

Update #20 – *“City of Savannah”*

B-17 Restoration
July 17, 2009

Special attention this week goes to the folks at LMI Aerospace Corporation and David Pinegar. These photos show how the LMI factory team is completely restoring the control surfaces on the “*City of Savannah*”. While that work is being done at the LMI facility several miles from the museum, David spends his lunch hour every day in the museum’s Combat Gallery where he has set up a work bench beneath the port wing of the “*City*”. From his public work bench David entertains the museum visitors from noon



until 1:00PM as he works on various small projects associated with the aircraft. David was one our first volunteers and continues to mount up his volunteer hours – one hour at a time



by donating his lunch hours to the project. Meanwhile, LMI’s corporate office in St. Charles, Missouri, has supported our restoration even further by agreeing to mold very costly aluminum attachments for the aircraft – the gun blister for the right side of the nose compartment and the fairing for the navigator’s dome. Hat’s off to David and LMI Aerospace Corporation management for all this support!!!!

Other activity this week involved the delivery of the final version of the long term Strategic Plan for the restoration project. Project Coordinators Jerry McLaughlin and Jim Grismer delivered the plan to CEO Henry Skipper on July 15th. Henry will review the plan and meet with Jerry and Jim next week to discuss any final changes.



Work continued this week on polishing the aircraft.

More to come.....