

Update #19 – *“City of Savannah”*

B-17 Restoration
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Last week was a busy one for the *“City of Savannah”* project. Steve Ward moved over from the ranks of corporate supporter with International Aero Services to active volunteer, and spent Wednesday afternoon with the day crew teaching them the fine points of aircraft polishing. Steve will be working regularly with a newly formed Saturday team which will be led by JEB Harper.



Meanwhile, an all out effort is being made to complete the polishing of the *“City”*. The Friday crew, which usually works inside the aircraft, took on the task of polishing the upper right wing. They did an excellent job with their new assignment, so much so, that JEB and Steve’s team was able to finish the wing on Saturday. Operations Coordinator Jim Grismer reports that both Wednesday teams will start working on the left wing next week and that the new Saturday crew will finish the fuselage. The stubborn problem of the underside of the wings will be the final challenge.



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The *“City”* also had a special visitor last week. Matt Jolly, a news anchor at WGXA, FOX 24, in Macon, Georgia, interviewed Project Coordinator Jerry McLaughlin and several members of the Friday crew. Matt is working with a group that is starting a website dedicated to aircraft restoration, and is planning on highlighting the *“City of Savannah”* as one of the website’s first subjects. We will provide you with an address as soon as it becomes available.



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