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ANSI models shown.



# Sun, wind, rain and queues

This year's SED resembled a Bank Holiday visit to the seaside. The sun shone but its warmth was tempered by a very strong breeze, followed by the ubiquitous traffic jam going home and a bit a rain thrown in at the end. It still amazes many - and particularly annoyed exhibitors caught up in the car park grid-lock chaos on the first evening - how a venue designed to cope with 50,000 car fanatics struggles to deal with 5,000 show goers.

Apart from traffic congestion, this year's show - the third at Rockingham - appears to have been a success. I still maintain that it is and always will be primarily a muckshifting event, with just enough cranes and access equipment for it to be of interest to this sector of the plant and equipment industry. Several crane companies - Crane business and Crowland Cranes - were making their SED debut, but the van mounted platform manufacturers decided to give it a miss this year. Telehandlers were out in force as you might expect, with Haulotte back after several years absence to show off its new range.

Day two - the middle day - was by far the busiest (as it always is) but the first day also brought visitors bearing cheque books. The cranes and access exhibitors must have rubbed their hands together every time they heard an Irish accent, as they were certainly in a buying mood. Day three seemed to peter out, not helped by grey clouds and rain early in the afternoon although some good business was done on a number of stands.

Overall verdict seven out of 10, but when are they going to sort out the traffic problems. Here is a pictorial round up of the show's highlights and lowlights (traffic chaos)!

Mark Darwin



Traffic chaos



Forkrent's Guy Nichols (L) agrees a 2,000 Loadall order



Vertikal's Pam Penny with a strong, silent type on the Ark Gen stand.



Mick Clark (L) of Jekko UK with Marco Zava of Jekko.



Dave Whittington with the new Arc Gen silent machines



The wireless LSI load indicator system.



1000hp JCB backhoe attracted the crowds



A Sennebogen 683HD sold to Morgan Est on the Hassell stand



Promax Access was showing a Bil-Jax 45XA.



Peter Eberhard, Christine Braeuner and Reinhold Braeuner of MTI-Lux with Edward Seager, md and Tracey Pockett of Bennetts Tower Crane Hire.



Faraone and UK distributor KermCo



From Power Tower upwards on the CTE UK stand.



A Faresin 17.40 telehandler



JLG's new compact 2505 telehandler



A Vanson VC42, 4 tonne capacity self erector



Alan Russon (L) of Russon Access with Hewden's Nick Childs with a Holland Lift model to mark the £1 million order.



A Böcker trailer crane



William Rodger (R) takes another Cattaneo crane from Stuart Spence of Weaving Machinery.



Merlo's revolutionary MRP Platform



Haulotte kept up the 'all black' theme



The Hitachi Sumitomo SCX15000-2 made its UK launch.



Jonathan Till of G1 Access (centre) places a 150 machine order with UpRight's Tony Jennings (L) and Jim Daintith (R)



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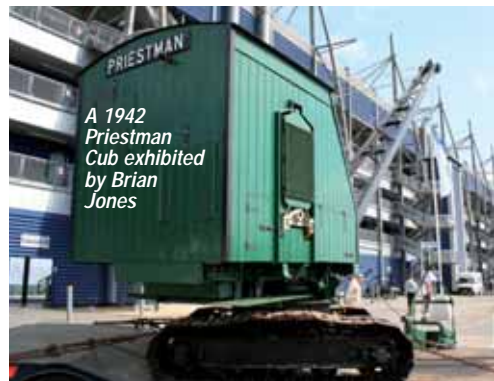
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Hewden's Nick Childs (R) seals the £1 million Holland-Lift deal



A 1942 Priestman Cub exhibited by Brian Jones



The Bobcat T2250 on the demonstration area



NRC bought this 25 tonne crawler telescopic from Cranebusiness BV



Ausa's new 2 tonne Taurulift T204H



The trailer TP9000 scissor platform



One of the AMP/Niftylift apprentice re-build machines on the IPAF stand



A Manitou MRT 2150 with platform



SED first-timers Cranebusiness BV.



One of New Holland's new telehandlers



Fassi showing off its latest loaders



Leibherr's new TL 435-13 telehandler



A Bison Palfinger TKA 22 platform on a Daf chassis



Ronald van der Vlist (L) and Hemmo Luijterink of Cranebusiness BV



The 32 metre reach Effer 1750 loader crane



GGR-Unic's new wall and roof panel lifter



Liebherr's 32 TTR crawler-mounted fast-erecting tower crane



The new Galizia pick and carry machines from GGR-Unic.



Maeda machines on the Kranlyft stand.



A Terex Comedil CBR30 Plus crane on the Ladybird stand.



A Versalift van mount on the Iveco stand