

Update # 45 - "City of Savannah"

B-17 Restoration
February 26, 2010

The word for the project this February has been RECRUITMENT! Thanks to Jim Grismer we have new volunteers on all four shifts this month – some of our new recruits have already started work (see picture below) and more will be starting next week. When we finally sort out who is actually coming on board, and on what shifts, we will introduce you to all of our Freshman class of 2010.

Because of all the new blood working with each crew Jim has been able to get work done on both the interior of the aircraft and the cursed crud on the under side of both wings. As we are going to print today the entire left wing is completed and the Friday crew is working on the final stages of the right wing.



(left to right; Arlen Juergens, Mike Callahan, Jeff Hoopes)

Meanwhile, work continues on the interior of the aircraft in preparation for painting – a task that has had its share of delays over the last few months. Jim doesn't want to set a firm date for the start of the painting, but it will be in the near future.

Several of the volunteers are making plans to attend a major B-17 event that will take place August 7-8 at Willow Run Airport that is being billed as "*Thunder Over Michigan*". The event is honoring the 75th Anniversary of the first flight of a B-17 in 1935 and will have most, if not all, of the flying B-17's in the world in attendance. Anyone who is interested in attending should contact Jane Harper so that we can have a list of interested travelers when we start making final arrangements.

More to come.....