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Trinidad STORMS SSCA in Melbourne

There have been many SSCA (Seven Seas Cruising Association) members that have ventured to the extreme southern end of the Caribbean chain of islands to come to Trinidad and Tobago (T&T), the birthplace of calypso and Steel Pan and to enjoy Carnival, the greatest show on earth. What an experience! Trinidad has the camaraderie spirit of the SSCA being distinguished by traditionally hosting of the "First SSCA GAM of each New Year" held in Chaguaramas on New Years day. For the fourth year Trinidad will again be represented at the Annual AGM in Melbourne, Florida where SSCA members can personally meet the three Trinidadians who won SSCA awards, namely: 1) Donald Stollmeyer of Power Boats (boatyard), the pioneer developer of the Chaguaramas yachting community (SSCA Service Award (2002), 2) Jesse James of Members Only Maxi-Taxi Service, unofficial Chaguaramas ambassador to cruisers (SSCA Compassionate Award (2001); and 3) Jack Dausend, Editor of *the Boca* and the Boaters' Directory of T&T (SSCA Camaraderie Award (2001). They will be meeting old and new friends encouraging cruisers to "Sail On To Trinidad".

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Jesse James and Sharon Rose

Kindness Everyday, Everyway

by Barbara Morgan *s/v Phantasie*

"Help! Jesse Help!" the young girl cried as she ran into the office. She had dinghied across the anchorage when her Mother collapsed. "My Mothers having a heart attack on the boat please help us." Jesse tried to calm the girl down to understand what was happening. "Where is your Mother?" said Jesse, as he tried to glean the facts, "Mum's on the boat with my Dad and sister, Dad is trying to revive her... please come?"

"Right no problem", he turned to his wife Sharon Rose and asks her to arrange to get a car around to Power Boats dock. A Thank You party for customers of 'Members Only' Taxi service was still in progress at Irena Travel in Tropical Marine. A couple of the guys at the party offered to dinghy out with Jesse to *s/v Norsille*. Jesse has had First Aid training and wondered what they will encounter as they head out into the anchorage to help Valerie. They managed to

get her into the dinghy and ashore. As always when Jesse helps; there was a happy ending. The lady was taken to hospital and returned to the boat a couple of days later, no charge. Jesse runs a Taxi service but is always willing to help those in need.

Jesse has been a maxi taxi driver since his early twenties, when he gave up his studies to be an Electrical Engineer. In nineteen ninety-seven, encouraged by Lady Charli (a cruiser who lived on her boat in TTSA), Jesse founded 'Members Only' Maxi Taxi Service. All was not plain sailing as with any young business; there were trials and tribulations. His office was his van and Sharon Rose worked as a supervisor for a company that makes false teeth. Often Sharon Rose's salary was their only substantial income, Jesse had to work nights as a regular taxi driver to subsidize his business. Sharon Rose's Dad was always supportive, a taxi driver himself with a contract for the US Embassy. Jesse started with the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable market on Saturdays and the run to Tru Valu, which he had negotiated with the supermarket to be free to the cruisers together with a discount. In nineteen ninety-nine and again in two thousand and one, Jesse nearly shut up shop to return to regular taxi driving.

Lady Charli was a net controller while in Trinidad. She had a love of the races on Saturday's, every week she would take a group to the races on Jesse's taxi. "Dress casually elegant, no shorts!" Lady Charli would say. Cruisers now began to realize

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David Laughlin (Caribbean Marine) whispering to Jern Grote (First Mate): True, police now give tickets when you break a red light!

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that they could hire Jesse for all sorts of tours and trips, including the all important shopping trips and tours down to the south of Trinidad. His taxi service is such that folks can call twenty-four hours, for anywhere including the airport. Also most important if Jesse arranges to pick you up at the airport, he or his drivers will be there no matter how late your flight, and that's a real comfort to know.

