

Three large circus tents previously used by “Cirque du Soleil” arrived in Port-au-Prince Monday February 22.



Nevada real estate developer and private pilot **Tom Schrade** did not hesitate to donate the millions of dollars worth of valuable shelter. Tents, formally used by “**Cirque du Soleil**” at the Mirage Hotel in Las Vegas a decade ago and bought by Thomas will end up in Port-au-Prince to be used as City’s administration Headquarters and other urgent applications such as hospital and more. The tents are equipped with a central air conditioning system, chairs and other equipment.

The tents will remain in place after more permanent buildings are in place and eventually turn into “*a place of joy where Haïtian people will be able to showcase the Haïtian cultural, art and history*” said **Mayor Muscadin Jean-Yves Jason**.

This tremendous act of solidarity would not have materialized without the intervention of the **William J. Clinton Foundation and Conrad N. Hilton Foundation** who coordinated and covered financially the land and sea transport of 13 forty foot containers from Reno Nevada to Port-au-Prince Haïti and not to forget the valuable intervention of Mr. **Rene Pereira, Edgeworth Inc** who coordinates the logistics for his Crisis Response Unit. Rene is also a pilot

International Air Rally (www.airrally.com) president, **Catherine Tobenas** was the first to be contacted by Thomas. Catherine became deeply involved from that point on in this fantastic “project”. Back in November 2009, International Air Rally met with **Mr. Paulson Pierre-Philippe**, official Delegate of Port-au-Prince’s Mayor in Montreal to organize hosting of the first Caribbean Air Challenge in the Capital of Haïti. **Mr. Pierre-Philippe** later volunteered to work as the *Emergency Response Coordinator* in Port-au-Prince after the devastating earthquake. The inclusion of Port-au-Prince in the destinations of the Caribbean Air Challenge was intended to support **Mayor Jason’s** efforts to help restore confidence in the Capital tourism potential. Unfortunately this major setback put aside such ambitious and promising initiative. Nevertheless, two to three and maybe more planes from the group of 25 will land in Port-au-Prince this April 19 bringing media from Australia, Europe, USA and Canada as well as some supplies. Other teams will remain in Santo Domingo until planes return same day.

Mayor Jason is to meet the crews and media. An official City recognition title will be awarded to **Mr. Schrade** and other parties involved honoring his historical gesture to help soothe the pain of the Haitian people. Hopefully the tents will be in place by then. The Capital of Port-au-Prince will remain in the itinerary of the Caribbean Air Challenge taking place every year.

Thomas Schrade is the owner of the beautiful restored Sikorsky amphibian airplane zebra-striped twin engine S-38 flying Yacht named **Osa’s Ark**. Find out more on: www.unlimitedadventure.com