



The most coveted award in aviation is appropriately accompanied by big smiles. Here President Davis receives the traditional bronze Tony Jannus plaque from the 1979 recipient, Jehangir R. D. Tata.



The 1970 Jannus Award winner, Daniel J. Haughton, called on Mrs. Davis to help him present the blue ribboned Jannus medallion which Davis will wear at future Jannus Awards ceremonies.

Company is highly honored when Davis is chosen

When President T. H. Davis became the 1980 Tony Jannus Award recipient he graciously shared the high personal honor with his family and his Company. In his acceptance speech Davis attributed his success to many employees he started and, indeed, struggled to bring Piedmont to where it is today.

This year's "outstanding contributor to scheduled air transportation" is the first founder of a regional carrier to be chosen for one of the most coveted honors in aviation. He joins the world's most elite group of aviation leaders.

Robert Cutler, chairman of the Greater Tampa Chamber's Tony Jannus Award Committee, said this year's banquet at Host International Hotel in Tampa International Airport "attracted a record number of internationally known aviation figures."

The 1980 award was presented to Davis by J. R. D. Tata, founder and chairman of Air India, who received the award last year. The

keynote speaker at the annual banquet was Donald Nyrop, retired chairman of the board of Northwest Airlines. Nyrop received the Jannus Award in 1978.

Since the award's inception in 1964 the recipients include, in order,

SENATOR A. S. MIKE MONRONEY, who led and spearheaded the drive to build U. S. airlines into a world-wide network of soundly planned, government regulated, privately-owned common carriers. Senator Monroney for many years was the congressional fighter for air transportation.

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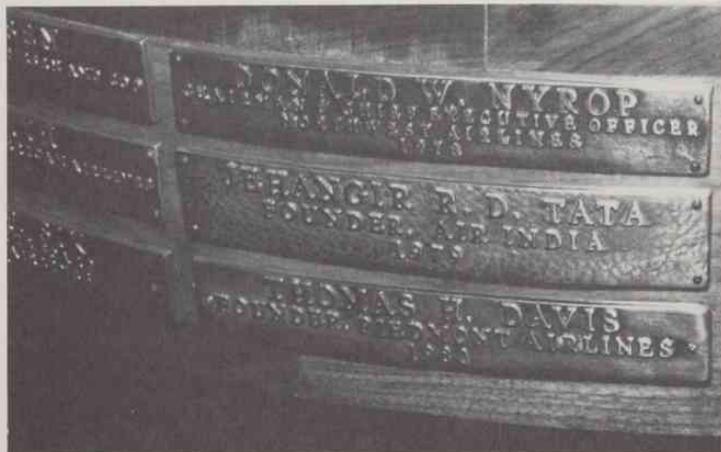
Among the very special guests at the dinner honoring Davis was Mrs. A. S. Mike Monroney, wife of the late Senator who was the very first Tony Jannus Award recipient. She was introduced by C. R. Smith, founder of American Airlines, who received the same award in 1975.



At a casual gathering the night before the awards dinner, the past recipients posed with Davis and his favorite model airplane. From left, they are Sir Frank Whittle, Donald W. Nyrop, Jehangir R. D. Tata, Davis, and Daniel J. Haughton.



Mr. and Mrs. Davis shared the tremendous honor of receiving the Tony Jannus Award with their family. They're shown here with three of their very proud girls, Nancy and Dootsie Davis at left and Wendy Davis Pierce at right.



Davis' name was added to the permanent Jannus Award, a large circular trophy made of wood and bronze.



The impressive Jannus Award, which revolves in a glass case, is permanently located in the lobby of the Tampa International Airport.