

Update # 6 - April 3, 2009

Work continues to remove storage residue from the fuselage and wings of the “City of Savannah”. Our Day Crew Leader, Jim Argo, is hopeful that the fuselage will be ready for polishing by the end of this month. The undersides of both wings remain a problem. Next Wednesday a more powerful steam cleaner will be utilized to try and clean the wings. If you are a member of the Wednesday daytime crew, please try and be at the museum at 9:00 AM next week, as this cleaning will require an all hands effort.

In addition to Wednesday’s steam cleaning project, two meetings will take place next week that will have major impact on the project. Project Manager Jerry McLaughlin, Restoration Crew Chief Jim Grismer, and Team Leaders Jim Argo and Bill Liening will travel to Douglas, Georgia, to meet with Don Brooks and Tom Reilly on April 7. Don has an international reputation for restoring WWII aircraft, and Tom is the man who does the actual restorations. They have visited the museum and walked through the “City of Savannah” to evaluate the aircraft’s condition. Now they will meet with our team to discuss how they might assist us in our project. You can check out Don’s background with B-17’s by goggling “B-17 Liberty Bell”.

On Thursday, April 9, Museum CEO Henry Skipper will be conducting a strategic planning session for the “City of Savannah” restoration project. He will be meeting with senior volunteers and museum staff in order to determine the requirements and resources as well as the goals and objectives for the entire restoration project.

We will report on both of these meetings, as well as the Wednesday cleaning effort in next week’s update.

We are looking for a volunteer with strong graphic artist skills. If you are getting this update, and have those skills, please contact Sheila Saxon at the museum – 748-8888 X 107.