

LaRosa's Trains



CELEBRATING 5 YEARS

The 5-Year History Timeline of LaRosa's Trains

BEFORE LAROSA'S TRAINS

2009

YouTube Channel: 13-year-old Brian LaRosa created his own YouTube video library on August 14, just one day after his birthday. Initially, his username was called TheGordon4, named after Thomas the Tank Engine's friend Gordon the No. 4 Big Express Engine.

2010

MTH O Gauge Train Set: On Christmas Day, Brian was excited to receive his very first O gauge electric toy train: a RailKing Pennsylvania 4-6-0 steam freight ready-to-run set from MTH Electric Trains of Columbia, MD. It is equipped with Proto-Sound 2.0, giving realistic sounds of a real steam train.

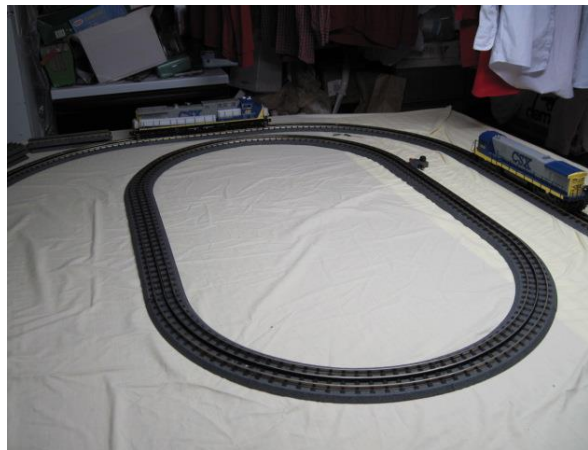


2011

The O Gauge Layout: In February, Brian assembled the oval of track from the MTH train set on a table in his basement. The table measures approximately 7 feet long & 6 feet wide. The O gauge layout replaced his Thomas & Friends Wooden Railway layout, which was built after he and his family moved to Damascus, MD in August 2005.

2012

Layout Expansion: In mid-January, Brian's layout was expanded by a larger loop of MTH RealTrax, the same brand of track as in the MTH starter set. The starter oval includes O-31 (31-inch diameter) curves while the bigger loop includes O-42 curves.



2012

MTH Premier O Scale CSX C30-7: Made in 1994, the C30-7 is the first operating O gauge diesel, which was delivered to Brian's layout in August. It was initially equipped with the original Proto-Sound (or unofficially PS1) by QSI Inc. but later upgraded with the more reliable Proto-Sound 2.0 electronics.



Lionel O Gauge Polar Express: The first Lionel train joined Brian's layout in Christmas of 2012. Its oval of Lionel's Fastrack replaced the MTH RealTrax oval as the inner loop.



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2013

The Birth of LaRosa's Trains: This unique, fan-made organization was born as a Facebook page, opened on July 23.

Lionel Postwar O Gauge Santa Fe F3: Lionel's iconic F3 diesel is Brian's first Postwar Era engine, arriving at his layout in August.



RailKing Norfolk Southern SD70ACe: As another Christmas present, the SD70ACe is the first RailKing O gauge diesel and the first MTH engine with Proto-Sound 3.0, the successor to Proto-Sound 2.0.



2014

Black 'N' Whyte Series: Debuting in June, the Black 'N' Whyte Series offers photos and videos in the nostalgic black and white effects and is named after the Whyte notation that identifies steam locomotives.

Yellow Submarine Aquarium Car: Added to the fleet in June, the aquarium car became the first O gauge freight car with action.



Lionel O Gauge Hand Car: Made in the mid-1980's, the hand car is Brian's first small motorized unit, and was added to his layout for Christmas.



2014

Lionel MPC Penn Central GG-1: Also for Christmas of 2014, the GG-1 is the first O Gauge electric engine as well as the first MPC engine from the 1970's.



Lionel Prewar Tinplate 259E: At the same time, the truly original 259E steam engine is the first Prewar Era engine operating on Brian's layout.



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2015

The Logo: LaRosa's Trains is proud to incorporate its first colorful logo in the first month of 2015.



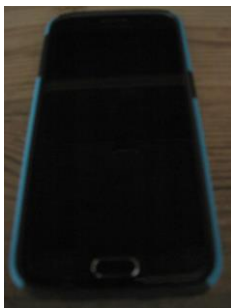
Digital Command System (DCS): After Brian graduated from high school in May, he needed MTH's DCS system to not only unlock some advanced engine features but also increase reliability for operating multiple engines on his layout.



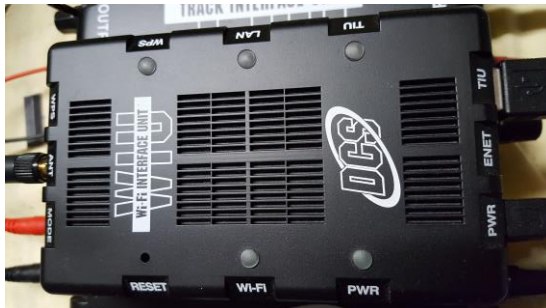
2015

Lionel Operating Fastrack Section: Installed in July 2015, the operating track section is used to unload any operating cars such as the O gauge log and coal dump cars.

Android Smartphone: In late August, Brian received the Samsung Galaxy S6 (Android) smartphone. He is excited to run his trains with this phone.



DCS WiFi Module: The MTH WiFi Interface Unit (WIU) allows Brian's phone the operation of his trains via the WiFi connection. It was delivered to dealers in time for Christmas 2015.

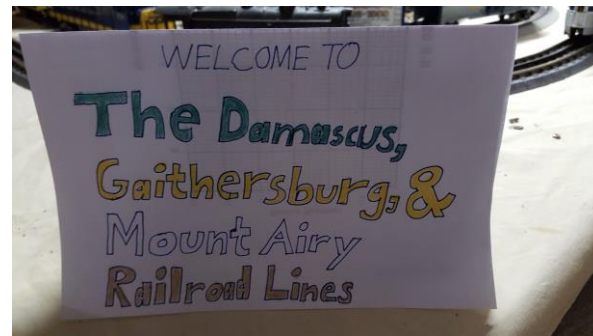


2016

Website: In cooperation with Wix, a web developer, LaRosa's Trains successfully opened its official website on February 13.

2018

The Damascus Line: Brian named his train layout the Damascus, Gaithersburg, & Mt. Airy Railroad Lines after his home in Damascus and its two neighboring places in May 2018.



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