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Yukon Transportation Hall of Fame recognizes new inductees

WHITEHORSE—The 2011 Pioneer of the Year, Person of the Year, and Order of Polaris awards were presented yesterday to inductees and their families during a ceremony at the Yukon Transportation Museum.

"The Transportation Hall of Fame annually honours individuals and companies that have made significant contributions to the transportation industry in Yukon," Highways and Public Works Minister Archie Lang said. "I am honoured to recognize these awards as they enhance our knowledge of the people who have shaped our roadways, airways, and waterways, which give us a greater appreciation of our transportation systems."

The Pioneer of the Year award was presented to the family of John Edward Farnsworth "Ned" Hoggan. A master mariner, Hoggan came to the North in 1898 to seek his riches in gold. While he never struck it rich in the fields, he discovered his passion for Yukon's waterways. During his years, Hoggan was a navigator and pilot whom passengers could always trust to get them to their destinations.

The Person of the Year award was presented to Clive Boyd. As project manager for General Enterprises, Boyd worked on almost all major mines and highways in Yukon during the latter half of the 20th century. Juggling major contracts throughout Yukon's massive landscape, Boyd moved his teams as their capabilities and expertise were needed.

The Order of Polaris was awarded to Dawn and Gordon Bartsch, as the first pilots in Western Canada to use a DC-3 as a commercial bush plane. Their first DC-3 is located outside the Yukon Transportation Museum and is Yukon's largest weathervane. During its peak in the 1960s, the Bartsch's aviation company, Great Northern Airways, had 24 airplanes and 160 employees.

For more information about the inductees and to learn how to place a nomination, visit www.hpw.gov.yk.ca.

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