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Best Vertikal Days yet!



This year's Vertikal Days was the biggest yet in terms of exhibitor and visitor numbers. The sun shone on the first day and with many exhibits new to the UK, visitor numbers reached record levels. There were many comments about how busy the show appeared and this was reinforced by preliminary figures indicating more than 1,800 unique visitors - up about eight percent on last year's levels. If the second day returns are added in the numbers are well over 2,100.



One of the biggest cranes ever exhibited in the UK - the 750 tonne Liebherr LTM 1750 9.1



A very busy entrance tent

For the vast majority of visitors - those not making it to Bauma - this year's Vertikal Days was full of new products. With more exhibitors, seminars and an expanded Marketplace - which included the PASMA theatre - there was plenty to see and do.

The positive optimistic feeling from Bauma continued and with increased activity in new crane sales there was once again an impressive crane display with most manufacturers showing machines destined for customers once the show had finished.

Cranes

One of the largest cranes - certainly the largest telescopic - ever exhibited in the UK was the 750 tonne capacity, nine axle Liebherr LTM 1750-9.1 in the very distinctive green James Jack livery. In a packed 'crane alley' the LTM 1750's size dominated even though Tadano showing its 400 tonne ATF400G-6 flagship on its way to Davies Crane Hire in Wales and Grove had its 300 tonne

GMK 6300L going to Whyte Crane Hire in Scotland.

Terex, Crowland Cranes (Zoomlion and Ormig) and NRC (Link Belt) also had full and interesting stands and Spierings was back with four mobile tower cranes including two six axle units for City Lifting and NMT. It also had its 750th crane ever produced on the stand - a five axle SK 599-AT5 destined for Bronzeshield.

Bronzeshield also had an AC80-2 on display on the Terex stand

alongside a 40 tonne AC40 City for McGovern, a 60 tonne Challenger 3180 and an AC140 in King Lifting colours. Crowland Cranes had the latest version of the Zoomlion ZTC350 truck crane mounted on a Mercedes Actros chassis, alongside a refurbished Tadano TS75 remounted on a new DAF LF45 chassis. Crowland is able to refurbish similar cranes on an exchange basis for about £40-45,000 - a very good deal considering the rental rates these smaller cranes command.



The PASMA theatre in the Marketplace



Spierings was showing four mobile tower cranes



NRC Hitachi Sumitomo SCX400T 40 tonne tele with 32 m 4 stage boom

Perhaps it is a sign that crawler telescopic cranes are growing in popularity in that both NRC and E H Hassell both exhibited models. NRC showed - the 70 tonne Link Belt TCC-750 and the 40 tonne Hitachi Sumitomo SCX400T. Sennebogen dealer EH Hassell had the 40 tonne 643RHD - a four section 30 metre boom with 13 metre bi-fold swing away extension.

Pick&carry cranes were also well represented with the dealers for Italian companies Valla, Ormig, Galizia and JMG all showing product. Paus (GGR) and Böcker represented the aluminium trailer and truck mounted cranes with Böcker UK distributor Kranlyft finalising the sale of a truck mounted crane at the show.



Kranlyft with Maeda and Böcker truck cranes sold to Berry Cranes

Kranlyft - the Maeda master dealer for Europe - also had success selling four spider cranes including

two to Lifterz. Other spider cranes at the show included Unic with its Eco-095 from the recently introduced range, Jekko with its new UK distributor Spiderlift Company and an R&B Engineering crane on the HBC radiomatic stand showing off the Wii type remote controller. GGR also had the versatile Cormidi GKB19-4 Multipla which can be used as a spider crane, spider lift or an underbridge unit and the Giraf Track MCC805 mini crawler crane.

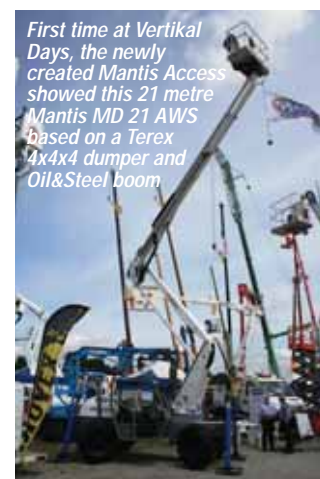
Access

From low level, manual operation push arounds to large truck mounted platforms Vertical Days had it all which makes it all the more difficult to highlight the 'stand out' products. First time at the show with its newly formed company was Durham-based Mantis Access with some unusual products. The company's strength is in specialist access equipment and has been appointed Oil&Steel distributor for the UK and Ireland. Using the 21 metre 21.12 Snake Smart boom mounted on a six tonne Terex dumper it has created a manoeuvrable, off-road platform with a maximum outreach of 12 metres as well as a 360 degree continuous slew.

