

## **Update # 65 - "City of Savannah"**

B-17 Restoration

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This week's major event occurred on Monday when Steve Jonas and Bill DeLoach, two of our radio room team from the Coastal Amateur Radio Society (CARS), drove to South Carolina to pick up our "new" 60 year old radio transmitter system that was purchased and donated to the project by Tommy Garcia. Steve and Bill brought the system to the Museum, where CARS president Guy MacDonald met them and secured the equipment in the shop area prior to it's being accessioned and cataloged into the Museum archives. As soon as the painting and special carpentry work for the stacking of the equipment in the radio room is completed the CARS team will be turned loose to create what will be a fully functioning radio room in the "City".

Things were humming again this Wednesday as the Day Crew came back to work and the Night Hawks kept up their busy schedule.

Danny Harden's Day Crew devoted a maximum effort to preparing the newly repaired bomb bay door for re-mounting. They cleaned and etched the door and will have it polished by the end of their shift next week. Bill Liening and his Night Crew re-mounted two bomb racks in the bomb bay and the other bomb bay door on Wednesday night. They are also continuing work on installing the right cheek gun blister, and were very happy to receive pictures of how that blister looks from the inside and outside on the B-17's "909", and "Aluminum Overcast". Our Project Manager, Jerry McLaughlin, took the pictures while attending the Thunder Over Michigan air show. Seven B-17's participated in the air show, which was held at Willow Run, Michigan, to honor the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the first B-17 flight.



**B-17'S LINED UP FOR THUNDER OVER MICHIGAN.**

Thanks to our good friend Dr. Harry Friedman for daring to ride the crane and take this picture.



**Milt Stombler, Darrell Schwartz, Joe Pritchard, Danny Harden (Crew Chief)**

More to come...