Spring has sprung! We are happy to announce our Spring TLARGI meeting with special musical guests Trio Ellas!! Please join us April 2nd for an exciting TIPS and TLARGI dinner meeting at the Phoenix Club in Anaheim.

Trio Ellas is a power trio making music somewhere between traditional mariachi and classic romantic trio with a fresh Contemporary twist. Come enjoy the refreshing sounds and start your Spring renewal off right with great entertainment, technical presentations and your fellow TLARGI members!

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ELASTOMERIC MATERIALS IN AIRCRAFT APPLICATIONS
By: UPPALA RAJAKARUNA of Goodyear Rubber Co.
Discussion Topics:
- Polymer Uses in Modern Aircraft Applications
- Specific Property Requirements for Aircraft Applications
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Mark Your Calendars Now!! 2013 TLARGI Summer Conference “A Mardi Gras Extravaganza!”
May 31st thru June 2nd — Golden Nugget — Las Vegas, NV (See Page 10)
Hi Everyone,

Wow! It’s already April, this year is moving fast. I want to thank everyone who came to our February Spouse’s / Casino Night. If this had been Las Vegas we would all be rich. I saw a lot of tickets going into the prize bags.

Our next meeting is April 2nd and Eddie Gonzales has booked “Trio Ellas” as our entertainment for the evening. This trio of female singers will blow you away with the quality of their musical talent. You will not want to miss them.

Another good reason to come to the April Meeting is to pick up your Yearbooks. Beth and her Yearbook Committee have done another great year of providing our industry’s best yearbook. Summer Conference is set for Golden Nugget, Las Vegas May 31st, June 1st & 2nd. Remember what happens in Vegas stays in Vegas – The theme for the conference is “Mardi Gras Extravaganza.” I can only imagine.

Christmas Party planning is well underway for December 7th. We will be going back to the Westin in Costa Mesa. TLARGI has had many great parties there.

On another note, TLARGI Basic Rubber Technology Course graduated 41 students March 21st, with a dinner at Portofino Restaurant in La Habra. This was another great year for instructors Rick Ziebell and Tom Martin, Jr.

I would like to finish with a big THANK YOU to all the people that volunteer on all the committees. Together we make TLARGI “The Best Rubber Group in the USA!”

Ron Sparks
2013 TLARGI Chairman
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Questions about your ad? Want to place a yearly ad? Have a special announcement or would you like to place a classified ad?

You can now place commercial announcements (new products, employees, expansions, acquisitions, etc.) at a reasonable rate. Content is still subject to the TLARGI News Editorial Staff, as well as the TLARGI Board of Directors, but certain restrictions have been lifted and assigned as “per issue” advertisements.

Please contact Dick Besack at (562) 531-1403 or dbesack@rsprocessing.com for single insert and annual advertising information.

ELASTOMERIC MATERIALS IN AIRCRAFT APPLICATIONS
By: UPPALA RAJAKARUNA of Goodyear Rubber Co.

Abstract: Rubber is one of the materials which has benefitted mankind rather immensely and in innumerable ways. It is unimaginable to think of everyday life without it. Synthetic rubbers have come to be known as elastomers in the modern polymer era and we are briefly discussing the use of them in modern aircraft product applications and specific property requirements.
### 2013 TLARGI Schedule of Events

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### In Memoriam

It is with extreme sadness that Rainier Rubber Company and TLARGI announce the death of Vern Meyers, CEO and founder of the 4M Company Inc. dba Rainier Rubber Company and The Porter Seal Company. Vern passed peacefully on February 15th in the presence of his wife Ginny and their two daughters Michele White and Sherri Smolinske. Vern first purchased The Porter Seal Company in 1972 and began Rainier Rubber Company in 1974. Over the last four decades, he led the company on a path that established it as a leader in customer service, quality and integrity. His charismatic presence will be deeply missed by everyone that knew and worked with him.
Normally at their April meeting, the TLARGI Board approves the mailing list for the TLARGI newsletter to non-members. Nominees generally include advertisers, scholarship recipients and scholarship donors. If you have nominations for this list, please forward them to Eddie Gonzales via email egonzales@rdabbott.com.
Sponsored by R&S Processing and RD Abbott; a $1,000 prize for the first Hole-In-One.

COURSE INFORMATION:
OAK QUARRY GOLF CLUB | 7151 Sierra Ave. Riverside, California 92509
Men’s White (regular) Tees: Course Rating 69; Slope Rating 126; 6028 Yards.
Women’s Red Tees: Course Rating 71.9; Slope Rating 121; 5408 Yards.

