

# Vertikal days

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

Haydock Park Racecourse  
Wednesday **25th** & Thursday **26th** June **2008**



Vertikal Days is a two day event focusing solely on the lifting equipment industry, where professionals with an interest in Cranes, Access equipment or Telehandlers can meet with suppliers and other industry professionals as well as view the latest products and services.

For information on how to register -

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# AFI-Uplift takes on CAP

With the purchase of Central Access, AFI-Uplift is now able to offer CAP assessments. CAP stands for Competent Assessed Person. The CAP programme assesses service and maintenance engineers as competent persons who can perform thorough examinations of access platforms.

A CAP assessment takes one day and covers thorough examination requirements, performance, records and defect reporting. Successful candidates are issued with the CAP Card, which certifies that they have been independently assessed as competent persons having the knowledge and ability to plan, manage or carry out thorough

examinations of platforms. Six-monthly thorough examinations of all equipment used to lift people are required by law under the Lifting Operations and Lifting Equipment Regulations (LOLER) 1998.

More information on CAP and location details of approved centres can be found at [www.ipaf.org/cap](http://www.ipaf.org/cap)

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IPAF focus

Unlike other lifting equipment, MEWPs (or any other equipment used to lift people) must have a thorough examination performed by a competent person every six months



## Click It! at CONEXPO

The IPAF Safety Zone at CONEXPO (Booth SZ1000, West Blue Lot) covers nearly 8,000 square feet (about 745 square metres) and will feature a dynamic demonstration on the dangers of not wearing a harness in boom type platforms. This 15-minute show will run at regular intervals throughout the day and give practical advice on the correct way to use a harness, as part of the North American Click It! campaign for harnesses on booms. Show times are: 10:00, 12:00, 13:00, 14:00 and 16:00.

Several meetings will be held at the IPAF stand during CONEXPO, including the IPAF Manufacturers' Technical Committee meeting (12 March, 14:00) and the IPAF MCWP (International) Committee Meeting (13 March, 14:00). Full details are at [www.ipaf.org/events](http://www.ipaf.org/events)

## Celebrating 25 years at the Summit

IPAF turns 25 this year and the IPAF Summit on 15 April 2008 at Whittlebury Hall in Northamptonshire will end with a celebration party with live entertainment, differing from the traditional sit-down dinner.

IPAF is looking for memorabilia that illustrate its history, e.g. old pictures, posters, the first PAL Card. Please send suitable items to the Milnthorpe office for the attention of Jean Harrison.

The celebration party will be preceded by the IPAF Summit, which will

focus on thorough examinations.

Authoritative speakers from government and industry will show why machine safety is an issue for rental companies and users. The final programme will be available at [www.ipaf.org](http://www.ipaf.org)



## New face at IPAF

IPAF welcomed its newest member of staff in December. Nicola Dixon joins the training administration team in Milnthorpe and assists with the processing of PAL Card applications.



Nicola Dixon

## Back from Africa

For those who might have missed this: Rupert Douglas-Jones, IPAF international training manager, made it back from Enduro Africa, a challenging 14-day motorbike ride in aid of the charity Riders for Health ([www.riders.org](http://www.riders.org)).

Around £5,500 was raised, with the support of IPAF members, for people in need. The charity aims to bring mobility to African health workers, so that they can deliver healthcare to the poorest and most remote villages. At the end of the challenging ride, all of the motorbikes are handed over to local health workers.

"The most difficult part was raising the money, getting physically into shape and completing the trip," said Douglas-Jones. "But the satisfaction is great. I would like to thank everybody who came forward and supported us in this worthwhile project."



Motorbiking for a good cause.

## Support for the Lighthouse Club

IPAF is sponsoring the web pages of the Benevolent Fund of The Lighthouse club for 2008.

The Benevolent Fund of the Lighthouse Club is a charity dedicated to the construction industry. The Fund gives financial help to people in construction and its many associated activities. In the event that an accident or illness is causing financial

hardship to workers and/or their families, a request for help will receive consideration. More information is at [www.lighthouseclub.org](http://www.lighthouseclub.org)

"We are delighted to play a small part in contributing to the worthy aims of the excellent Lighthouse Club," said IPAF managing director Tim Whiteman.

## IPAF hits 555

A whole host of new membership applications were approved at the IPAF Council in January and IPAF has now reached the figure of 555 members.

The Council recognised this as a significant achievement and expressed its congratulations to all at IPAF for this and the record of more than 70,000 PAL Cards processed last year.

## Europlatform to be held day before APEX

The second Europlatform conference will be held on 16 September 2008 in Maastricht, the Netherlands, the day before the start of the APEX show.

The one-day conference will focus on access rental management and safety issues. Those with suggestions on topics to be covered and those interested in speaking at the conference or in sponsorship opportunities should contact Tim Whiteman, IPAF managing director ([basel@ipaf.org](mailto:basel@ipaf.org)) or Murray Pollok ([muarry.pollok@khl.com](mailto:muarry.pollok@khl.com)). More details will be available in the coming months at [www.europlatform.info](http://www.europlatform.info)



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