

Update # 44 – “City of Savannah”

B-17 Restoration
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This past week has seen a number of accomplishments in the restoration process. The greatest challenge of removing the decades of crud from the underside of the wings has been met head on. After testing a growing number of paint strippers, our crews have hit on the first one that attacks the layers of mysterious finishes adhering to the wing's surfaces. Now we are moving along. The new stripper accompanied by hand labor is bringing the shine out on the aluminum skin.



Our resident woodcrafter, Scott Witcher has assembled a fine case for the model of the 1941 Hunter Army Airfield fire truck. It stands in the Combat Gallery at the shop door. One can view the model and see the real fire truck as a “work in progress” within the shop.



The day crew has assembled a first class radio shop for our new radio/communication team. Representatives from our local Ham Radio Club are joining our volunteers at the restoration site. They will endeavor to prepare our radios and ultimately have them up and running within the radio compartment of the Bomber. They will be working closely with our volunteer technicians and avionics specialists.

More to come...