

***SXM Weekly News-In-Brief***

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**Notice from JMB:**

Although news continues to happen, on very rare occasions -- such as this week, before the busiest part of the 2018 hurricane season really gets going -- we take a week off. *Sort of...*

We still publish *SXM Weekly News-In-Brief*, which brings you a few greatly condensed key news stories.

This week, we touch very briefly on some newsworthy items which we'll cover in more depth a week from now, when our regular *SXM Weekly News* editions resume.

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**1 - Court Orders NAGICO to Pay Airport Over \$30-million -- for Starters**

In a stunning rebuke and defeat for St. Maarten's dominant home-grown insurance company, an SXM Court has ordered NAGICO (National General Insurance Corp.) to pay SXM Airport more than USD\$30-million as a further partial payment on the airport's claims for damages suffered during hurricane Irma.

Our next regular edition of *SXM Weekly News* will contain far more information on this major decision and on what's expected to be coming in future payments to the airport from NAGICO. That edition publishes on 8/13.

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## **2 - SXM Airport Reaffirms Commitment to Continuous Improvement**

SXM Airport continues to move ahead vigorously in pursuit of its announced objective to return both arrivals and departures to the Main Terminal by November of this year. Both will be temporarily housed on the first floor of the airport while the second floor undergoes extensive renovations.

Among future planned renovations -- announced by the Airport during our June interview with them -- will be the expansion of the current terminal and the addition of both new gates and Preclearance facilities for US-bound passengers. Details on SXM Airport's comments and other forward-looking information will be in an extensive article coming in the next regular edition of *SXM Weekly News* on August 13.

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## **3 - You Are Now Formally Invited To Our Upcoming August 16 Island Party on SXM; Register Now** (Non-JMB Members Included)

A couple of weeks ago, we announced our first-ever summer island party in August at a superb venue — Toppers Rhum Distillery in the Simpson Bay industrial area. *If you are or if you are not a member of JMB Website Supporters but will be visiting the island in mid August, hang in — this article has news of real interest to you.*

First, some details about the party:

Not only will this party feature rhum\* tastings, an open bar, and plenty of appetizers for the 125 people or so expected to attend, it will also feature renowned art by globally honored

plein air impressionist painter Sir Roland Richardson, who resides on SXM. Present at the party will be three other well-known SXM artists — Stephy Tihanyi, Ruby Butte, and Patty Meotti. The only charge is a \$12 fee being assessed by the Distillery when you enter the building; it's to help underwrite the cost of the open bar.

**Here is our BEST and LATEST wrinkle....**

So far, we have only invited JMB Website Supporters members and some of their chosen guests — which has been the case for all of the parties we've thrown in the past. *If you are on the island in mid-August and would like to attend our party but are not a JMB Website Supporters member, take heart. We've now completely solved that obstacle. Keep reading for news...*

If you are a JMB member, you must preregister by emailing [susan@jmbcommunications.com](mailto:susan@jmbcommunications.com) with the subject Party. We need the names and email addresses of everyone who will attend including your guests. As a JMB member, you are allowed up to four guests in addition to you and your spouse / partner. Please include your JMB Website Supporters Membership Number.

If you are not a JMB member, we would like to have you experience this party as one example of one thing we do for our JMB members throughout the year (in addition to supplying them with 300+ discounts and other benefits through JMB Website Supporters membership). Bear in mind that Preregistration is required for everyone.

If you're not a JMB Website Supporters member but would like to attend, send an email to [susan@jmbcommunications.com](mailto:susan@jmbcommunications.com) with the subject Non-Member Party Attendee and tell us your name and the name of your guest (spouse/partner usually). You may also invite two other non-members to this event but you must register everyone in advance. Attendance is strictly limited. First registered, first admitted.

Don't risk missing this event....

*Why not join JMB Website Supporters now, and get all 300+ benefits of membership? As soon as you have been enrolled, you can contact Susan to register for the party. Join by clicking the page curl on our site, [everythingxsm.com](http://everythingxsm.com). In fact, *once you order your membership through PayPal, contact**

*Susan then to reserve your space at the party; she'll verify your transaction and confirm your party invitation.*

### **Party Summary:**

PREREGISTRATION IS REQUIRED;  
Contact Susan as noted above to Register.

### **Island Party Features:**

Appetizers  
Welcome Drink  
Open Bar  
Roland Richardson art  
Artists Ruby Bute, Patty Meotti, & Stephy Tihanyi in attendance  
Rhum Tasting  
Mini distillery tour

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### **4 - JMB Military Memberships Reward US Military Service With Our Lowest Membership Pricing**

If you're U. S. Military with a DD214, you're able to get a Platinum-Status Military JMB Membership for \$16.99/year, the lowest we ever charge anyone. You get instant Platinum Status which is permanent as long as you're a JMB member plus 300+ SXM discounts and other benefits. All you do is pay for four years to start and renew in four-year increments (\$67.96). Nobody else pays so little -- our small way of expressing how grateful we all are for your service.

Visit [everythingsexm.com](http://everythingsexm.com) and click the page curl to sign up for your JMB Military Membership. We'll also need a DD214 with your SS# obliterated for security. We'll be delighted to welcome you.

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### **5 - Your Help Is Vital to Keep *SXM Weekly News* Serving You**

Every week, *SXM Weekly News* brings you all the week's news of consequence for tourists. Each regular edition discusses weather (especially during hurricane season), airline services / fares / airports, accommodations, and other island news that's important for tourists.

**Although *SXM Weekly News* remains free, we need**

**your help in covering the cost of researching, writing, producing, emailing, and managing it. There are a few ways you can help us:**

- **Join our JMB Website Supporters Island Discount Program.** Your small membership fee gives you access to our members-only "secret website" where your discounts & benefits reside. You can download discount vouchers you select. For starters, we email you a Membership Card you can use (along with a government issued photo ID, if requested) to confirm your JMB membership so our partners on SXM can give you the benefits you request. Low prices are just the beginning. Click the page curl at our main site, [everything.sxm.com](http://everything.sxm.com), for info or to sign up.
- **Get SkyMed® Emergency Medical Evacuation Protection.** SkyMed *Takes You Home®* when you become critically ill or injured when traveling anywhere in the USA, Canada, Mexico, Bermuda, the Bahamas, or all the nations of the Caribbean including Cuba. Available to US and Canadian citizens. Global coverage available too -- it covers you worldwide except for places on the State Dept. Warning List.
- **Buy Our SXM Euro-Oval stickers.** They're two for \$10 or five for \$15 payable to [jeff@jmbcommunications.com](mailto:jeff@jmbcommunications.com) through PayPal. You can also order by check (sorry, only US dollar checks drawn on US banks) payable to JMB Communications and sent to JMB, P. O. Box 1812, Plymouth, MA 02362-1812. Great souvenirs; use them in the corner of your car's back window, on smooth hard-sided luggage, wherever you'd like a bright cheerful SXM reminder. We mail them only to US and Canadian addresses and APO / FPO.

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\*Toppers "Rhum" uses the French spelling of the word, with the "h."

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