TOURNAMENT INFORMATION:
Men will be playing from the WHITE Tees. Women will be playing from the RED Tees.

Scoring:
For those of you who provide an SCGA number, YOUR handicap will be used based on your index. The Callaway Scoring System will be used to determine Net Score for those w/o a handicap.

Prizes: will be awarded to 1st Place, 2nd Place, and 3rd Place. Other prizes include “Closest-to-Hole” on two par threes and the “Longest Putt.”

Dress Code: Players must wear soft-spike shoes, a collared shirt, and slacks or Bermuda shorts. Players may not wear jeans, short shorts, or a T-shirt.

GOLF FEES/PAYMENT:
Golf Fees include 18 holes of golf and cart.
$75.00 per player TLARGI Members and Guests
$70.00 per player TLARGI EMERITUS

Mail Payment to: TLARGI Golf: Attn: Claudia Hargett, 540 S Cypress St., La Habra, CA 90631
Make checks PAYABLE TO: TLARGI Account #408-09, please indicate for whom the check is paying.

RESERVATIONS:
To make a reservation, email Claudia at ClaudiaH@VIPRubber.com or call (562) 905.3456.

SCGA Golf:
For 2013 the TLARGI Golf Club will pay for your membership with the Southern California Golf Association. If you have been playing w/o an SCGA golf index, now is your chance to establish a handicap. If you already have a SCGA number, just provide your number for handicap verification. We will be entering our scores to their system and tracking handicaps. All 1st & 2nd place will be eligible for our TLARGI Golfer of the Year.

FUTURE TOURNEMENTS:
February 11th – Fullerton GC August 12th – Los Verdes
April 1st – Oak Quarry September 30th – California Country Club
June – Las Vegas; Summer Outing November – Western Hills Country Club

WE NEED 40 GOLFER TO MAKE THIS HAPPEN SO PLEASE JOIN US IF POSSIBLE. THANKS!
Trio Ellas is a power trio making music somewhere between traditional mariachi and classic romantic trio with a fresh contemporary twist.

In 2012, they completed a tour of Okinawa for USO (17 shows in 5 days!), were honored to perform at the annual LULAC convention in Orlando, and performed at the Latinos Unidos event at the Democratic National Convention in North Carolina. The summer of 2012 also included a two week run at the Hollywood Bowl's "Summer Sounds" children's program, and a performance the San Jose Latin Music Festival. In September, their debut album "Con Ustedes...Trio Ellas" (released May 2012) was nominated for a Latin Grammy under the category of Best Ranchero Album.

Trio Ellas is Suemy Gonzalez, currently a senior at USC's prestigious Thornton School of Music, on violin and vocals; Nelly Cortez, a fourth generation mariachi musician (and recreational pilot) on guitarron and vocals; and Stephanie Amaro, a versatile musician who performs and records in genres ranging from rock to mariachi, on guitar and vocals.

Their high level of musical proficiency has allowed them to circumvent stereotypes and work at a world class level. Trio Ellas have lent their skill to recordings for artists such as Benjamin Gibbard ("Something's Rattling") and Lady GaGa ("Americano"), and have performed live with a myriad of artists ranging from Cristian Castro to Mariachi El Bronx.
TLARGI Presents
“TIPS & Dinner Meeting”

April 2, 2013

Cocktails: 5:30 p.m.
Dinner: 7:00 p.m.

Phoenix Club
1340 S. Sanderson Ave.
(714) 563-4166

Dinner will be a buffet.

TLARGI CHRISTMAS PARTY
December 7, 2013

Candy Cane Christmas
At
The Westin South Coast Plaza
Costa Mesa, California

SAVE THE DATE!

The TLARGI Dinner Meeting is held at the Phoenix Club. See map below.
TLARGI will be returning to fabulous LAS VEGAS this year, staying at the wildly inviting Golden Nugget Hotel! Register today for your fun and sun with TLARGI.

**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

**Friday, May 31**
- 5:00PM: Technical Conference
- 6:00PM: Reception and no-host Cocktail Party

**Saturday, June 1**
- Morning: Golf
- 1:00PM: Fun-N-Games
- 6:00PM: Cocktail Party/ Dinner Buffet
- 8:00PM: Mardi Gras

**Sunday, June 2**
- 8:30AM: Bloody Mary Bash
- 9:30AM: Breakfast Buffet/Prizes

**ROOMS ARE EXPECTED TO SELL-OUT QUICKLY, SO MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS TODAY!! FINAL DEADLINE FRIDAY, MAY 3rd.**

**RESERVATION FORM**

Couples: $500, Singles $375

Couples: Full Names Required

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