



2007, August 3

Captain Barrington Irving is home

Twenty-three year old aviator, Barrington Irving returned to the land of his birth today (August 3) to a hero's welcome. He will be in the island until August 7. Barrington recently made headlines when on June 27 he became the youngest and first pilot of African descent to complete a solo round-the-world flight. The young pilot was born in Kingston, Jamaica but migrated to the USA at the age of six. Upon his arrival this morning at the Norman Manley International Airport, Captain Irving was lauded for his accomplishments during a brief welcome ceremony at the airport's VIP lounge. He departed the airport amidst cheers and obvious admiration then travelled through the city in a motorcade to The Hilton Kingston Hotel. Whilst in Jamaica, Barrington will be engaged in a number of activities, including a courtesy call on the Governor General, His Excellency, The Most Honourable Professor Kenneth Hall, a civic reception at Emancipation Park in Kingston and rap sessions with the youth.

[For further information telephone: (876) 908-5298; or visit: http://www.experienceaviation.org/meet_barrington.php]

Jamaica celebrates 45 years of Independence on Monday

On Monday, August 6, Jamaica will celebrate 45 years of independence from Britain with activities all over the island. Among the events will be the Independence Day Parade at Kings House, the home of the Governor General; the Independence Street Jam along Knutsford Boulevard in New Kingston and the Prime Minister's Independence Gala at Jamaica House. Captain Barrington Irving will be in attendance at all three events. There will be several street jams and fairs taking place at various locations across the island.

[For further information visit: www.jcdc.org.jm]

Denbigh Agricultural and Industrial Show this weekend

Jamaica's as well as the region's premier agricultural exhibition, the Denbigh Agricultural and Industrial Show gets underway this weekend from August 4 to 6 at the Denbigh Showground in Clarendon. The 55 year-old show is a regular "staple" on the island's calendar. As part of his official visit to the island, Captain Barrington Irving will join the Governor General's official party to view the exhibits. The theme for this year's Denbigh show is "Agro-Technology: Advancing National Development". As a sponsor, the Jamaica Tourist Board will be a part of the event's International Village to highlight the important link that exists between agriculture and tourism.

[For further information telephone (876) 922-0610-2 or visit: <http://www.jas.org.jm/default.html>]

Jamaicans in Canada to celebrate Independence with "Air Jamaica" Day

The third annual Air Jamaica Day will take place on August 6th in Toronto, Canada allowing expatriate Jamaicans to join in the celebration of the island's 45th anniversary of Independence. The event, which typically draws between 10 and 15 thousand attendees, is being staged by the island's national carrier, Air Jamaica to show appreciation to their customers for their continued support. It will be held at Gage Park in Brampton. Air Jamaica Day will also afford sponsors the opportunity to establish and strengthen links with community-based businesses, entrepreneurs, professionals and artists in Canada. Activities include dance, music, comedy, a lick-a-six domino tournament and quizzes on Jamaica's history.

[For further information visit <http://www.airjamaica.com/calendarAugust.aspx>]

Hilton Kingston Hotel stages "Emancipendence"

The Hilton Kingston is staging "Emancipendence" from August 1 - 6 in commemoration of the nation's Emancipation celebration on August 1 and Independence on August 6. The Jamaican Food Festival, which aims to showcase fabulous Jamaican food, music, dance, art and talent, is being held at the hotel's poolside between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 10:30 p.m. each night. An event for both family and friends, Emancipendence will boast cultural dance pieces by the Tivoli Dance Group, craft displays, tantalizing and authentic Jamaican buffet items by Chef Ishmael, poolside karaoke on Friday, August 3 as well as musical entertainment on each night.

[For more information telephone: (876) 926-5430-9]

REMINDERS

CVM TV Port Royal Music Festival

The second staging of the CVM TV Port Royal Music Festival will take place from September 7 -9 and involves an array of highly acclaimed artistes including Regina Belle, Brian McKnight, Maxi Priest and Dean Fraser.

The first event on September 7 is a celebrity party entitled "Pirates and Wenches" at the Morgan's Harbour Hotel and Marina. Decked out in garb reminiscent of the days of piracy, patrons will seek to relive the former glory of the richest and wickedest city on earth. The festival continues with the main show on September 8 at the Port Royal Entertainment Centre and concludes with Jazz on the Harbour on Sunday, September 9 at the hotel.

[For further information visit: www.portroyalmusicfestival.com]

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