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Readers Letters

Finnish Access

The following were the best two responses we had to the photograph posted on Vertikal.Net on March 7th. The photograph can be seen in the News section of this issue.

Dear Sir,

At the end of last month, an accident happened in Italy, involving a Pagliero 34 metre truck mount. The details of the accident and the cause of it, have not been determined as of today. The incident is under investigation by the proper authorities.

Sadly, it appears, as we have established now, that the export manager of a particular manufacturer from Italy, found pleasure in sending a newspaper article, about this accident to Pagliero's customers, misinforming them about the details. It is grotesque and of poor taste to even try to take advantage of an accident, as we assume was the intent of this person.

The industry (MEWPs in general) is not served any benefit, when accidents are used as part of a sales pitch, whether the accident is sensational or not. Any incident reflects on the success of MEWPs in working at height; to try to take advantage of someone's bad luck, places an unfair burden on the efforts, by the whole industry, to make working on heights as safe as possible. Unless suggesting, that someone purposely tries to inflict bodily harm to him or herself, neither manufacturers, nor operators and users are seeking to cause accidents.

For the purpose of common sense, the company Pagliero, hopes these are actions not supported by anybody in the industry and strongly urge anybody involved in the industry, to pause, before abusing someone else's sorrow, for their own advantage.

Yours sincerely

Jerry W. Kist

*Export Sales Director
Multitel Pagliero*

Sir,

I have studied the photograph with interest and respond to your question below. The photograph is reminiscent of the fishing trip in 'One Flew Over The Cuckoo's Nest'. It would appear from the cut of their cloth that they originate from south of the river, probably the Haywards Heath area. Could they be from Facelift? The gentleman centre stage looks very much like Gordon Leicester. As far as 'what they are up to is concerned' it's anybody's guess. I do not think they know by the look on their faces. The one thing for sure is that they are nursing hangovers as who else in their right mind would be standing on a frozen lake in Finland in sub zero temperatures for a photo shot in front of rally cars. I think they are under the misapprehension that lap dancers come from Lapland and believe that that is why they are there!

Mark Butler

Mammoth Platforms Ltd.

The Runner up, with most people identified was Tammy Smith.

Dear Sir,

I believe that the chaps featured in this picture are searching the skies for a rare sighting of the famous flying Finland Penguins. This is a favoured pastime of the English lads at Facelift and Blueline Access. (From left to right) Peter Loseby, David Bowman, Mark Pugh, Gordon Leicester M.D., Paul Fairhall, Derfal Owen (Taff) and Andy Northwood failed to spot the sky-bound penguins on this occasion and so decided to settle for a spot of Ice Rally Driving instead. Not quite as exciting, I'm sure you'll agree. Better luck next time lads!

Kind Regards,

Tammy Smith.

Your views and comments are much appreciated, please send your letters to:-

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