

Upcoming ALLMI General Meetings

October will see general meetings taking place for ALLMI's manufacturers and service agents, as well as fleet owner members through the Operators' Forum division. Manufacturers and service agents will be given the usual updates on ALLMI's trading activities, Technical Committee projects, and its work with the British, European and International Standards committees for loader cranes. In addition, Mike Hodson of the British Standards Institution will be delivering a presentation on standardisation and legislation, and the part that the UK industry plays in the generation of standards.

The Operators' Forum general meeting will include updates on the activities of the Forum executive committee and the technical standards committee, along with presentations from Liquid Management Solutions on Safe And Fuel Efficient Driving (SAFED), and the Road Haulage Association on driver CPC and graduated fixed penalty legislation. Operators' Forum chairman, Steve Frazer-Brown, said: 'The Forum general meetings always provide an ideal

opportunity to update members on the work that's being done on their behalf, but in addition to that, we always try and bring in guest speakers to present on subjects that are relevant to the current issues in the industry. With escalating fuel costs, a SAFED presentation couldn't be more timely, and with the introduction of the Driver CPC next year, it's important that members understand its implications.'

Britcom reaps the rewards of ALLMI membership

Following its approval as an ALLMI member in March this year, Britcom International has wasted no time in making full use of the services provided by the association. Following completion of ALLMI's HSE commended operator training course, Engineers John l'Anson and Richard Foster undertook the two day ALLMI Thorough Examination and Load Test training programme, which further sharpened their skills and allowed them to achieve certification. Britcom operations manager, Brent Carmichael, said: "We've always

operated to very high standards, but using ALLMI's training programmes has cemented our foundations in these areas and allows us to offer a fully accredited service to our customers."

John l'Anson(L) and Richard Foster.



A Tribute to the late Eric Hawkyard

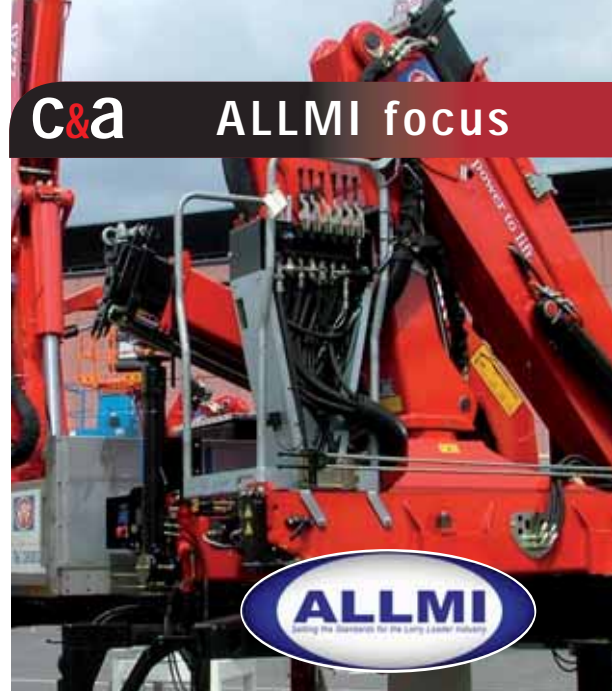
We were sorry to hear the very sad news that ALLMI's long serving technical director, Eric Hawkyard had passed away following his battle with cancer. A staunch servant to the lorry loader industry, Eric was involved with the Association since the early 1980s and in recent years had played a pivotal role in his capacity as technical director and technical standards committee chairman. ALLMI chairman, Mark Rigby, said: "Eric made a significant contribution to ALLMI's progress over the past 25 years, and in spite of his recent health problems he continued to work tirelessly on behalf of the members, having recently led the revision of the ALLMI Code of Practice and the development of the

ALLMI training scheme for Thorough Examinations and Load Tests. He was a credit to the industry, and on a personal level he was a true gentleman who was well liked by all



who knew him. He will be sorely missed."

The late Eric Hawkyard.



Engine Management Systems Update

Over the past year, ALLMI has been working with crane manufacturers, installers, bodybuilders and truck manufacturers, with a view to resolving the problems surrounding the wiring into and the programming of Engine Management Systems (EMS).

The key to the success of this project is the EMS specialist working group, which held its first meeting on the 9th September at Scania's UK Headquarters in Milton Keynes. The first item on the agenda was the issue of collating truck, crane and PTO electrical information so that it is easily accessible from a single source. It was agreed that a series of web links and PDF files will be uploaded to a secure, password protected area of the ALLMI website. A series of email bulletins will help ensure that interested parties are continually updated on the material available. The working group has drawn up detailed lists of all the information required from each party involved in the process, and work on collating this is now well underway.

Agreement was also reached on the development of a new ALLMI Guidance Note, which will provide information for customers on what specifications to ask for when purchasing a chassis for loader crane use. The content of a feedback form was also discussed, the purpose of which will be to assist in communication between the crane installer and the truck dealer. The first draft of this form is due to be presented at the next working group meeting in November.

The final issue was to look at the production of chassis electrical looms/harnesses for connecting cranes. Here it was noted that a standard is currently being developed for the exchange of information between chassis manufacturers and bodybuilders, a subsection of which is the electrical and hydraulic components of loader cranes. ALLMI is working to ensure that it is directly involved in this revision.

Following a very productive meeting, ALLMI's service director and EMS project leader, Ismo Leppanen, said: "I'm pleased with the progress we've made. Everyone in the working group has a strong desire to see this project through and to come up with practical solutions that will help all parties involved with the installation of loader cranes and the programming of engine management systems."

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