

Good timing for Conexpo



This year's big international construction equipment show is Conexpo and the timing for the three yearly show could not be more perfect, coming just weeks after Donald Trump will have become the 45th president of the United States. His pre and post election promises of a massive spending spree on infrastructure bodes well for the industry and by the time visitors arrive at Conexpo in early March we ought to have seen an indication of how rapidly he will be able to follow up on this commitment.

The last Conexpo in 2014 was relatively positive although market recovery was still quite fragile and uncertain. In terms of new cranes, telehandlers and aerial lifts there will be plenty to see especially from the big American manufacturers. It will also serve as the launch pad for a number of significant new products from European and Asian manufacturers, ranging from Liebherr's new Rough Terrain cranes to Dingli's new booms.



not bear comparison with Bauma for example - it is a very substantial and important event with most local companies using it as a focal point for three years of product development. Las Vegas also has plenty of 'pulling power' with its wide range of 'attractions' and it is also a perfect venue for an early March outdoor event.



We will be covering the event in full with a stand in the Gold hall alongside the main crane and access exhibitors, with a full preview in the next issue of the magazine. Most importantly the bi-lingual - Spanish and English - Vertical Guide to Conexpo will be distributed in advance on-line and in print at the show. While not the largest equipment show - it does

Getting there is relatively easy these days with direct flights from a wide range of domestic and international airports and numerous transit possibilities. This year it follows immediately on the tail of the American Rental Association's Rental Show in Orlando, and if you have the time you can visit that first with a few days in between to get to Las Vegas.



Liebherr LRT 1090-2.1



Manitowoc will feature the MLC650 with VPC-MAX and new boom inserts at CONEXPO 2017

Here are just a few product launches to expect.

The Liebherr stand will be busy with everyone eager to see the new 90 and 100 tonne Rough Terrain cranes, the LRT-1090 2.1 with a full power 47 metre boom on the LRT-1100 2.1 with 50 metre telematik pinned boom. The company will also show its new 81 K.1 self-erecting tower crane, an upgrade of the 81 K with Load-Plus function and duty cycle crawler and foundation cranes.

Caterpillar will unveil its new 14 metre/5,000kg TH514D telehandler with three-section boom and a Tier 4 Final compliant engine. With numerous new features and options such as a reverse object detection system, an advanced display screen and a reversing camera.

Linden Comansa will show a luffing jib tower crane for the first time in North America with its LCL310 which has capacities of up to 24 tonnes and jibs to 60 metres.

On the Manitowoc stand you

will find the new 80 tonne Grove GRT880 with its 41 metre main boom. Other Groves will include the 150 tonne GMK5150L and 250 tonne GMK5250L five axle All Terrains. Potain will unveil the new Hup 40-30 self-erecting tower crane with 40 metre jib and four tonne maximum capacity, alongside a 20 tonne Potain MD 559. A National Crane



Grove GRT880



Potain Hup 40-30



Genie will have several new booms on show

boom truck from its new NBT40-1 series with aerial lift options will also be on the stand along with a **Manitowoc** MLC650 crawler crane be equipped with its VPC-MAX super lift and luffing jib attachments.

Link Belt will launch its largest telescopic crawler crane so far, the 227 tonne TCC-2500 with seven section, 67.9 metre pinned main boom which can be further extended with a three piece - 3.6, 12.1, and 20.4 metre - bi-fold extension with up to 45 degrees of offset that can be further extended with two 7.62 metre inserts for a maximum tip height of 105.5 metres. It will also show its latest lattice crawlers including the new 117 tonne 228 HSL.

link Belt TCC-2500



Skyjack SJ1256TH

The stars of the **Skyjack** stand will be the new 85ft SJ85AJ articulated boom lift with 17 metres outreach, 10.3 metres up and over reach with true vertical rise, and dual 340/227kg platform capacity. It will also unveil its latest telehandler - the 17 metre/5.4 tonne SJ1256 TH - with Deutz TCD3.6 Tier 4 Final engine DEF fluid, but no diesel particulate filter.

JLG says that it will show nine new products including booms, scissor lifts and telehandlers. It will also include a number of its more popular and recently launched models such as the new 1500AJ 150ft articulated boom lift and new Tier 4 telehandlers.

Haulotte will use the event to show its new 86ft telescopic boom lift the HT280RTO and HT28 with its innovative Activ Lighting system and Stop Emission engine interrupt system. The new machine offers almost 24 metres of outreach and 230kg unrestricted platform capacity.

For **Terex** Conexpo will be the first public event since offloading its Construction, Port and Industrial crane business, leaving the stand focused on cranes, aerial lifts, telehandlers and Powerscreen divisions. The crane division will show models from its **Terex** and **Demag** ranges including a new Chinese built 300 tonne LC 300

lattice boom crawler crane - the LC330 in the USA. The crane will have a boom length of 84 metres, and a 72 metre luffing jib 72. Maximum system length is 132 metres.

capacity as well as its new tilt cut-out system. Also look for its new 135ft SX 135XC and possibly a 125ft version and possibly an updated version of its ZX-135.

Conexpo will also be the first chance to learn more about the merger of **Kobelco** Cranes and Kobelco Construction USA which completes just before the show opens.

Finally loader crane manufacturer **Atlas** will have a joint stand with its new crane distributor Irving Equipment and some interesting new products.

More details next month.



Haulotte HT28



Link Belt 228 HSL



JLG 1500AJP



JLG G15-44A



The Terex LC330 will be built at the Terex plant in Jinan plant in China.

The show will be a major event for **Genie**, as it unveils its new global models with standard overload protection and XC dual platform

Practical details

When: March 7th to 11th 2017

Hours: Tuesday, March 7th - Friday, March 10th 9:00 to 17:00
Saturday, March 11th 9:00 to 15:00

Where: Las Vegas Convention centre

Registration: You can register online at a cost of \$195 if you book before the event opens and \$249 at the gate. Manufacturers may be able to offer you a courtesy badge which at these prices is naturally worth having. They can be collected at the airport or at several hotels, a badge also entitles you to ride the monorail free of charge.

Hotels: One good thing about Las Vegas is the number of hotels in the immediate vicinity, these can be booked online at the same time as you register for the show.