Ed and Helen on *s/v Thelequa* will remember Jesse. Their son also named Jesse had died unexpectedly and Helen had gone to the front desk at CrewsInn to get help after they had received that fateful telephone call. Helen was beside herself and was not making sense to the desk clerk, but she heard the name Jesse, so she called 'Members Only' even though it was one o'clock in the morning. Jesse said, "Hello this is Jesse" for a moment Helen was stunned to hear that name, the same as her own son. Jesse calmly established what they needed, a ticket on a plane home to the USA. He woke Zorina of the Irena Travel agency. She went to a friend's house and got on the computer and by four o'clock that morning they were on their way to the airport with a confirmed ticket out of Trinidad.

Darleen from *m/v Fun Ticket* was taken to the airport, she arrived at the desk and handed her ticket to the lady at the desk. The lady smiled and waited a little then said; "Your passport please?" Darleen looked askance, she rooted around in her bag... NO PASSPORT! She called her husband back on the boat; her passport was still there. Jesse got hold of Sterling one of his regular drivers, he made haste to CrewsInn, picked up her husband with the passport and they rushed to the airport, time was short (Did he break the land speed record? Well nearly, without being illegal I am sure). Darleen waited at the gate,

the plane was held for ten minutes so she could go through passport control. Darleen was so relieved to be on her way thanks to Jesse.

'Members Only' is keen towards helping visiting cruisers experience the various cultures offered in Trinidad. As the business began to grow it was obvious that Jesse needed help, reluctantly Sharon Rose gave up her job and ran the administrative side of the business, when they became partners with Irena Travel and shared the office with her. Without Sharon's help, Jesse could not have grown the business to what it is today. Soon Sharon Rose was enjoying the day-to-day challenges. She organized on her own, a Carnival trip; around two hundred people were taken downtown and not one of them lost! Asa Wright a nature reserve up in the hills is popular, as is Divali in October. Jesse only has one van, but he has a network of drivers he can call on and without their continuing support he would not be able to run his business.

Hurricane Ivan hit Grenada September 2004. Here in Trinidad we wanted to help, not only the cruisers but the locals of that poor island not more than eighty-three miles away. Joyce on *s/v Mood Indigo* headed up the Grenada Rescue Mission. Jesse provided transport FREE to gather food, water, flashlights, clothes and money from cruisers, local businesses and church's of all denominations and others throughout the island. As money flooded in, Jesse took Joyce and her team to local suppliers to get thousands of dollars of medical supplies, to hardware stores and to supermarkets. Jesse and his drivers loaded the provisions onto boats at the dock or into holding areas made available by the marinas. Day after day these much needed activities continued. Jesse was an important part of that relief effort. For almost a month without income

he carried on uncomplaining, always willing to help those in need.

Jesse is known to cruisers throughout the world, many now in the Pacific and beyond. The SSCA, (Seven Seas Cruising Association), awarded him a Compassionate Award in Florida. The Boaters Enterprise Ltd award for 2004 for being in the top five businesses rated by visiting cruisers was also given to Jesse. Those cruisers have now moved on and new cruisers come to Trinidad and get to know Jesse and Sharon Rose of 'Members Only', real friends to cruisers here in Trinidad.



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Walking Through Military History

by Jean & John Ranahan, s/v Kijro

Do you want to learn how a well-educated American teenager became a pirate queen in a duel with her rival? Or witness the privateers' rape and pillage of Trinidad's early capitol, St. Joseph, in an exhibit that is under construction? Visit the world's largest scratch-built model aircraft carrier. Walk through a World War I trench. Or imagine what it would be like to pilot an engineless flying machine.

You can do all this at the Chaguaramas Military History & Aerospace Museum, an easy ten minute walk east of TTSA on the Western Main Road or a short maxi ride from any of the Chaguaramas marinas. The BWIA Lockheed jet makes an obvious landmark to the entrance to the museum. Mr. Gaylord T.M. Kelshall and his team have spent the past fourteen years developing this site to provide Trinidad citizens and visitors a remarkable resource about the history of human warfare and Trinidad's place in that history.

