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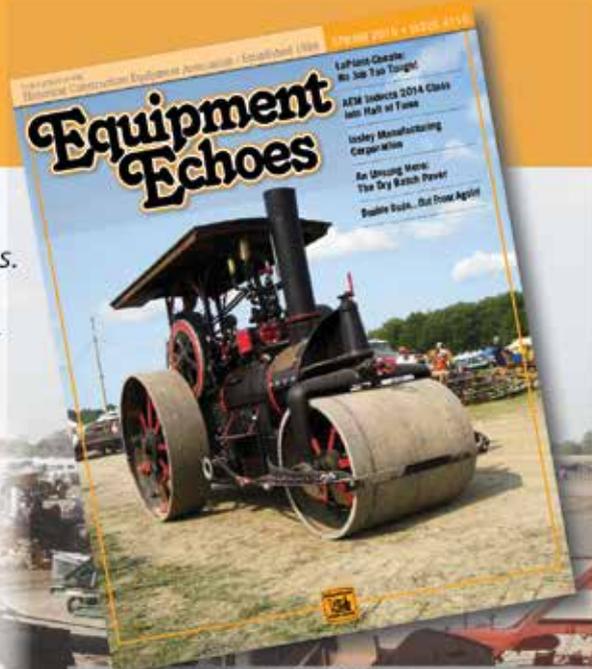
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New Tracked carrier/ Multi Loader course

UK-based mini crane and glass handling specialist GGR has launched a new training course for pedestrian controlled tracked carriers, including crane attachments. The new course has been accredited by the Lifting Equipment Engineers Association - LEEA - which has named the course the 'Accredited Pedestrian Operated Materials Manipulator Course - Module 8'. The course includes both theoretical and practical training.

The development of the course follows GGR's appointment as an Almac Multi Loader dealer. GGR's Daniel Ezzatvar said: "Part of our schedule to introduce this equipment to the market is to underpin its use with an accredited training course. We approached the LEEA and they have delivered in the form of this accredited course, which GGR will support and deliver at our training centres."



Almac tracked carrier

Delivery driver apprenticeships

UK-based Nationwide Platforms is investing in 40 HGV apprentices in order to help counter the shortage of delivery drivers. The programme was advertised locally, offering a salary of up to £31,000 and attracted around 2,500 applicants. A shortlist of candidates were invited to attend an assessment day which included a driving test, a Highway Code test, a tour of the depot and an experience in a 50ft scissor lift.

The Nationwide HGV apprenticeship takes a year to complete and takes apprentices from a car or 3.5 tonne truck, to gaining a full HGV Class 1 licence. The course also includes learning how to safely load, unload and operate the range of aerial work platforms in the company's fleet.

One of the successful applicants was Cleveland McGory, 27, who had previously driven a 3.5 tonne van for a food distribution company and was keen to upgrade to an HGV licence whilst still having secure employment, a regular income and all of the costs covered to obtain a licence.



Nationwide HGV apprentice Cleveland McGory

Last chance to be Star

Nominations for the 2022 Stars of the Future Awards closes at the end of March.

Nominations can be made by training providers or employers for any of six national awards - Mechanic, Technician, Operator, Installer, Lifting Technician and Hire Controller of the Year - as well as some special awards. For more information see the CPA page 57. The association has made a special request for applications for the Lifting Technician of the year. Make sure you do not miss out!



Suspended sentence and fine for unsafe work at height

Phillip McGinn, trading as Storm Guard Roofing, has received a 13 month suspended prison sentence, 200 hours of unpaid work and ordered to pay costs of £1,000 after being photographed working dangerously on a pitched roof of a home in Lydiate, Merseyside.

McGinn and two employees were replacing roof tiles on the home, with no safe access or edge protection to prevent them from falling. The HSE investigation found that McGinn had failed to take suitable and sufficient measures to ensure that work at height was carried out safely and failed to provide sufficient work equipment to prevent a fall or to minimise the distance or consequences of a fall. The HSE had taken previous enforcement action and prosecuted McGinn for a similar offence in 2012.



Who trained them then?



A lot of effort has gone into it, but it is hardly safe or efficient

Spotted in Acapulco, Mexico, men painting a series of buildings with equipment and methods that make the job harder, slower and less safe. Most work was at a height of nine metres or so and the hard standing below is sloping. Rather than using a tower, or trailer lift etc the contractor has constructed wooden staging levelled with bricks and topped by long ladders. A lot of effort has gone into it, but it is far from safe or efficient.



Who thought this made any sense?