

## **Update # 64 -“City of Savannah”**

B-17 Restoration

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This is the second week our day crew stand down, but once again much as been in the air around the “*City of Savannah*”.

Deputy Project Manager Jim Grismer is preparing to spend a week on vacation in New Smyrna Beach, Florida. Those of you who have been reading this update for a while will remember that New Smyrna Beach is also the home of our good friend Gary Norville, the owner of American Aero Services. Jim plans on spending time with Gary and discussing some of the, literally, tons of B-17 parts in Gary’s various storage locations. After the interior of the aircraft is painted, and the new floors are installed, it will be time to start acquiring equipment for the “*City*”. We are hopeful that Jim will be able to find much of what we are looking for in Gary’s collections.

Those of you who are runners and live outside of Savannah now have an excuse to visit our fair city. The reason for your trip will be to support the “*City of Savannah*” project by joining the local runners on November 6, 2010, in the **Flying Fortress 5K**. Presented by Fleet Feet Sports, the race will start and end at the Mighty Eighth’s front entrance and run through the sprawling property of our next door neighbor JCB, Inc. If you are interested, as a local or out-of-towner, you can register on line at: Active.com. If you need more information about this event, please contact Jane Harper at 912-748-8888 or at [jharper@mightyeighth.org](mailto:jharper@mightyeighth.org). Proceeds from the 5K Run/Walk will go directly to the restoration of our B-17.

Yet another major Thank You has to go out this week to LMI Corporation. They have repaired our damaged bomb bay door and returned it to us in time for the painting project. The Wednesday (Day) crew will complete the polishing and anti-corrosion etching that the door missed out on while it was with LMI, and the Wednesday “Night Riders” will re-install it.

Things will begin to get busy again next week as the day crews return to work and prepare for the arrival of Tommy Garcia, the carpentry plans he will have with him, and what he promises will be other goodies that he is putting in his trailer.

There was lots of good feedback on last week’s picture of the very early civilian history of the “*City*”, so we are adding another picture from the same era – as a matter of fact, the same day – to this Update.



**This picture recorded the Benz brothers landing 44-83814 (our airplane) at the airport they owned in Hazen, North Dakota, on June 11, 1947.**

More to come . . .