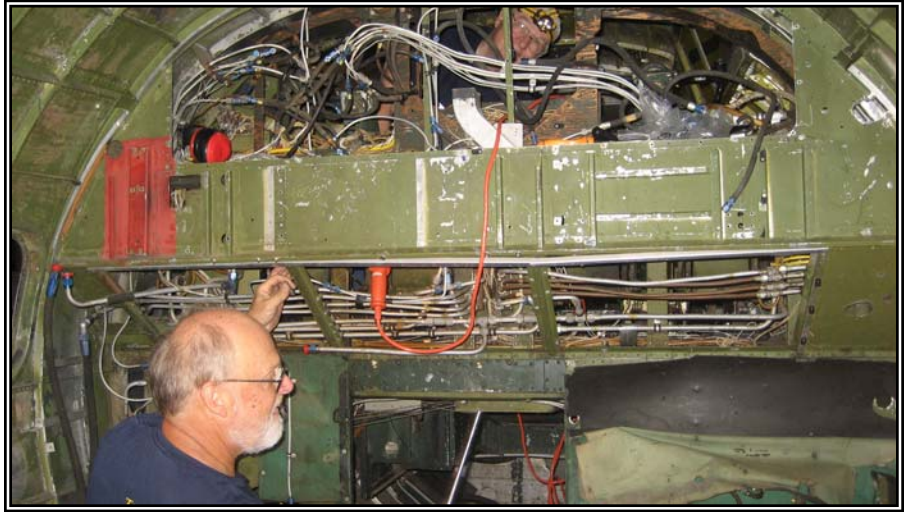


Update #23 – “City of Savannah”

B-17 Restoration
August 7, 2009

This was another busy week for the “City of Savannah”. All four teams began their specific assignments based upon the Strategic Plan. On Wednesday the day crew continued to clean the inside of the nose compartment, with considerable success, in preparation for the painting test that will begin in the next few weeks. The Wednesday evening crew began the difficult task of removing the windshields and cockpit ceiling windows. The Friday crew began the final disassembly of the secondary cockpit wiring and tubing. Tomorrow the new Saturday crew will continue their polishing on the tail and upper wings.



Thank you to Bruce Johnson, Facilities Manager, for installing a rolling desk beneath the left wing of the “City”. All working logs and time sheets will now be kept on that desk.

Pictured above: Scott Witcher in the nose compartment and Chuck Brisbin looking from the cockpit



Pictured above: Bill Burkel (left) and Chuck Milton (right)

Jerry McLaughlin will also be making an important visit next week when he spends August 12 with the restoration staff of the Air Mobility Command Museum in Dover, Delaware. He will be inspecting and photographing their fully restored B-17 “Sleepy Time Gal”. The “Gal” is also a “G” model and we are hopeful that Jerry’s photographs, along with the input from the AMC staff, will be helpful in providing us with ideas and guidance for our project.

Everyone is looking forward to the visit of Gary Norville, the owner of American Aero Services. Gary will be meeting, on August 15, with the “hands on” volunteers to talk about corrosion and the general restoration challenges we face with the “City of Savannah”.

More to follow...