The idea of the museum began after Mr. Kelshall completed, on his dining room table, the model aircraft carrier and needed a place to keep it. The museum has developed from two containers to its present 12,000 square foot facility on a site leased from Chaguaramas Development Authority.

When you go to the museum today, the exhibits start at the beginning of recorded time, explaining how the Amerindians arrived to the Caribbean and how Trinidad played an important role in the history of South America. These exhibits comprise a small fraction of the artefacts, written information, dioramas, and displays that comprise this first part of the museum.

In an hour you can absorb only a small amount of the information. You see real pieces-of-eight found in Trinidadian waters, relics of Apadoca's fleet (including recovered cannon balls), and weapons from the 18th, 19th, and 20th centuries. Then you enter the trenches of World War 1. In these dark tunnels soldiers man radios, tended wounded and slept.

The museum sustains this same attention to research, both educating and entertaining, for the

visitors' journey through the twentieth century's major conflicts and aerospace displays. What appears to be the most recent addition, information about the war on terrorism, is placed just inside the museum entrance, as if that were the only available space left. Mr. Kelshall and his staff have exciting plans for improvements to the current facility and for expansion of the whole site, including a military chapel, a restaurant, and shopping.

You are encouraged to take pictures but go early. The building can be hot, though a grant from a local oil company will soon allow for air-conditioned visits. Plan to return more than once, for the displays are extensive. The museum is open



Gaylord Kelshall explains Chaguaramas History

daily, from 9:00 to 5:00; the price of admission is TT\$20 per adult.

We were privileged to talk with Mr. Kelshall in his office that is as full as his museum. He considers himself a lucky man; he does what he loves. A writer of five books of military history, one used as a text at both U.S. and German naval academies, he has a special interest in what made the conquistadors tick, and he sees that part of history as being important to the present day culture. He wants especially to reach children so that they will grow up understanding Trinidadian history.

The museum has no government funding. It depends on sponsorships by local businesses, memberships, and donated time and knowledge. Mr. Kelshall encourages people with military knowledge, historical expertise, and general interest to join his teams, which regularly explore shipwrecks, jungle sites, and communities for historical artefacts. Volunteers have created the displays, manikins, costumes, and models.

Caño Manamo, Orinoco-Delta, Venezuela

by Lisa Bedenig, *s/v Alumine*

Between Trinidad and Venezuela lies, like a big lake, the Gulf of Paria and on the opposite side of the southeast cape is the mouth of the most northern rivers of the huge Orinoco Delta. There are no exact charts existing. It would not make sense, because the sand and mud from the big rivers are moving all the time. But we could get information from Mr. Jack Dausend from the sailing-magazine *The Boca*, with hand painted charts and way-points.

We fitted Alumine with a big mosquito net over the whole cockpit and then we checked out of Trinidad, sailed across the quiet Gulf of Paria to the next Port of Entry, Guiria. This is a typical fishing harbour and very uncomfortable for a yacht. We found an English speaking agent who could do the clearance for us, but the officials didn't want to give us the permission to sail in the Macareo. If you want to go up this river, you need an armed guide, but you can go up the Rio Manamo. The officials made the decision for us between Macareo and the Manamo.

First of all we sailed along the lonely south-coast of the peninsula of Paria always on the 5m line along the flat green alluvial land, small beaches and the big mountains in the background. One night we anchored in front of a small village close to Point Piedras and another night in the wide mouth of Rio San Juan in front of a beach with scarlet ibis.

We then headed south through the dead-smooth gulf and straight to the oil-platforms that appeared to be gliding like a mirage in the fluttering hot air over the surface of the sea.

The unique brown colour of the water didn't give us any chance to see if there was a sandbar build up in front of us, but the depth-sounder showed constantly 5m and momentarily we discovered the red and green buoys making the entrance to the Rio Pedernales; it was child's play.