Another slightly unusual machine on its stand was the multi-purpose pole erecting unit mounted on a



Ruthmann's UK distributor Access Sales International had the latest 54 metre T540 mounted on a 26 tonne chassis



First time at Vertical Days, the newly created Mantis Access showed this 21 metre Mantis MD 21 AWS based on a Terex 4x4x4 dumper and Oil&Steel boom

Yanmar C50 tracked carrier and fitted with an Atlas 3008 loader crane. Built to a customer's specification it is complete with an on-board compressor, front blade and rear telescopic outriggers. Other new distribution agreements at the show included Isoli moving to APS from Promax, the announcement of Dingli UK and Teupen with its direct sale operation exhibiting for the first time.

After a very busy year in the UK for the sales of big truck mounted platforms, the largest at the show was the 54 metre Ruthmann T540 and the 50 metre Bronto S50 XDT-J - the first of three for Easi UpLifts. However as usual there was a lot of products in the 20 to 25 metre range with more than usual around

the 30-35 metre level.

The largest tracked spider on display was the all-new 32.4 metre Platform Basket 33.15. Its dual telescopic booms provide an outreach of 15.2 metres and an up and over height of 17 metres. With Palfinger's acquisition of Sky Aces, its UK dealer SkyKing showed the Sky Aces Tunlift 737-500 tunnel inspection platform mounted on a seven tonne Iveco chassis. The company also had several GSR truck mounts on display topped by the 32 metre E32PXJ mounted on an 18 tonne Volvo chassis. It also showed the 30 metre counter slew Palfinger P300KS on a 7.5 tonne MAN chassis.

Although Genie's recently launched 57 metre SX180 telescopic boom never made it to the show, it did have the largest boom lift at the event - the new 43 metre working height ZX135/70 - seen for the first time in Europe and ready for delivery in October.

Another European launch was found on the MEC stand, with its 60ft Titan 'scissor' boom in the livery of Nationwide Platforms.

Rounding off the equipment highlights, JCB was back again, this time with the largest fixed frame telehandler produced in Europe - the 20 metre 540-200, joining a good range of telehandlers from JLG, Genie and Manitou.



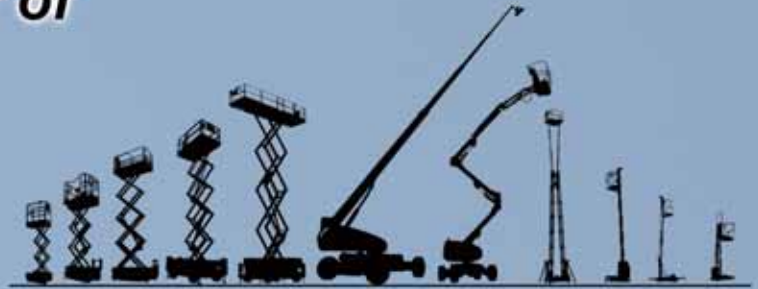
Cormidi GKB19-4 Multipla on the GGR stand



Not the recently launched SX180 but still the biggest self propelled boom at the show, the new Genie ZX-135/70 available in Europe late October



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One of several France Elevateur platforms on the Easi UpLift stand



Penny Hydraulics had a wide range of its vehicle mounted cranes



Part of the Cranes UK stand which included the 400 tonne Tadano ATF400G-6 purchased by Davies Crane Hire



Skyjack scissors



Plenty of meetings were carried out in the Marketplace



A sunny first day



The new E210PXJ Skyking



Safi showed off one of its Junior MC PC hoists



Power Lift had the new Movex TLF10 van mount as well as Easy Lift tracked spiders



Snorkel says its Speed Level is becoming more popular



The Niftylift stand with the lightweight HR 15



Safi aerial platforms SCA 22



Snorkel showed its new S3970RT



Socage UK and Cumberland Platforms combined stands and showed off this four wheel drive single cab Hilux A314



