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To: B-17 Restoration Volunteers (Update #4)

Work continues on removing storage residue from the outside of the airplane in preparation for polishing.

Significant progress has been made by our volunteer historians, Doug and Mary Jo Reed. This week they located a pilot who flew our aircraft during its operational years with the Canadian survey firm, Kenting Aviation. Pictures, logs, and stories of the plane's activities during that period are being gathered by Doug and Mary Jo in what is becoming a very large research project.

As we mentioned last week, we are attempting to put together a fourth cleaning team that will work on Fridays. We are contacting potential volunteers in the order that they applied. We hope to have that team in place by April 1.

Two important meetings are scheduled for April. On Tuesday, April 7, a group of senior volunteers and team leaders will visit Don Brooks and Tom Reilly at Don's facility in Douglas Georgia. Don is well known for restoring B-17's and has taken a serious interest in our restoration project. The second event in April will be a strategic planning meeting to be held on the 9th of April. At this meeting museum management and senior volunteers will formalize plans for the entire project.

We have received many, many applications to volunteer on this project, and will do our best to see that everyone who has applied gets a chance to work on the restoration.

More to come.