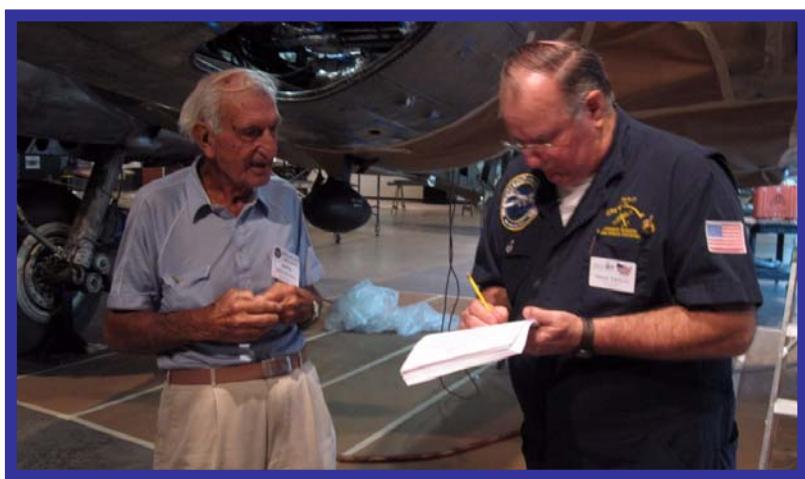


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This week was for getting a great many small projects attended to on the airplane’s “things to do” list. The Saturday crew continues working on what will become the many lights we hope to display on the aircraft. They also helped out with a special tribute to some terrific out of town volunteers from LMI Corporation which you will hear more about next week. The two Wednesday crews were both very busy. The day crew spent a great deal of time at Home Depot purchasing lumber as we prepare to construct the flooring for our lower cockpit and nose compartments. They also cleaned and painted some of the waist position gun mounts and worked on the puzzling problem of bomb racks which seem to have suddenly decided that they don’t want to fit in the airplane.

The Wednesday night crew is singing the praises of Bob MacDonald, who has rebuilt the “City’s” external power receptacle to “like new” condition. They also continued their work with the newly installed flight control panels by fully rigging the rudder and beginning work on the ailerons.

Our volunteer bio this week reports on our Assistant Project Manager, Dave Talleur, who spent much of the week recovering from surgery. Since Dave is a very interesting guy, we figured telling a little bit of his life story might lift his spirits and get him back to the Museum a few days early.



Looking at Dave today you might not think of the Poughkeepsie, New York, native as the twinkle toes figure skater and member of the band that he was at Kingston High School. His main hobby as a young man, he tells us, was looking up in the sky to watch airplanes. (Literary types call that “foreshadowing”.) After graduating from high school Dave enlisted

in the Air Force and after four years returned to civilian life having served as a Crew Chief on KC-135 aircraft. After spending several years working his way up the ladder in a New York state utility company – and still looking up to watch those airplanes – Dave succumbed to his passion and moved to Florida to enroll in Embry Riddle Aeronautical University in order to pursue his goal of working in the corporate aviation industry. He more than met that goal, and retired 35 years later with 11,000 hours of flight time in his log book and the title of Assistant Chief Pilot and Director of Maintenance (not many people are qualified to hold both titles) at Raytheon Corporation's, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, base of operations.

After retirement Dave decided he liked flying those Gulfstream G IV's and spent another five years working for Flight Safety Corporation, here in Savannah, as a flight instructor. He finally retired for good in 2009, and joined the "*City of Savannah*" project that same year, doing public relations work on the floor of the Museum. We couldn't let a guy with that much talent and background work as just our "BS guy" and we roped him on to the management team. Dave and his wife, Denise have one daughter and two granddaughters. Denise reports that Dave still looks up in the sky to watch the airplanes. Get well soon Big Guy; we need you at the Museum.

More to come . . .