

UPDATE # 95 - "CITY OF SAVANNAH"
B-17 Restoration
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There was some good news this week, and there was some bad news this week. First the good news – a hearty team of four volunteers, led by Deputy Project Manager Jim Grismer, traveled to Florida and returned with lots of B-17 parts. Jim's team, with Bill Burkel as the wheel man, and Danny Harden and Paul Abare acting as the muscle, drove down to Tampa and back without doing an overnight. They brought back another treasure trove of goodies, including gun cradles for the waist gun positions.



Bill Burkel showing off a new gun cradle he and the Acquisitions Team brought back from Florida this week.

The second good news item is that just as we were about to send out this Update Henry Skipper announced that he had reached an agreement with the Gary Miller, his counterpart at the 8th Air Force Museum in Barksdale, Louisiana, (the current home of the 8th Air Force) to cooperate on our "*City of Savannah*" B-17 restoration project and Barksdale's "*Yankee Doodle*" B-17 restoration project. There will be much more news about this new agreement in the next few weeks.

The bad news is that the wonderful pictures taken on Wednesday night last week of all the volunteers under the nose of the aircraft did not come out. It seems that the photographer used a special wide angle lens that malfunctioned. After a lot of wringing of hands about how to handle the situation it was decided that we will take another picture at the next All-Hands meeting. This will also allow some volunteers who arrived late and missed getting into the picture to get included on the next try. This will, of course, delay Skip Shelton's painting of the group gathered beneath the aircraft. But don't worry – Skip told us that good things come to those who wait.

More to come . . .