

UPDATE # 86 - "CITY OF SAVANNAH"

B-17 Restoration

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This was another busy week for the "*City of Savannah*" restoration project. The Wednesday Day Crew cut, sanded, and nailed together ten holders for the ten "Bailout Bottles" that were purchased last December. These portable oxygen bottles were mounted at every crew member's station for use if the crew had to take to their parachutes at high altitudes. They also painted several parts, including the hydraulic accumulator reservoir, which will be mounted on the airplane in the near future.



Crew Chief Danny Harden works with Bill Burkel, Richard Moscatiello and Joe Prichard to complete ten bailout bottle holders

The Wednesday Night Crew continued their work preparing the radio room for its final restoration. They also began working on the flight control and engine cables.

The Saturday Crew completed the radio room table, which will be installed on Wednesday night. They also continued to route the wire harness in the waist area and began installing working parts for the bomb bay doors – which we plan to open and close as part of the show for Museum guests before the end of the year. We forgot to report last week that the Saturday crew also began reinstalling the City's instrument panel. The first of the original equipment on the airplane to be reinstalled after the painting of the interior.

We are glad to report that Tim Steele spent two shifts (Wednesday night and Saturday) working on the waist area Stars and Bars. When Tim is finished these additions will make a very big difference in the appearance the City.



Rocky Rodriguez and Jeff Hoopes look over the instrument panel mounting plates prior to beginning the reinstallation of the instrument panel in the City of Savannah

The only down note this week is that we are losing our Assistant Project Manager, Richard Moscatiello. Richard is moving to Atlanta. In the time he has been with the project Richard has made a major contribution with his organizational skills, his technical knowledge and his IT skills. Hopefully we can keep Richard involved from a distance on some of our IT work.

Well done RM!

More to come . . .