

## **Update # 54 - "City of Savannah"**

B-17 Restoration

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There is more progress to report this week. Jim Argo has begun his special project of inspecting virtually the entire airframe of the "City of Savannah", rib by rib, in the preparation of his list of sites that will require special attention in the upcoming anti-corrosion program. All of the crews are working to complete the interior cleaning of the aircraft prior to the application of the anti-corrosion materials. The final step to complete Phase II of the restoration will be to paint the interior of the "City". A decision on the methodology for painting the interior – high tech, with a paint sprayer that Gulfstream Corporation would make available to the museum, or low tech with sponge brushes – will not be made until it can be determined if the paint sprayer can be used in the closed environment of the museum during working hours.

Good news from LMI Corporation. They will be delivering, on June 16<sup>th</sup>, the right nose blister and navigator's astrodome flange that they have manufactured from molds provided by Don Brooks, owner of the famous B-17 "Liberty Belle". LMI has been an ardent supporter of our project from the very first day that the "City" arrived in Savannah in January of 2009. Manufacturing of this original parts cost LMI "tens of thousands" of dollars. Museum CEO Henry Skipper will welcome the arrival of the new parts, along with local representative David Pinegar and senior LMI executives, to thank LMI for what the corporation has done, and continues to do for our project.

*More to come.....*



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