

Crane and access industry...

Braxton Snyder manager, worldwide sales at Link-Belt Cranes, USA, 62.



Simon Knott, a crane and rental industry stockbroker, UK, 80.



Ferruccio Moritsch founder of Comedil, Italy, 76.

James Scheiner, a director of Harsco, USA, 65.

Lars-Petter ('Lasse') Godenhielm, owner of Dinolift and past-president of IPAF, Finland, 70.



Ulrike Wertz, managing director of Wertz crane rental, Germany, 43.



Richard Ambridge, chairman of NMT Crane Hire, UK, 80.

Lindsey Easton, much loved crane operator, UK, 49.



Bernard Volut, access industry sales manager, France, 59.

Kaj Hofmann, founder and chief executive Alvelins Uthyrnings, Sweden, 69.



Erich Sennebogen senior, founder of Sennebogen cranes, Germany, 79.

Joe Pustizzi, founder of Trico Equipment, USA, 96.



Helmut Kemkes, German crane and access pioneer, Germany, 86.

Stefano Flisi, son of Fiorenzo Flisi of Sogace, Italy, 15.

Others...

Pete Postlethwaite, British actor (b. 1946)



Claude Choules, the last surviving veteran of World War I, Australia, 110

Johannes Heesters actor/singer, the world's oldest performer, Netherlands, 108.



Knut the polar bear, Berlin Zoo (b. 2007)

Jane Russell, Hollywood actress (b. 1921)

Gerry Rafferty, Scottish musician (b. 1947)

Nat Lofthouse, English footballer (b. 1925)



Susannah York, British actress (b. 1939)

Sargent Shriver, American politician and diplomat (b. 1915)

John Barry, British film score composer (b. 1933)

Maria Schneider, French actress (b. 1952)



Gary Moore, Irish musician (b. 1952)

George Shearing, British-American jazz pianist (b. 1919)

Warren Christopher, American diplomat (b. 1925)



Elizabeth Taylor, British-American actress (b. 1932)

Geraldine Ferraro, American politician (b. 1935)

Osama bin Laden, Al-Qaeda leader (b. 1957)

Seve Ballesteros, Spanish golfer (b. 1957)



Garret FitzGerald, 7th Taoiseach of Ireland (b. 1926)

Lawrence Eagleburger, American diplomat (b. 1930)

Patrick Leigh Fermor, British travel writer (b. 1915)

Peter Falk, American actor (b. 1927)



Archduke Otto of Austria (b. 1912)

Lucian Freud, German-born British painter (b. 1922)

Amy Winehouse, British singer (b. 1983)

Bubba Smith, American football player and actor (b. 1945)

Shammi Kapoor, Indian film actor and director (b. 1931)

Nancy Wake, New Zealand-born French Resistance fighter (b. 1912)

Raúl Ruiz, Chilean film director (b. 1941)



Steve Jobs, American computer engineer (b. 1955)

Dan Wheldon, English racing car driver (b. 1978)



Joe Frazier, American boxer (b. 1944)

Muammar Gaddafi, Libyan leader (b. 1942)

Marco Simoncelli, Italian GP road racer (b. 1987)

Flórián Albert, Hungarian footballer (b. 1941)



Harry Morgan, American actor (b. 1915)

Ken Russell, British film director (b. 1927)

Gary Speed, Welsh footballer and National team coach (b. 1969)

Christa Wolf, German writer (b. 1929)

Sócrates, Brazilian footballer (b. 1954)

Violetta Villas, Polish singer (b. 1938)

Christopher Hitchens, British-American writer (b. 1949)

Sir Jimmy Savile, DJ, presenter and charity fundraiser (b. 1926)



Cesária Évora, Cape Verdean singer (b. 1941)

Václav Havel, Czech playwright, 1st President of the Czech Republic (b. 1936)

Helen Frankenthaler, American abstract expressionist painter (b. 1928)

Kim Jong-il, Supreme Leader of North Korea (b. 1941)

Sir Henry Cooper, British boxer (b. 1934)

