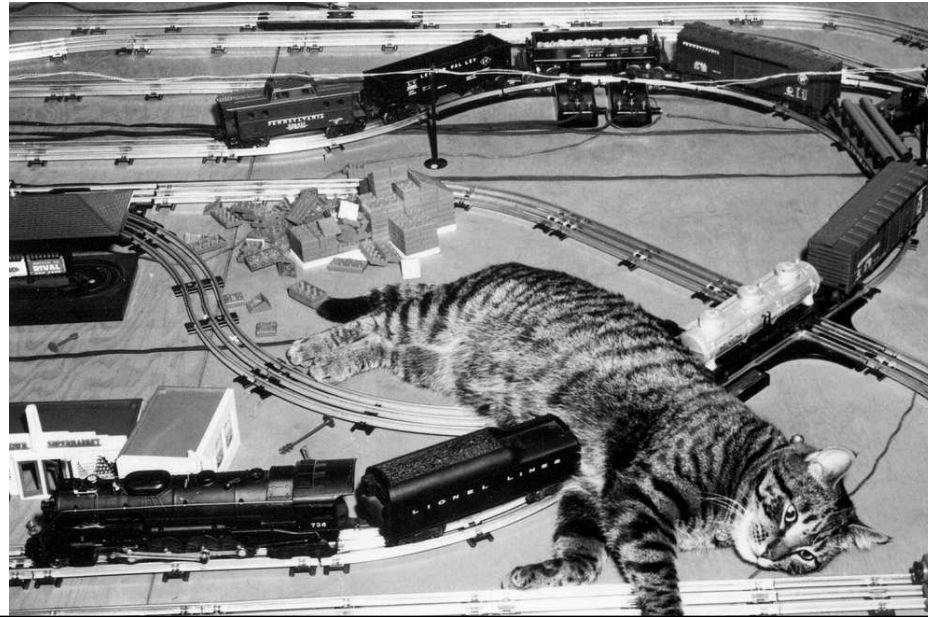


SumoCat



During the Cold War days of the 1950s, Japanese movie legend Godzilla and his various mates sired many monsters that wreaked havoc and destruction around the world. They included Banzaimaka, Futonchiwa, Kamikaze-san, Haiku-ninja, Sushizilla, and Tsunamisaurus. Less well known but equally formidable was Sumo-Cat. Bigger than a breadbox and way more powerful than smaller cats, Sumo-Cat had a propensity for destroying railroads, typically by simply lying down on them. Once, the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway developed a strain of radioactive catnip that rendered Sumo-Cat insensate for weeks. But eventually, the monster grew resistant to the drug. Sumo-Cat probably would have demolished the entire Northern Hemisphere railway infrastructure if not for the citizens of Cawker City, Kansas who, in 1953, began to assemble the World's Largest Ball of Twine. The moment Sumo-Cat learned of its existence, he lost all interest in railroads. That was good news for the B&O and its ilk, less so for the 900+ residents of the Sunflower State's sacrificial city, oh well.