A speciality of the rivers of any delta is that the current changes its direction every six hours. Six hours the tide pushes the water uphill, six hours it flows downhill. This water flow is more noticeable in the Manamo, because of the dam. One can easily detect current flow, by observing the floating islands of water-hyacinths.

In the beginning the wide river was winding between dense green walls of mangroves, interrupted by sandy patches, on which we discovered plenty of herons and scarlet ibis. Then it became deeper and deeper, the colour darkened like Coca-Cola and the bow wave shone a bright golden like old Cognac.

Occasionally Wareo-Indian huts stood on the borders of the river banks.

Here sailing-vessels are still a sensation. We were the first, the only and probably the last ones to visit this year. It is rare for more than one or

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It is not easy to launch a boat at Aikane & Catemaran Village at the Heliport in Chaguaramas. Why do we have to wait for International Clean-Up day to Clean-Up? It should be an everyday occurrence much like keeping our home tidy!





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two cruising vessels to arrive in one year. Local children especially enjoyed the excitement. From the moment they discovered us, they jumped in their bongos and paddled as quick as they could to have a closer view of the unusual vessel. Even the smallest child was very dextrous, quick and skilled in manoeuvring the canoes. It was no problem for them to keep up with us when we were making 3-4 kts. The children learn paddling before they are able to run. As we came to a small village, they launched their bongos in the water and proudly displayed their baskets, necklaces and animals carved from balsa-wood. We signalled them that we will be returning and this was quite understood because the Manamo reaches a dead end where the dam is built. In this region the Wareos still live in palafitos, houses built on stilts without walls as they have for about 300 years. They swing in their hammocks that nearly reach the floor in the shade of the immense roofs made of palm-fronds where a gentle breeze is enjoyed and a colourful view of the river watching green islands lazily drift by.

Everything that is growing or swimming in the river will be used. The leaves from the palm trees are used for baskets, the grain for ropes and hammocks, seeds for necklaces and the soft wood for carvings. Plant oil is melted for wax candles and medicines are derived from all parts of special plants, some of which modern science have not yet explored.

In a small side-branch lies the Orinoco-Delta

the green island with the water-hyacinths slowly floating by. We recommend this for people who are close to a nervous break down. Very therapeutic!

A boat from the Lodge brought us to Tukupita, the capital of the district. It is not possible for a yacht to continue further on, because of low hanging high-voltage-power lines. On our way upstream, we could see the evolving modernisation; the Wareos will unfortunately be heading towards this modernisation. The old-fashioned, breezy and shady palafitos have given way to ugly boxes built from wood or stone with rusty corrugated sheet iron roofs. The elegant bongos are being replaced

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by clumsy plastic vessels with enormous outboards. Tukupita is the ugliest town we had ever seen. The shops are full of junk from the Far-East, the rubbish-containers stink and the cars are old and rusty. The people wear jeans and T-shirts, the girls wear glass and plastic jewels in unbelievable neon-colours, and they seem to be overweight probably because of the processed foods.

On the way down-stream from the Lodge to the mouth, we took plenty of time and anchored where ever we particularly liked it.

Two boys in a bongo called the pink freshwater-dolphins for us. They splashed their paddles on the water-surface and cooed like pigeons. After a short time the dolphins surfaced and splashed all around the boat. They jumped high out of the water seemingly to have just as much fun as us and the children. We handed out the small presents we brought for the children which included colourful tooth-brushes, hair-slides, pencils, fishing equipment and a lot of other little items.

Jack told us: "Please no sweets, nothing to eat! Our processed food does not agree with the touchy stomachs of these nature children and the sugar causes tooth decay." We got a useful list from the *Boca* of items to bring.

Slowly we did slide through small side-branches of the river, admiring the fantastic reflections in the dark river, the huge butterflies and dragonflies, the white, grey and blue herons and the scarlet ibis.

