

# A Visit To The B -17 Alliance Foundation, Salem Oregon



On a recent visit to Portland I took advantage of an invitation to make a visit to a restoration project that is ongoing in Salem Oregon. This project involves a complete restoration of a B-17G Aircraft the plane is affectionately called the "The Lucy Lady". The Lady was bought from a surplus air strip at the end of World War 2, by an entrepreneur who wanted the aircraft for his fledgling service station business in Milwaukie, Oregon. His marketing idea was very successful, he mounted the aircraft above his service station on a pedestal for those traveling down the road could see in plain site. It came to be known as "The Gas Station Bomber" and

became an attraction in Milwaukie, Oregon. It remained on the pedestal from 1947 until 2014 before it was moved to McNary Field. The B-17 Foundation seeks to honor WWII veterans by returning this specific aircraft to a flyable condition for future generations to learn about history, and the sacrifice that countless air crews made during WWII.

An artist who recreated the nose art on the aircraft needed a model and yes the Lacy Lady does exist and I met her during my visit she will be the sweetheart of the air on this B-17

Best of Luck to all the volunteers in this endeavor, and also Thank You Burt for a great tour!

More information can be obtained by going to the B-17 Alliance Foundation at <http://b17alliance.com>



Original Radio Gear



TUNING DATA			
REC. DIAL			
FREQ.			
TRANS. FREQ. CONT. DIAL			
ANT. COIL			
ANT. COND.			
ANT.			

MANUFACTURED FOR  
NAVY DEPARTMENT - BUREAU OF SHIPS  
NEW YORK, N.Y.  
COPY NUMBERED - COME DATE 31 APRIL 1941

FCC Regulations require updated Radios



New Radios and Avionics will be installed



A wooden mold set for metal fabrication on the wing



Nose sections



Nose sections





Tail section ready for restoration process



I think I know this craftsman



Gun Turrets



Volunteers at Work

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## May 2026 Special Events

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**Club Business Meeting**  
**5/14/2026**



Meeting starts at 6:30 pm (local) Roundtable Pizza 27 N. Main  
St Angels Camp Ca.

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## **CARS 4-4 Breakfast**







## Cars March Meeting









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# Military Ship Callsigns

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## NS Savannah ARC 2026 Schedule

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Event Date	Call	Description
January 24	K3S	R/O Jack Binns CQD SOS RMS Republic (1909)
February 21	K3S	War Shipping Administration Created (1942)
March 21	K3S	1st LORAN Experiments (Montauk - Fenwick Isl)
April 25	K3S	International Marconi Day (Award Station)
May 16-17	K3S	National Maritime Day
Jun 6-7	K3SAV	Museum Ships Weekend
June 24-30*	K3S	Sail250 and Flyover (*SE dates to be announced)
July 18	K3S	NS Savannah Launch (1959)
August 22	K3S	NS Savannah Maiden Voyage (1962)
September 12	K3S	Baltimore Defenders Day (1814)
October 10	K3S	Ike Eisenhower's Birthday (1890)
November 14	K3S	1st Transatlantic Ham Radio 2-way (1923)
December 05	K3S	Atoms for Peace UN Speech by Ike (1953)

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## April Special Event Info

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## Dave (AD6AE) March Article

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# **Valley Of The Moon Swap Meet April 25th 2026**

Information about the Valley Of The Moon Swapmeet can be obtained by clicking on the Link below

<http://vomarc.org/events/hamfest.html>