

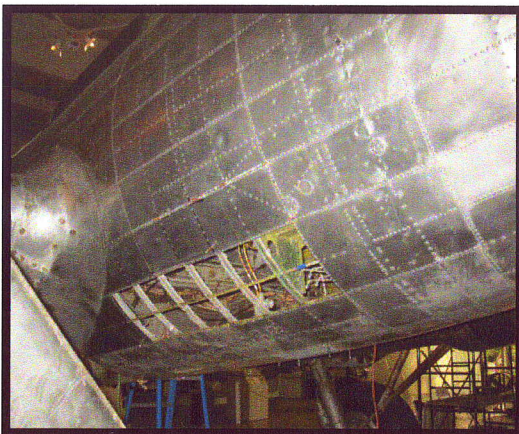
## Update #38 – “City of Savannah”

B-17 Restoration  
December 4, 2009

This was a quiet week for the “City of Savannah” project as the moving of the “City” within the Combat Gallery was postponed, and the arrival of the ColdJet machine was delayed. Things are picking up quickly, however, with the ColdJet machine having arrived today (Friday). The instructor who will teach our volunteers how to use it will arrive on Wednesday. The ColdJet dry ice technology for cleaning of metal, you may remember, was used very successfully by the restoration team at Wright-Patterson AFB on the most famous B-17 of them all, the “*Memphis Belle*”. Henry Skipper and Jerry McLaughlin visited the National Air Force Museum in July and noted the remarkable success that the ColdJet technology had demonstrated on the “*Belle*”. Contact with the ColdJet corporate marketing staff has resulted in the technology being made available, at no charge, to our project. Operations Coordinator, Jim Grismer, plans to organize all four of the working crews into special schedules that will allow the “City” to be systematically cleaned with the ColdJet machine during the month it will be available to us. If the cleaning is as successful with the “City” as it was in Ohio we hope to be able to finally end the cleaning phase of the project and begin formal restoration of the aircraft soon after the first of the year.



Hopefully the ColdJet will aid in the tedious job of cleaning the undersides of the wings



Removal of some of the forward underbelly skin that was accomplished this week

Early tomorrow morning ten members of the restoration team will be leaving for New Smyrna Beach Florida to spend the day with Gary Norville and his team of aircraft maintenance professionals at American Aero Services. Gary’s company does all of the annual maintenance on the famous Collings Foundation WWII bombers, “909”, a B-17G like ours, and “*Witchcraft*”, the last flying B-24. You may remember that Gary visited us several months ago to advise our team on the progress of their work. He followed up his visit by inviting all of our volunteers



A G-Scale model train with P-51’s in transit was donated to the Museum by Charlie & Jackie Ro and Mr. John O’Neil. The train travels around the base of our Veteran’s Honor Tree.

to visit his facility while the “909” and “*Witchcraft*” are in Florida this month. Gary’s generosity is another example of the excellent cooperation that the national war bird community has extended to the “City of Savannah” project since we were formed one year ago this month.

Much more to come.....