

Vertikal days

a meeting of minds.....
for lifting equipment professionals

Haydock Park Racecourse

Wednesday **19th** & Thursday **20th** September **2007**



Vertikal Days is a new two day event focusing solely on the lifting equipment industry where professionals from the fields of cranes and access can meet with suppliers and view the latest products.

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"Not macho, just dumb"

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IPAF focus



Operating a boom without a harness is not macho; it's just dumb, said IPAF managing director Tim Whiteman at the SED construction show in May.

Whiteman was speaking as IPAF and the CPA (Construction Plant-hire Association) stepped up the Clunk Click campaign calling for all users of boom type platforms to wear a full body harness with a short restraint

lanyard attached to a suitable anchor point. Approximately 15,000 Clunk Click sticker sets have been bought up since the campaign started, and with about 25,000 booms in the UK, Clunk Click is on the march. Information on how

companies and individuals can support the Clunk Click campaign is available at www.ipaf.org/clunkclick

The correct use of harnesses was the focus of the IPAF stand at SED.

Access industry called to vigilance

Bill Callaghan, chairman of the Health and Safety Commission, called on the access industry to "attack the complacency that leads to accidents". Callaghan made the keynote speech at the AIF Conference in May at the NEC Birmingham.

His words were echoed by Justine Lee, Health and Safety inspector, who stressed that planning is crucial to safe work. She congratulated IPAF, one of the organisers of the conference, on the work it has done to create the MEWPs for Managers course which stresses the need for sensible risk management.

Callaghan also stressed that migrant workers who may not understand English have an equal right to a safe working environment and identified information and training as key issues in ensuring that they work in a safe environment.

Other speakers included representatives from the NASC, PASMA, IRATA and the LA. Representing IPAF was international training manager Rupert Douglas-Jones, who used an actual job site to demonstrate and explain how risk assessments are prepared. About 150 people attended the conference which HSE Falls from Height boss Ian Greenwood declared a resounding success.



Bill Callaghan, Chair of the Health and Safety Commission, addressing the Access Industry Forum.

A plus for Hird

Rental company Peter Hird in Yorkshire has become the latest company to be awarded the IPAF Rental+ quality mark. There are about half a dozen companies that hold this prestigious award, which ensures that rental companies are independently audited and certified as meeting defined standards in customer

service, safety, staff training, contract terms and machine inspection. Owner Peter Hird said, "We are constantly striving to improve our all-round performance as we increase the size of our rental fleet and we felt that this would be an essential part of our operating infrastructure." Full list at www.ipaf.org

Access experts gather at Europlatform

Ten experts from different backgrounds in the European access industry have confirmed that they will speak at the Europlatform conference on 11th September 2007 in Basel, Switzerland. The one-day conference - co-organised by IPAF - is dedicated to access platform safety and rental management issues, with quality presentations aimed at executives, senior managers and owners of access rental companies across Europe.

Europlatform will see the international debut of the world's largest truck mount. Wumag's 103 metre ATA 1003 from Eisele will be on display next to the 105 metre conference hotel tower. Details and registration information are at www.europlatform.info. The IPAF Rental Forum, open to all IPAF rental members, will be held on the evening of 11th September. More details at www.ipaf.org/events

New staff

Two new members of staff have joined the IPAF head office in Milnthorpe. Barry Lewis focuses on accounts, while Christine Park assists with PAL Card applications. Welcome!

Billion dollar market

Europe's rental market is estimated at € 21.5 billion, said IPAF managing director Tim Whiteman at the ERA Convention held in early June. Whiteman was delivering the report of the ERA Statistics Committee which he chairs.

Machines fit to use

CAP Card



Machine examinations have become a hot topic in the light of recent construction industry accidents. Remember: Everyone involved, directly or indirectly, in using MEWPs or MCWPs, is responsible for ensuring that thorough examinations have been carried out. This includes the owner or supplier, the cross-hirer and the user (who may be a contractor, site owner, operator or controller). All platforms must carry proof of examination, which may be a sticker with a report reference or a copy of the inspection certificate. Machines must have been examined by a competent person.

How competent is 'competent'? Engineers who carry a CAP Card from IPAF are certified as competent persons to plan, manage or carry out examinations of platforms in the context of current legislation (including the Work at Height

Regulations, LOLER and PUWER). CAP stands for Competent Assessed Person and the card is issued following assessment by experienced engineers from IPAF-approved training centres.

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