Power Tower stand



Terex AC80-2 sold to Bronzeshield



Terex AC40 City in McGovern livery



First time at Vertikal Days Ifor Williams trailers



Teupen showed its Leo 21GT recently launched at Bauma



The 13 metre Movex P130TL mounted on a Land Rover chassis



The 16 metre tracked Leguan 160 with 200kg basket capacity and 6.5 metres outreach

Liebherr MK 140 mobile tower crane



Crowland Cranes showed off this cost effective, refurbished eight tonne capacity Tadano TS75 mounted on a DAF LF 45.150 chassis



Marketplace was very busy

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Lunch in the marquee



Universal Crane Mats



Lifting gear stand



JMG cranes on the Compact Lifting Equipment stand



HBC radiomatic showed its Wii type controller on the R&B mini crane



Liebherr LTM 1750-9.1 dominated the crane section



E H Hassell showed of a 40 tonne Sennebogen 643RHD telescopic crawler crane



Lincoln Noel entertained over lunch



Manitowoc showed its 300t 6300L



Manitou 280TJ



Part of the JLG stand



MEC Titan 40S



Peter Ruf on the Crowland Cranes stand demonstrating the radio controlled Ludwig Hook system



Iron Planet had a seven axle Spierings mobile tower crane on its stand



Liebherr LTC1045-3.1 purchased by Liverpool-based John Sutich Cranes



The Michelin man



MEC 4069 ERT



Overview from the food marquee



First morning outside the entrance



A PM50SP and PM65SP with updated electronics and 25.5 metres when fitted with nine extensions



A 15 metre Socage SPJ315 tracked spider



Bronto was showing just one platform this year - a 50 metre S50 XDT-J - one of three destined to East-UpLifts



BBQ time



Belgium parts supplier TVH put on an impressive spread



(L-r) Peter Issit, Crowland Cranes with Jim Bell and Ian King of Haas-Tek and Ormig's Gian Paolo Aschero with it's new 16 tonne battery powered Ormig pick and carry crane



A Maxlift n50 mounted on a four wheel drive Kawasaki Mule on the Ernest Doe stand



Aerial and Handling Services showed off this deckRailXtra materials handling attachment for scissor lifts



Big Astor was back this year showing its modular covered walkway



Alan Russon (centre) of The Access Platform Company demonstrating the new hand powered 3.5 metre Skywinder Mini



ALLMI Operator of the Year competition



Custom Equipment's new dealer in the UK - Hy-Brid Access Platforms - had several models including this 5ft platform height HB-P3.6



ATN Pfaf 880R with the CX15 scissor behind



IAPS - APS and IPS had adjoining stands showing products from its various ranges including the Bison micro scissor lifts



Cela DT24 spider



IPAF stand



Another company making its Vertikal Days debut was Probst Handling and showed off a range of lifting attachments



Bravi Leonardo with one of the new range of interchangeable attachments



Mitas Tyres showed off its new CR01 crane tyre with 85 km per hour speed capability



Ernest Doe showed this new Cormach 45000-E9ASC



JCB 540-200 20 m fixed frame telehandler



CTE was showing this 23 metre Tracess 230 spider lift sold to Higher Access



Cushmann's fast buggy mounted, 11metre Titan T-1145



The Bravi stand



A record breaking Vertikal Days



The 30 metre Palfinger P300KS with counter slew system in Peter Douglas Platforms livery



The 6.3 metre Power Lift from The Access Platform Comany



An aerial shot from the Liebherr MK140 cab



The Spiderlift company has recently taken on the distributorship of the Jekko range of tracked mini cranes



Tunlift 737-500 now part of Palfinger products on the Skyking stand



Hog roast lunch



Unic Eco wheeled spider crane



Versalift's new Z jib on the medium wheelbase ET 39 LF Z van gives an extra metre of working height of 14 metres



Power Towers stand



The GGR stand with Cormidi, Unic, Giraf Track and Paus equipment



The 32 metre GSR E320PXJ on the Skyking stand



Steve Dean (L) of Ascendant with Facelift's Gordon Leicester in front of the new cost effective Concept transporter - the first batch of six is being built by Ascendant



The distinctive colours of James Jack Liebherr LTM 1750 9.1