

## **UPDATE # 108 - "CITY OF SAVANNAH"**

### **B-17 Restoration**

**October 26, 2011**

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After the Labor Day/School's Open rest period things are picking up again at the Mighty Eighth and the "City of Savannah" project. Over the last several weeks the Saturday Crew has completed a great deal of wiring, and the "City Lights" are showing well to all the visitors in the museum. Both sets of formation and navigation lights are now on line – showing another facet of the aircraft coming to life. Special kudos have to go out to the Wednesday Day Crew, particularly Milt Stompler and Darrell Schwartz, for the polishing job they have completed on the fuselage and are now putting on the wings. The Wednesday Night Riders are still moving along on the tail, putting final touches on the radio room, preparing the cockpit for installation of new windows, and working with the newly arrived Gulfstream metal workers on the big renovation in the nose of the aircraft.

While we are on the subject of getting things done, Jeff Hoopes has become almost a new crew all by himself. In addition to working with all of the three scheduled crews, he has completed individual projects that include interior lighting for the aircraft and adjusting the bomb bay racks so that more than skinny people (most of us) can move through the bomb bay.

Last week we held an All Hands meeting to discuss the upcoming events of the next few weeks: the arrival of several B-17's ("Yankee Lady and "909") and the B-24 "Witchcraft" that will be in town for the reunions of the WWII 486<sup>th</sup> and 487<sup>th</sup> Bomb Groups this coming weekend; a meeting of the several USA based B-17 flying and restoration organizations on November 5 at the museum; and finally, the Second Annual Flying Fortress 5K on November 12<sup>th</sup> - the only formal fundraising event for the "City of Savannah" project. For all of you in the Savannah area that have friends who are runners, or walkers, please suggest that they participate in our 5K – it really helps us financially.

One last note – the final event at the All Hands meeting was a lottery for a free flight on the "Yankee Lady". The contestants were the ten volunteers – excluding mangers – with the highest number of hours to date in 2011. Gil Patrick won the flight. Congratulations to our Master Carpenter!

*(See group picture below)*



**The “City of Savannah” active volunteers, October, 2011.  
A great bunch of people**

*More to come . . .*