

**Virginia Key Beach Park Trust**

**Mini Train**

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### **Photos taken 8/25/06**

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On Wednesday, August 3, 2006 the Virginia Key Beach Park Trust took delivery of One (1) (MTC) Miniature Train Corporation Narrow Gauge Model G-16 Sixteen Inch Gauge, (MTC) Reference "Suburban Set" consisting of:

- One (1) Model F7A Cab Locomotive, and
- Three (3) Standard G-16 Passenger Coaches

The seller: Robert Panella of Stockton, California  
Panella Enterprises, L.P., P.O. Box 5010, 5000 East Fremont Street, Stockton, CA 95215.

The MTC locomotive and three passenger cars are stored under lock and key inside a historic carousel building located at Historic Virginia Key Beach Park, 4020 Virginia Beach Drive, Miami, Florida 33149. The carousel building is constructed of concrete and steel, approximately 2,300 square feet within 50 yards of the shoreline of Bear's Cut on Virginia Key.

In addition to the "Suburban Set are two (2) ignition keys and the steel connecting bolts necessary for the locomotive and passenger cars to be coupled together as a train.

The MTC locomotive and passenger cars were delivered and are generally in very good condition. Upon closer general inspection there are several flaws and imperfections that become apparent.

#### ***The Locomotive - Model F7A Cab Locomotive***

The locomotive is very attractive painted in the colors of the Southern Pacific Train Line (the color of the locomotive will change to match the Florida East Coast Train Line). The paint work appeared to be of the highest quality (see loco 1 photo). There were some scratches to the paint on the top of the locomotive's body due to stabilizing straps during its 72 hour transport from California (see loco 2 photo).

The train started reasonably well considering its age. The lights and horn worked well (see loco 3 photo). The battery seemed to be charged. The interior of the locomotive was in excellent condition considering its age (see loco 4 & 5 photos). The body work and paint appeared to be of the highest quality (see loco 6 photo).

Inside the engine compartment was very clean with several well cared for and new parts (see loco 7 photo) however, a gasoline leak near the carburetor was identified after starting the locomotive just a few times and running the motor for only a few minutes. Gasoline could easily be smelled; oil or fluid leaks developed on the ground under various areas of the locomotive after it was at rest (see loco 1 photo). There is a crack in the exhaust manifold that may be a future problem (see loco 8 & 9 photos).

### ***Passenger Car #1 - Standard G-16 Passenger Coach***

Passenger car #1 is painted silver on the exterior and the interior is black (see pass 1 photo). The passenger seating area has no padding on the seats. Car #1 has “train coupling hooks” on both ends of the car. For the purpose of this report I have numbered the three (3) passenger cars #1 through #3.

Each passenger car has six (6) seating areas with varying degrees of wear and tear to the structure (see pass 2 photo). For the purpose of this report I have listed each of the six (6) seating areas A through F.

Passenger car A – Some rust through the floor; additional rusting and bubbling on the floor (see pass 3 photo)

Passenger car B – Some rust through the floor; additional rusting and bubbling on the floor (see pass 4 photo)

Passenger car C – Some rust through the floor; additional rusting and bubbling on the floor (see pass 5 photo)

Passenger car D – Some rust through the floor; extensive rusting and bubbling on the floor (see pass 6 photo)

Passenger car E – Some rust through the floor; extensive rusting and bubbling on the floor (see pass 7 photo)

Passenger car F - None

### ***Passenger Car #2 - Standard G-16 Passenger Coach***

Passenger car #2 is painted silver on the exterior and the interior is black (see pass 8 & 9 photo). The passenger seating area has no padding on the seats. Car #2 has “train coupling hooks” on both ends of the car. For the purpose of this report I have numbered the three (3) passenger cars #1 through #3.

Each passenger car has six (6) seating areas with varying degrees of wear and tear to the structure (see pass 10 photo). For the purpose of this report I have listed each of the six (6) seating areas A through F.

Passenger car A – None

Passenger car B – Some rust through the floor; additional rusting and bubbling on the floor (see pass 11 photo)

Passenger car C – Some rust through the floor; additional rusting and bubbling on the floor (see pass 12 photo)

Passenger car D – Some rust through the floor; extensive rusting and bubbling on the floor (see pass 13 photo)

Passenger car E – Some rust through the floor; extensive rusting and bubbling on the floor (see pass 14 photo)

Passenger car F - Some rust through the floor; additional rusting and bubbling on the floor (see pass 15 photo)

### ***Passenger Car #3 - Standard G-16 Passenger Coach***

Passenger car #3 is painted silver on the exterior and the interior is black (see pass 16, 17 & 18 photo). The passenger seating area has no padding on the seats. Car #3 only has “train coupling hooks” on one end of the car making it the last car. For the purpose of this report I have numbered the three (3) passenger cars #1 through #3.

Each passenger car has six (6) seating areas with varying degrees of wear and tear to the structure (see pass 16, 17 & 18 photo). For the purpose of this report I have listed each of the six (6) seating areas A through F.

Passenger car A – Some rust through the floor; additional rusting and bubbling on the floor (see pass 19 photo)

Passenger car B – None

Passenger car C - None

Passenger car D – None

Passenger car E – None

Passenger car F – None

***Note: It will be necessary in the future to perform professional tests on the engine, braking systems, suspension, axles, etc. when 16 inch gauge track is installed on the beach park to get a more functional and complete status of train.***