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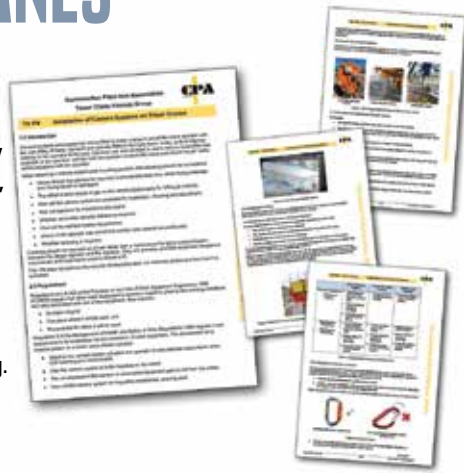


2020 Attendee Missy Scherber,
T. Scherber Demolition & Excavating

NEW PUBLICATION ON CAMERAS ON TOWER CRANES

The Tower Crane Interest Group has published a new Technical Information Notice (TIN 054) on the installation of camera systems which are increasingly being fitted to tower crane hook blocks, trolleys or jibs to improve visibility to the operator of the load.

It provides guidance on the relevant regulations, mounting positions, maintenance and inspections, installation, in cab monitoring and factors on recording. The TIN states that when selecting a camera system and mounting position, a number of considerations need to be made, including where cameras should be mounted to provide the best view whilst being protected from damage, the effects of wind and jib angles, how the camera will be mounted and accessed for inspection, cleaning and adjustment, how it is to be powered and how it should be tethered in case of mounting failure. Measures for these and other factors such



as viewing, and recording are covered by the TIN.

As with all CPA publications, TIN 054 can be downloaded free of charge at <https://www.cpa.uk.net/safety-and-technical-publications/tower-crane-guidance/tcig-technical-information-notes>.

STARS OF THE FUTURE AWARDS 2023 NOW OPEN FOR ENTRIES

Employers across the cranes and construction equipment sectors are being invited to recognise and reward their apprentices and trainees, by entering them in CPA's Stars of the Future Awards 2023 which are now open for entries. Nominations are welcome from all relevant employers. Last year the CPA received 72 nominations from across the industry, and more are expected this year.

Organised by the CPA, the Stars of the Future is a national awards scheme for apprentices and trainees in the construction equipment industry. This year, seven national titles will be awarded - Plant Mechanic of the Year (Level 2), Plant Technician of the Year (Level 3), Young Plant Operative of the Year, Plant Operative of the Year, Plant Installer of the Year, Lifting Technician of the Year and Hire Controller of the Year - as well as some special awards.

Nomination forms are available now and can be downloaded from the CPA website at www.cpa.uk.net/skills-training/stars-of-the-future. The closing date for nominations is 31st March.

The 2023 winners will be announced at an awards ceremony at the Heart of England Conference and Events Centre in Fillongley, near Coventry, on the 6th of July 2023. For further information, please contact Lisa Collins on 07968 840390 or email lisa@lisacollinscommunications.co.uk



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CRANE INTEREST GROUP OPEN MEETING

The Crane Interest Group's (CIG) annual open meeting was held in November. Chaired by Peter Gibbs of Ainscough Crane Hire, delegates attended from mobile and crawler crane sectors, along with contractors, manufacturers and training providers, as well as the HSE.

CPA crane consultant, Ian Simpson, discussed recently released CIG publications and those undergoing development and updating, he also updated on progress with the proposed CAA CAP1096 amendments.

Jamie Davis of the HSE provided an update on its 2022-2032 strategy, along with the latest RIDDOR statistics. This was followed by Kevin Minton who provided an update on discussions with the UK Treasury on the Super-Deduction Allowance, work on Net Zero carbon strategies, including the use of HVO and potential CPA support for training and recruitment. He also updated on the relationship with ESTA.

Other topics discussed included issues around the lifting of spandrel panels with pre-fitted slings. Peter Gibbs discussed how crane companies can thrive in a changing and competitive environment and finally, a presentation was given by Tensology on the magnetic testing of wire ropes.

More information on CIG and future meeting dates can be found at <https://www.cpa.uk.net/special-interest-groups/crane-interest-group>.

HELPING UKRAINE

The CPA has been involved in industry efforts to help those affected by the war in Ukraine. The Plant and Hire Aid Alliance includes likeminded organisations acting together to support humanitarian efforts. CPA staff and the association have purchased 10 x 2.5kVA domestic generators which shipped from Germany to the Ukraine.

Additional donations permitted 89 additional generators to be shipped, with Rotary International hubs in Uzhhorod and Vinnytsia delivering them to those most in need. The generators were despatched at the same time as 30,000 wrapped Christmas presents following the Alliance's appeal which aimed to bring some joy to the thousands of children suffering in the ongoing war.

A convoy of trucks carrying 64 pallets of toys and 15 containers of clothing were sent to Kosice, Eastern Slovakia, before being distributed across Ukraine with the support of Rotary International and local volunteers.



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