

Support by members of Torrance Airport Association in 2016 allowed TAA to:

- **Continue to fight the City's dangerous plan to allow South Bay Lexus to build a sales lot in the RPZ of 29R. TAA testified before the Los Angeles Airport Land Use Commission (ALUC), which rejected the plan, and met with the City Council to convince them NOT to override ALUC rejection--forcing revisions to the plan to make it more pilot-friendly. Testified in the City Council hearing of TAA's appeal (filed June 2015) of the Planning Commission's flawed decision to approve the original Lexus plan.**
- **Continue to fight the harassment of Torrance Airport pilots by a shadowy group dedicated to driving off the airport all aircraft they don't like. TAA hosted a meeting with Torrance Police Department to share the harassment evidence.**
- **Press Torrance City Council to make the airport complaint recording system more transparent by exposing the small number of complainers who file hundreds of bogus noise complaints. Reports now include the number of complaints filed by the most prolific complainers.**
- **Organize and support (with the Western Museum of Flight and a host of volunteers) the visit by the Collings Foundation's B-24, B-17, and P-51 in April 2016. Awarded a ride on the B-24 to the winner of TAA's member lottery.**
- **Hold four seminars on a variety of aviation safety subjects, including insurance issues involved in the hangar fires in 2015.**
- **Continue the "Friends of Torrance Airport" program to educate the South Bay community about the valuable educational, recreational and disaster response resources of the Torrance Airport. Under this program, TAA:**
 - **bought ground tour tickets for 150 Torrance school kids at the Collings Foundation aircraft event,**
 - **held a STEM event for 150 students from Torrance Unified School District,**
 - **expanded the campaign to educate the disaster response community (including the Red Cross) about the value of the airport in regional disaster relief and recovery efforts,**
 - **initiate the formation of a TAA Disaster Airlift Response Team (T-DART), linked with the Red Cross, California Pilots Association, and other DART chapters**
 - **publish a weekly notice of upcoming activities and events on the airport, and**
 - **maintain a Facebook page to document the airport activities.**
- **Organize a tour of the airport for the new City Councilman, Milton Herring.**
- **Publish the TAA Newsletter to keep our members current with issues that affect them.**
- **Complete the renaming of the East Tee Hangar rows to memorialize local aviation history.**

Please join or renew your TAA membership and continue your support as we begin a new year. Send your check for \$25 to TAA, 2785 PCH PMB #E164, Torrance, CA 90505. Be sure your name is on the check.

THANK YOU!

Barry Jay, President

Torrance Airport Association