It was a fantastic experience to explore the Caño Manamo and if a cruiser wants to expand their horizons, learn about culture of different people, this is the place to go.



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HOW ABOUT A SIDEWALK?

Dear Editor,

Chaguaramas offers the sailors a lot of great facilities, comfortable boat-yards with restaurants, entertainment, the Boaters' Directory of T&T, the monthly *Boca*, the morning radio net, lovely trips to the surroundings and last but not least, Trinidad is south of the hurricane-belt, that's why so many sailors stay here for several months. But there is something we have been waiting for years... A Sidewalk along the Road.

We are sailors, we have a boat, and very few of us have a car. We run, walk or ride a bicycle, some like jogging or hiking, others only want to come from the yard to a shop, from the marina to a restaurant.

A small footpath exists between Tropical Marine and Peake Yacht Services stamped out from thousands of brave sailors, but during wet season when it rains a lot, we get wet feet. In front of Dynamite Marine a lake develops which can only be passed by dinghy or swimming.

Then we have to walk on the road, but because of the dashing behaviour of some drivers, this can be a scary and wet experience.

When it's dry, it's not much better, then the march becomes a tour through the desert. Sun is burning merciless and tiny pebbles roll in our sandals.

There is no need for an expensive promenade, but a small walkway would be a great help. This would make it possible to walk comfortably with clean dry feet and be safely away from the traffic. A footpath could be well positioned between the fences and the road with ample space to accommodate shrubs and bushes, separating pedestrians from the traffic.

Perhaps trees could be planted also which will provide sun shade for those who are waiting for a Maxi-Taxi. We know this is just a day-dream but we might find some enthusiastic participants willing to enjoy a social event and plant a tree in Chaguaramas!

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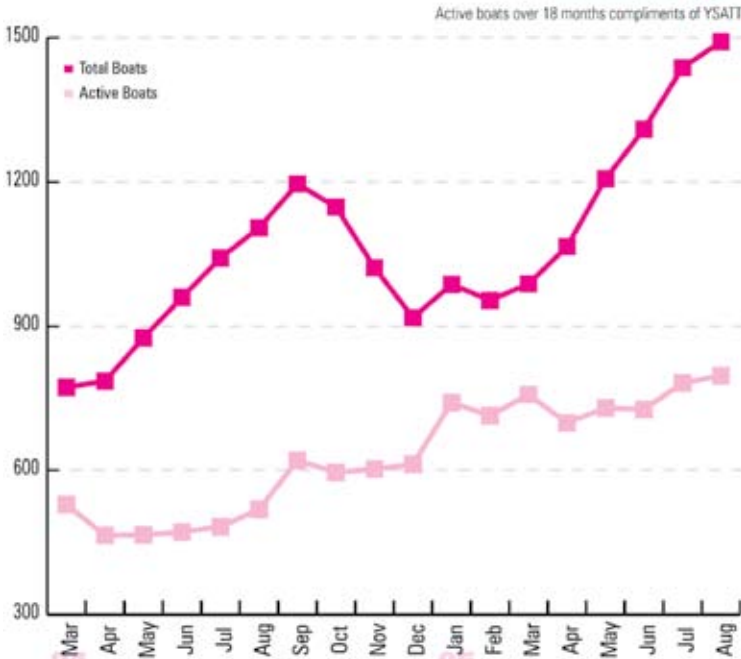
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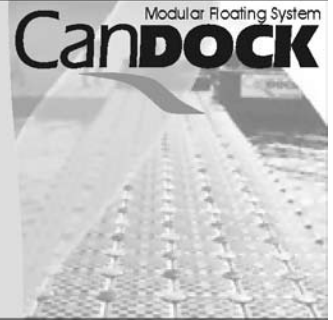