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ALLMI Village at Vertical Days 2012

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ALLMI focus



ALLMI has announced impressive plans for a stronger presence at Vertical Days 2012. Members at the recent general meetings were informed of arrangements for a vastly improved ALLMI village, with the Operator of the year competition as the centre piece of the association's exhibition area and members displaying their products in dedicated plots around the perimeter. ALLMI's area at the show will have more of a village-like feel than it did this year, with an entrance marquee and dedicated walkway taking visitors past each member's stand. The operator competition is also likely to generate significant interest, with ALLMI planning a range of promotional activities to raise the profile of the event, as well as improving the cash prize for the winner to £250.

Companies are also being incentivised, with a free ALLMI training course and the right to display the "Operator of the Year" logo for the employer of the successful operator.

ALLMI executive director, Tom Wakefield, said: "We announced our plans at the recent meetings and the reaction was extremely positive. The consensus of opinion was that Vertical Days has made excellent progress over the past few years and is rapidly becoming the most targeted annual event for the lorry loader

industry. For visitors, it offers one of the best loader crane displays you'll find at a UK-based show, as well as an excellent networking opportunity. For exhibitors it provides incredibly high quality delegates that you won't get at other events, with every visitor having a genuine interest in lifting operations. Plans are still in the early stages, but we've already received confirmation that T H White (Palfinger), Atlas and Cargotec will be exhibiting in the ALLMI village in 2012."

Loader crane sales on the rise

The latest ALLMI loader crane market statistics, collected from the majority of ALLMI manufacturer members by an independent third party, show strong signs of improvement in the first half of 2011. ALLMI chairman, Mark Rigby, commented: "Sales improved significantly in quarters one and two of this year, with an increase of over 40 percent on last year and nearly 80 percent up on the second half of 2010. We're also seeing an increasing trend towards the use of remotes, with over 60 percent of new lorry loaders fitted with control units of this type."



Over 60% of loader cranes are now delivered with remote controls

ALLMI facilitates dialogue between manufacturers and service repair agents

During a recent general meeting of ALLMI's manufacturer and repairer members, it was agreed that a working group would be formed to discuss the issue of access to manufacturer software, fault-finding codes and training. ALLMI technical director, Alan Johnson, said: "There have been significant technological advances in loader crane system software and profiling parameters over the last few years. As a result, many independent repairers feel that unless they are official dealers for a specific brand, access to information and training can be difficult to arrange. At the meeting, one of our repairer members raised this issue and the response from manufacturers was extremely positive. As a result, the working group will consist of representatives from manufacturers and repairers to see what consensus can be achieved, in the hope that any agreement can be industry-wide."

ALLMI to develop Crane Supervisor Course

ALLMI's plans for 2012 include the development of an accredited training programme for the role of crane supervisor - lorry loader lifting operations, with initial pilot courses planned for the first quarter 2012. The course is a natural follow-on to the clarification of lifting team roles in the latest version of BS7121 Part 4 and the successful launch of ALLMI's appointed person training earlier this year.

According to Part 4, the definition of a crane supervisor is: "the person who controls the lifting operation, and is responsible for ensuring that it is carried out in accordance with the Appointed Person's safe system of work". The course's development will be led by technical director, Alan Johnson, who said: "for basic and lower level intermediate lifts, where the operator is working on his own, it is quite reasonable for him to act as his own supervisor, but for higher categories of lift the role will usually need to be undertaken by a dedicated member of the lifting team. For this reason, training of persons for this role may differ, but in all cases, employers will need to be able to demonstrate that the person concerned has been appropriately trained and is competent to carry out their duties. The ALLMI course will provide candidates with the required level of technical and legislative knowledge, as well as a high standard of practical skills. As with the AP programme, we will run a number of pilot courses in order to obtain feedback, followed by a review of the course content, materials and procedures, before going live with the training. We would like to hear from any companies that want to be involved in the second pilot phase of this course."

On more complex lifts a dedicated crane supervisor is required.

