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IPAF focus

IPAF took a dramatic version of the Clunk Click message to the Conexpo show in Las Vegas. The IPAF Safety Zone featured live demonstrations in which a crash dummy fitted to a specially modified Skyjack boom showed the effects of driving over an obstacle on the ground.

The demonstration had a strong impact on those who saw it.

At least one operator was reported saying that this was something he would never forget and that he would always wear a harness from now on. Some 18 machines from member manufacturers were on display at the IPAF Safety Zone.

"We thank all our members for their participation," said IPAF managing director Tim Whiteman. "We especially thank the Association of



Don't be a dummy; wear a harness on boom type platforms.
Conexpo video available at ipaf.org

Equipment Manufacturers (AEM) and the Conexpo organisers for their support. The demo was well-received and we had several good and significant meetings." Half a dozen officials from the US

Occupational Safety & Health Administration (OSHA) received PAL Card operator training from Skyjack during the show as part of its initiative to offer free training to North American regulatory bodies.

Win a stunning new iPhone

The IPAF 25th Anniversary Photo Competition

2nd Prize: The amazing iPhone

3rd Prize: 1 of 10 new digital picture frames

IPAF

Can you take a good picture?

IPAF is celebrating its 25th anniversary this year with a photo contest to promote the safe and effective use of aerial platforms.

The photo contest runs until 30 September 2008. IPAF is looking for dramatic pictures that show mobile elevating work platforms or mast climbing work platforms being used correctly.

There are two categories for entries: one for general users of powered access (Public) and one for the media, i.e. journalists and photographers (Press). Prizes will be awarded in each category and include iPhones, Sling Boxes and digital picture frames.

"For 25 years, IPAF has worked with its members to bring the safe and effective use of powered access to the forefront," said Tim Whiteman, IPAF managing director. "Pictures are a marvellous way of showing what these specialised machines can do, and the photo contest is intended to be a celebration of the safe and correct use of aerial platforms. I challenge the readers and editors of Cranes & Access to send in some world-class photos!"

Details on the photo contest are at www.ipaf.org/photo

Machine safety at SED

IPAF will focus on machine safety and the CAP Card (Competent Assessed Person) programme at the SED show in May.

Access equipment used to lift people must be thoroughly examined by a competent person every six months. IPAF's CAP Card programme certifies that the holder has been independently assessed as being knowledgeable and able to carry out thorough examinations of platforms in the context of current legislation. The assessments focus on machine safety and are for experienced engineers.

Visit the IPAF stand (800, Avenue L, Cranes & Access Zone) to find out about this and IPAF's established PAL Card (Powered Access Licence) operator training programme.



US magazine endorses Click It!

The US magazine Construction Equipment gave a strong endorsement of IPAF's Click It! harness campaign to time with Conexpo. Click It! stickers for boom type platforms were distributed with the magazine, with editor Rod Sutton saying: "This sticker serves a serious purpose: it's designed to save lives. Give it to your operator, or better yet, put it on your access equipment yourself."

Construction Equipment joins the many magazines that have supported the campaign, such as Cranes & Access, Access International, American Lift & Handlers and Contract Journal. Click It! is the US version of the Clunk Click campaign for harnesses on booms.

Stunning spectacle at IPAF Summit

The IPAF Summit on the theme of thorough examinations was held on 15 April at Whittlebury Hall, about the time this magazine was printed. The annual dinner ended with a stunning spectacle to mark IPAF's 25th anniversary. Photos will be in the next issue of Cranes & Access.



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SUMMIT DATE: 15th April 2008

Europlatform 2008 venue confirmed

The Grand Hotel de l'Empereur in Maastricht, the Netherlands, will host the Europlatform 2008 conference on 16th September.

The one-day conference focuses on access rental management and safety issues and is targeted at senior and middle managers of Europlatform rental companies. Don't miss this education and networking event to be held the day before the start of the APEX show.

The Grand Hotel de l'Empereur is directly opposite the Maastricht railway station and within easy distance of the Maastricht Exhibition and Convention Centre (MECC).

Full details of the programme and how to book tickets or hotel accommodation can be found at www.europlatform.info



PDS date

The Professional Development Seminar (PDS) for UK instructors will be held on 24 September 2008 at the Best Western Moat House, Stoke on Trent ST1 5BQ. Quote "IPAF Seminar" for a discounted rate of £99 for a hotel room. Attendees must book four weeks before the seminar to get the discount. Details at www.ipaf.org/events