CORRECTION

The Chart Statistics in the last issue of the Boca (pg 9 October 2005) was incorrectly labelled as “Boat Arrivals” whereas the Chart should have been titled “Boat Population” with the legend showing heavy bars as “Total Boats” and shaded bars representing “Active Boats”; the numbers of Boats in Trinidad and Tobago over the eighteen month period. “Active Boats” are defined as those boats that have their captain or working crew aboard the vessels whereas “Total Boats” reflect the monthly sum of the “Active Boats” and “Boats in Dry Storage” (having no captain nor crew aboard). The Boat Population represents number of cruisers that are in Trinidad & Tobago which is tabulated monthly by Yacht Services Association of T&T (YSATT) from inventory data supplied by the boatyards, marinas and by Customs and Immigration. Normally “Total Boats” peak between the months August to October when Trinidad becomes the haven for cruisers wishing to be located “Below the Hurricane Belt”.

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Furballs News

by *bonnie Watson, s/v Forever*

Welcome to CATSAI - Cruisers and Trinis Society for Animal Intervention

Here in Chaguaramas, animal lovers and pet owners have been working closely with the AWN (Animal Welfare Network) sharing their visions addressing animal issues at the community level and have now formed CATSAI (pronounced: "Cats Eye") made up of business owners, local Trinis and the visiting cruisers. CATSAI will be offering services for pets, to address the stray

animals by encouraging a spay/neutering program and providing an avenue for future growth here in Chaguaramas as an animal friendly community. Be on the lookout for exciting happenings from CATSAI!

One of the visions of the core group is to have a small shelter where cruiser's pets and strays could have a safe house. It will be called "Casa Evita" and will be located at Power Boats near the "White House" which will initially be used as a feeding

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Cruisers recently donating time to make leashes at the TTSPCA shelter in St. James.
 Mrs. Awai, Director, (centre) surrounded by crews from *Caribee, Forever, Melika, Nirwana, Some, Sundance and Wild Vanilla*



Furballs News

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space for the strays who have been spayed, neutered and in transition ready for adoption according to Cheryl (s/v *Caribee*). The shelter allows a safe area for the animals while they're waiting for new owners. Eventually the shelter will be expanded to include storage areas for medication, food, and supplies as well as central work area for the visiting veterinarian tending to the animals (both local and cruiser pets alike). Plans are to staff the shelter with volunteers. Note that current quarantine laws prohibit the use of the shelter by cruiser's pets, however CATSAI hope to address these issues soon. (See Quarantine laws outlined in the Boaters' Directory of T&T.)

Neville Boos (Fortress Woodworking) and Donald Stollmeyer (Power Boats) have been key in providing the initial capital as well as overseeing the construction and start up of the shelter on the land that Power Boats graciously set aside for Casa Evita. Many thanks to Donald, Neville, and Cheryl whose hard work and persistent commitment to the animal community made this shelter happen.

As always, donations are gratefully accepted. Every thin dime helps! Donation jars are located at CrewsInn, Fortress Woodworking, Joe's Pizza, Hi Lo, Members Only, Peakes, and Power Boats. For those that may wish to adopt an animal, call Cheryl (*Caribee*), Jane (*Ananas*) or Bonnie (*Forever*).

