PLAQUES IN THE NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

Location: Yellowknife; Bristol Freighter

Placed by: City of Yellowknife

Plaque by the Yellowknife Museum Society

near Yellowknife Airport

Bristol Freighter 170MK31

This aircraft was donated by Wardair Canada Ltd. as a monument to commemorate the work done by this type of air freighter in developing northern Canada by servicing trading posts, schools, mining properties, oil exploration crews, and un-named Arctic islands.

This particular aircraft was retired from active service early in 1968 after making history of May 6, 1967, when, piloted by Captain Don Braun, it was the first wheel equipped aircraft to land at the North Pole.
PLANE HELPED DEVELOP THE NORTH

By Mark Sproule

Yellowsky's Wings of Gold will soon have a new home.

The Yellowsky Foundation, located at 100 Old Airport Road and Highway 31, is a non-profit organization that strives to preserve and promote the rich aviation history of the region. The foundation has received a grant from the federal government to fund the restoration of the Yellowsky-Ward Airplane, a rare example of early aviation technology.

The Yellowsky-Ward Airplane was built in 1917 by Arthur Ward, a local businessman and aviation enthusiast. The plane was used for both military and commercial purposes during World War I. After the war, it was sold to the government and used for testing and training purposes.

Unfortunately, the airplane was eventually sold to a collection of private investors who allowed it to fall into disrepair. However, the Yellowsky Foundation has taken it upon itself to restore the plane to its former glory.

The airplane is scheduled to be completed and on display by next spring. The foundation is currently seeking additional donations to fund the final stages of the restoration.

Come visit the Yellowsky Foundation and see this incredible piece of history for yourself.