



Sightseer Tram Cars-History & Fact Sheet

- The five original Tram Car Engines and Trains were custom built for the 1939 New York World's Fair. The Greyhound Bus Company had the transportation contract for the Fair. They were called Greyhound Trackless Trains
- In 1949 Wildwood Businessman Gilbert Ramagosa purchased the Tram Car Engines and Trains and put them into service on the Wildwoods Boardwalk on June 11, 1949. The fare was \$.10 each way.
- From 1949 until 1963 the five original Tram Car Engines and Trains serviced the Wildwoods Boardwalk.
- In 1963 three new complete Tram Car Engines and Trains were custom built by a metal shop in Camden, New Jersey.
- From 1963-Present eight Tram Car Engines and Trains service the Wildwoods Boardwalk.
- In 1994 Mr. Ramagosa sold the Tram Cars to a group of local business owners. Mr. Ramagosa passed away in 1995.
- At the end of the 2003 season it was announced that the Tram Cars were not returning to the Wildwoods Boardwalk. The reasons given were an increase in operating costs, including insurance, as well as an increase in the value of the land that then housed the large Tram Car Warehouse.
- In 2004 the private, non-profit, Wildwoods Boardwalk Special Improvement District, Management Corporation (WSID) purchased the Tram Car System.

- 2007: The first new Tram Car Trailers since 1963 are constructed and placed in service.
- In 2014 five additional Tram Car Trailers were built.
- 2015: Five of the original Tram Car Trailers are retired from service.
- 2016: FIRST NEW TRAM CAR ENGINE SINCE 1963 IS MADE IN WILDWOOD, NEW JERSEY AND PLACED IN SERVICE ON THE WILDWOODS BOARDWALK. THE NEW TRAM ENGINE IS DEDICATED TO LONG TIME SIGHTSEER TRAM CAR EMPLOYEE JOHN "GIG" GIGLIOTTI.
- Today, eight Tram Car Engines, pulling 37 individual trailers, carry over 600,000 passengers each summer on the Wildwoods Boardwalk.
- The Tram Cars can run for up to 12 hours on a single charge of their 2,000 pound electric batteries.
- Since 1949 the Wildwoods Boardwalk Sightseer Tram Cars have carried over 20 million passengers.
- 'Watch The Tram Car Please,' which is broadcast over speakers in each Tram Car Train, is one of the most recognizable phrases in the Tri-State Area.
- The four original Tram Car Trains are some of the oldest, continually operating modes of public transportation in the United States.
- 2018 Marks the 70th year of Tram Car service on the Wildwoods Boardwalk.

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