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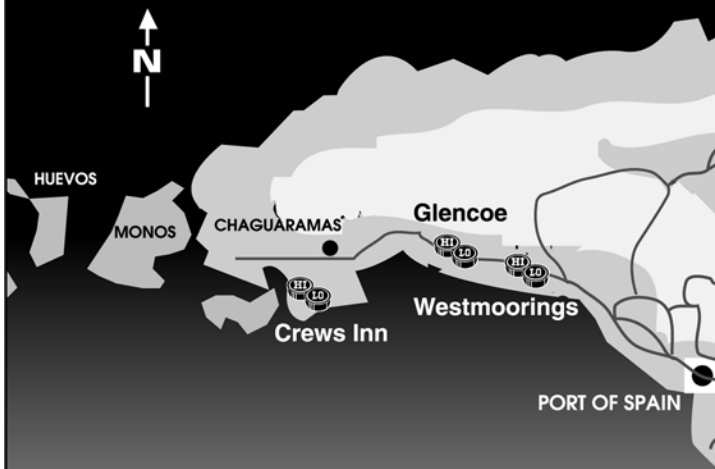
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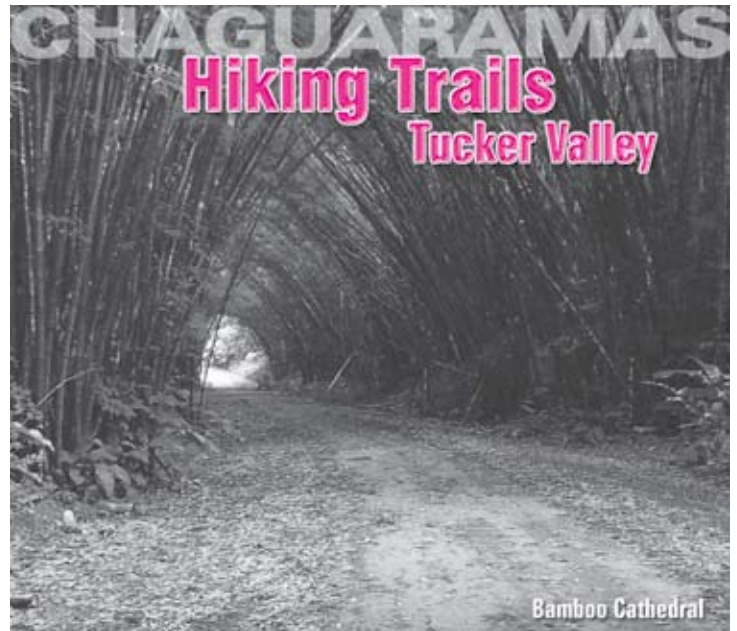
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The four trails in the Tucker Valley are a little further afield than the Point Gourde and Mourne Catherine trails (Hiking Trails; *The Boca*, pg 10, October 2005) but still within the National Park that is administered by the Chaguaramas Development Authority (CDA). A short run or bike ride will bring you to these gems.

To access the trails in the Tucker Valley, start where the CrewsInn road intersects the Western Main Road and head East toward Port of Spain. Travel 1.5 miles east on the Western Main Road past the Chaguaramas Convention Centre with its distinctive ring of flagpoles. This was the site of the 1999 Miss Universe Pageant. About 0.25 miles past the Convention Centre, turn left onto the Tucker Valley Road where a central grassy area bisects the Western Main Road. This is called the Tucker Valley Road or Macqueripe Mail Road. The Tucker Valley Road is lightly travelled and heads north. You are now in the Tucker Valley, the first citrus plantation in Trinidad. Lush farm lands, rivers, and high ridges frame this fertile valley. Traffic is light but caution is advised due to speeding vehicles along the narrow road.

Trail 3 – Mount St. Pleasant Village Ruins: Easy Trail; the village is adjacent

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Chaguaramas Hiking Trails

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to the Tucker Valley Road; approximately 3.0 miles one way.

Proceed north from the Western Main Road approximately 1.5 miles along the road flanked by samaan trees to a right turnoff and sign announcing Mount St. Pleasant Village National Historical Site. The village was once home to workers during the colonial era when the valley grew citrus, cocoa and coffee as part of the Tucker Estate. Today at Mt. St. Pleasant you will find the ruins of a general store, St. Chad's Church, and an old graveyard. Among the graves is the impressive tomb of Amelia Tripp, daughter of the estate's former English owner, William Sanger Tucker.



Trail 4 - Edith Falls: Easy Trail; from trailhead the hike is approximately 1 mile one way.

