



UPDATE # 81 - "CITY OF SAVANNAH"

B-17 Restoration
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This is the final "*City of Savannah*" Update for 2010. What a year it has been! Garcia Week, the painting of the interior, Skip Shelton's work on the outside of the airplane. It seemed as if every week there was something even more exciting going on with the airplane. The three work crews are on a well deserved Christmas hiatus – but the project's other aspects, like most businesses, will keep on working through the end of the year.

Several parts trade negotiations are underway, and as this is being written, Jim Grismer, Richard Moscatiello and Bill Burkel are driving back from Tampa, Florida, where they purchased a great deal of original WWII equipment that will be installed on the "*City*" when the formal restoration process of the aircraft gets underway next month.

January 15th is the second anniversary of the arrival of the aircraft. On that date a dinner will be held honoring the volunteers who have worked so hard to bring the airplane from the dull and filthy condition of 25 years of storage after a 30 year flying career to the shining exterior and newly painted interior that visitors see in the Museum today.

The next year promises to be even more exciting as the "*City*" takes on its war bird exterior with the addition of turrets and armament and the interior of the aircraft begins to fill with the equipment that was necessary for a B-17 to fly into harm's way in 1944.

Thank you to all of you who have followed our project during the last year, and we hope that you stay with us in the exciting months of 2011. A happy holiday season to all of you... and remember,

There is much more to come...

