

Update #24 – “City of Savannah”

B-17 Restoration
August 14, 2009

This week work continued on cleaning of the “City’s” nose compartment and removal of the cockpit windows, which required considerable effort and some special tools that were, fortunately, available from the home shop of Bill Burkel.

The Wednesday evening crew also installed safety lines in the bomb bay.



Jerry McLaughlin brought back some very interesting photos and information from his visit to the Air Mobility Command Museum in Dover, Delaware, where he closely inspected their B-17G “Sleepy Time Gal”. A special thank you to Doug Birkey of the Air



Force Association who traveled from Washington to meet Jerry in Dover and provided a great deal of insight into warbird restoration in general and B-17's in particular.

FYI: The “Liberty Belle” the B-17 Flying Fortress, owned by Don Brooks, will be in Charleston, SC on September 5-6, 2009. If you are interested in seeing this aircraft it will be located at Charleston Executive Airport, Mercury Air Center FBO, 2700 Fort Trenholm Road. The “Liberty Belle” usually flies between 10 am to 3 pm each day with ground tours after the flights. For more information go online to www.libertyfoundation.org.



More to follow...