Proceed north from the Western Main Road approximately 1.5 miles along the road flanked by samaan trees to a left turnoff and sign announcing the Chaguaramas Golf Course. Travel west about 1.0 miles toward the golf course. Immediately before the golf course is a small sign on the left side of the road announcing the Edith Falls Trail. The trail is approximately 1 mile through the rainforest and continues along the boulder-strewn riverbed. Red howler monkeys, yellowtail birds, blue jays, emperor butterflies, bamboo trees, halcyon flowers, rubber trees and fishtail palms can be found along the trail. At the head of the trail is a rock wall where Edith Falls tumbles down. The falls is approximately 180 meters high and tumbles into a very shallow pool at the base. However, the falls only flows during the height of the rainy season! Other times of the year it is just a pleasant hike.

Trail 5 - North Coast/Macqueripe Beach: Moderate Trail; from trailhead, the hike is approximately 1.5 miles one way. Access is from Chaguaramas Golf Course or the Macqueripe Beach parking area.

Proceed north approximately 1.5 miles along the road flanked by samaan trees to a left turnoff and sign announcing the Chaguaramas Golf Course. Travel 1.0 miles west to the golf course parking area. At the end of the parking area proceed left and walk along the edge of the jungle to a sign indicating the start of the trail.

To begin the hike from Macqueripe Beach simply continue on the Tucker Valley Road 1.5 miles north from the golf course turnoff, past the tollbooth and to the parking area at Macqueripe Beach. Go to the left or western most parking area and look for a sign indicating the start of the trail that initially climbs steeply up to the ridge.

The trail traverses small streambeds and winds through towering bamboo trees and howler monkey territory. The trail near the golf course is one of the softest trails you will see. Several short rocky climbs need to be negotiated before reaching the spectacular cliffs along the north coast of Trinidad.

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CHRISTMAS PARANG

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THIS IS CHRISTMAS

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17 Thu	YSATT Blood Drive, 8am to 4pm, CrewsInn, Village Square
19 Sat	Dinghy & SR Max Rankings, 2pm, TTSA
27 Sun	St. Augustine Chamber Orchestra, 5pm, Queen's Hall
27 Sun	Children's Christmas Party, 1pm, TTSA

FUTURE EVENTS

05 Dec	YSATT Annual Christmas Cookout, 5pm, Peake Yacht Services
01 Jan	World's First SSCA GAM 2006, Chaguaramas

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Fri	DJ Lime; The Bight, Peake Yacht Srv
Sun	Dinner and Pan; Sails Restr & Pub, Power Boats
Sun	Panman; The Bight, Peake Yacht Srv
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The trail then parallels the cliffs before descending to the parking lot at Macqueripe Beach or the trailhead at the golf course after approximately 1.5 miles.

Trail 6 – Satellite Tracking Station: Easy Trail; from trailhead the hike is approximately 2.0 miles one way.

Proceed north approximately 2.75 miles along the road flanked by samaan trees to a right or east turnoff and a sign announcing the trail to the Tracking Station. Proceed through the gate that limits all access except hikers, runners and cyclists. Within 0.5 miles the Bamboo Cathedral appears overhead and gently filters the sunlight in a lush setting. Eighteenth century Trinidadian artist and hero Michel Cazabon included the Cathedral in his paintings of the Tucker Valley. Further on the road relentlessly spirals upward, once again through howler monkey territory. An excellent view of the north coast and the sea is found at the halfway point near a small abandoned white guard station. Reaching the ridge there are three left turn options. The second left turn will lead directly to the tracking station. Rounding a curve in the road reveals a surreal scene. Towering overhead is the rusting hulk of an enormous dish, something out of the cold war era. The dish was erected by the US military in the 1950's to track nuclear missiles. The technology soon became obsolete and the dish was converted into a radio transmitter in 1960 when it was used to transmit the first radio signal to be bounced off a satellite. The dish was used until 1972 when it was abandoned. The tracking station stands on a nine-acre ridge that offers views of the Tucker Valley, the north coast of Trinidad and or far away Venezuela



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