

UPDATE # 83 - "CITY OF SAVANNAH"

B-17 Restoration

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Things were really humming again this week at the Mighty Eighth as Garcia Week II unfolded with Tommy Garcia's arrival on Monday. As was the case last summer, having Tommy's expertise in the building allowed a full week of volunteer effort as everyone sought his advice on the part of the "*City of Savannah*" restoration on which they are engaged.



Our special guest, Tommy Garcia, preparing the instrument panel frame for remounting on the airplane.

Tommy took the Crew Chief's and lead workers on each crew through the airplane from nose to tail and explained the various challenges facing each crew as we transfer over from preparing the airplane for restoration to the actual restoration process. Considerable time was taken to talk to the carpenters on the Wednesday (Day) crew, the metal workers on the Wednesday (Night) crew and the electricians on the Saturday crew. Assistant Project Manager Richard Moscatiello attended all of these briefings and will be coordinating the efforts of the three crews.



Guy MacDonald and his CARS radio team discuss plans for their soon to be completed radio room.

David Pinegar, our contact point with LMI Corporation has announced that the year long effort to refurbish the “City’s” rudder has now been completed. The rudder will be returning to the Museum, for remounting on the aircraft, in time for the Wednesday crews to undertake that chore.



Mork Glick and Jim Grismer putting finishing touches on the new waist entrance steps.

Everyone seemed to enjoy the 2nd annual dinner sponsored by the Museum to honor the volunteers who are working on the project (more coverage to follow). Other events ongoing during this week are the completion of the wooded stairs that will be used at the waist door of the aircraft and the Saturday addition of the “Stars and Bars” insignia to the fuselage of the “City”.

More to come . . .