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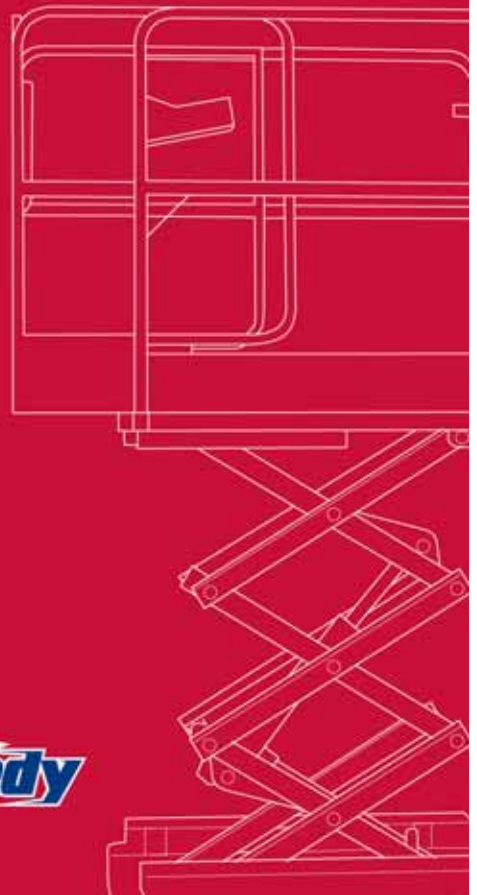
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Vertikal Days

With Vertikal Days in its seventh consecutive year, the ALLMI Village was once again a key feature of the event, producing its best display to date with six manufacturers showcasing their latest innovations in loader cranes and ancillary equipment.

ALLMI chief executive Tom Wakefield said: "This was by far the busiest and most successful show we have had at Vertikal Days and reflects the demand we are experiencing for ALLMI training courses, as well as interest in membership and ALLMI's increased presence and profile within the industry. The ALLMI stand and those of the manufacturers within the Village were hives of activity and as we've found in previous years, the quality of visitors was excellent, with delegates representing a wide range of industry sectors, all with a genuine interest in lifting operations. We already feel that the show was a huge success for us and our members, and expect to see further benefits over the coming months as we build upon the relationships we established over the two days."

ALLMI Operator of the Year Competition

Vertikal Days was once again the platform for ALLMI's Operator of the Year competition and this year's winner was Gary Critoph of Gatwick Group completing the course in 8 minutes 43 seconds. He commented: "The Competition was extremely challenging and also a bit nerve-racking, working against the clock while being watched, but at Gatwick Group we believe the event is incredibly important for raising awareness of quality training and assessment and promoting best practice, so I was very keen to represent the company and it's a real privilege to have finished in first place."

Gatwick's managing director Bob Toon added: "Safety is at the heart of our operations, it's engrained in everything we do and that's why we use the ALLMI training scheme. I think it's important that ALLMI's work is recognised and demonstrated in this way. The Competition represents skill, safety and efficiency of operation, and the dedication to these qualities of the

people working on the front line of the lorry loader industry. I am delighted that Gary walked away as the winner. It's a reflection not only of how he performed during the Competition, but also the attitude he has to his work on a daily basis."

Wakefield said: "Once again the Competition was a huge success, with even more interest than in previous years. The standard of



operation was extremely high and Gary was a worthy winner. As well as receiving the £250 cash prize, Gatwick Group will receive a free

ALLMI training course of its choice and have the right to use the ALLMI Operator of the Year logo as part of its livery."

Safe use of remote controls

Following two fatalities in the last few months involving radio remote controls on loader cranes, ALLMI has launched an intensive campaign to raise awareness of the issue and promote the correct and safe use of the equipment.

ALLMI technical director, Alan Johnson summarises: "Remote controls can bring many benefits to lorry loader operation, particularly in relation to the versatility and positioning options they allow the operator. However, they can also create some significant potential hazards and for this reason all operators using them should be periodically retrained and re-assessed, as part of or in addition to the basic lorry loader training they receive. In the case of the recent fa-

talities, it is suspected that the operator failing to isolate the remote control whilst attaching/detaching the load may have been the cause of the accidents and so this will be at the heart of our message. However, there are many other factors which operators need to be aware of when using remotes and the campaign will address these using a variety of tools. Amongst other things, we will produce information leaflets aimed at operators and their immediate

Safety Tips for Operators using Remote Controls

- Always check site rules to confirm that the use of a remote control is permitted.
- Always use the belt/neck strap provided.
- The operator must always be aware of the working area, including their proximity to the load and vehicle.
- Never stand between the load and a fixed object such as the vehicle or a wall.
- Never walk whilst operating the remote control.
- Always use in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.
- Always ensure the remote is de-activated when not in use.
- Always store the control unit in a suitable place when not in use.

supervisors, as well as a short web-based awareness/refresher video and a toolbox talk template, all of which will be made available to the industry free of charge. We are very keen to reach as many people

as possible with this information and to receive suggestions for anything else we can do to raise awareness, so please contact us for a copy of the material and to provide any feedback."