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Headline News – Lampson/Hitachi LTL-3000

By Kate Lampson

On November 16th, Bill Lampson, Randy Stemp and Kate Lampson traveled over to Japan to meet with representatives from Hitachi in the hopes of selling them another Lampson Transi-Lift. After several days of very good negotiations, an agreement was reached and the contract for Lampson's newest and largest capacity Transi-Lift LTL-3000 was signed. "It was a great day for both companies and we look forward to building for Hitachi what we consider to be the world's finest mobile crane" said Bill Lampson.

The new LTL-3000 is being designed in conjunction with our long time client and friends at Hitachi Transport LTD for construction of the new Higashidori NN-1 nuclear power plant for Tokyo Electric Power Company. The LTL-3000 will be the largest mobile crawler crane in the world surpassing the LTL-2600 with an increase in capacity of approximately 20%. The crane will be designed to meet both the Japanese JIS code and the US B30.5 Codes and will employ the use of a new hydraulic winch system using 2-inch diameter wire. The new winches and larger wire will not only dramatically increase the lifting potential, but will also increase the hoisting speed by 50%. The LTL-3000 boom will increase to a 20-foot wide x 16-foot deep cross section, but will maintain the Lampson pin together design concept. With the increase in boom size, the front crawler transporter will increase to approximately 50-foot square using 10-foot wide track pads and Rolli-Flex rollers. The stinger, strut, and counterweight frame will be similar to the LTL-2600, but will incorporate the ability to telescope between 80, 100, and 120 foot positions to greatly decrease the time to perform these "Mode" changes.





Head Engineer, Randy Stemp, who has been with the company for many years and was involved with the first sale of the Transi-Lift to Hitachi, had this to say "I'm proud to have been part of the conception of this new Transi-Lift. I think it will quickly become the flagship of our company and continue to show that Lampson is the premier heavy lift crane manufacturer in the world. I have been fortunate to work with Hitachi for over 25-years starting with delivery of the Transi-Lift to Hitachi Port in 1984 and I am looking forward to the continuation of our relationship. Hitachi and Lampson have always had more than just a business relationship, we have become not just the best of friends but we have become family."

As a follow up to the meetings in Japan, several members of the Hitachi team traveled to Kennewick, Washington in mid-December for a formal contact signing at the Lampson corporate headquarters. "We very much enjoyed hosting our international guests and we look forward to a long and mutually successful relationship with Hitachi in the future" said Kate Lampson.

News and Events

Weitz, Lampson Grant a Soldier's Wish

By Melissa Leslie - "The Daily Journal"



The Weitz Company of Denver and Lampson International made a wish come true for Madison and Wyatt, the sons of two military parents when the boys were given the opportunity to operate a Manitowoc 14000 in Commerce City, Colorado earlier this week.



Staff Sergeant Zachary Buchanan Hughes, their father, who is currently stationed in Afghanistan, made the request through *The Denver Post* city desk.

The two boys are pictured with Bucky Gros of Lampson International

Lampson Holiday Party



The Lampson Holiday party was a success again this year. We had a total of 175 people in attendance that ate, drank and danced the night away. A special thank you goes out to Anna Marie Lampson and Lance Malek for their wonderful help with the preparations. It was another fun event and I would like to thank everyone in attendance for making it so special!

WindPower 2010



This year's WindPower Conference and Exhibition will be held in Dallas, TX May 23-26, 2010. WindPower is a conference where leaders of the wind industry gather to discuss opportunities for the expansion of this market, how to strengthen the economy with wind technology, and how to establish long-term policy support for wind energy integration in the U.S. Last year's show in Chicago, IL boasted a record number of 23,160 attendees and 1,280 exhibitors. This is a tremendous increase from the previous two years. Lampson International will be in attendance and exhibiting at the show again this year.

SC&RA 2010



April 6-10, 2010 is the annual Specialized Carriers and Rigging Association Conference. The Specialized Carriers & Rigging Association (SC&RA) is an international trade association of more than 1,300 members from 43 nations. Members are involved in specialized transportation, machinery moving and erecting, industrial maintenance, millwrighting, crane and rigging operations, manufacturing and rental. This year's conference will be held in Orlando, Florida and Lampson International will be in attendance and representing the company in the industry.

March for Babies

March of Dimes
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Saturday April 24, 2010

Lampson International will be participating in the March of Dimes "March for Babies" on Saturday April 24, 2010. The March of Dimes is dedicated to improving the health of babies by preventing birth defects, premature birth and infant mortality. For those of you in the Tri-Cities, who are interested in walking, please contact Kate Lampson at ext. 267!

Safety

By Bruce Stemp

As most of you know, we continue to improve our program to make it more consistent and comprehensive at all of our locations. We currently have completed re-orientations on over 95% of our employees and are preparing to begin supervisor orientation training shortly.

The supervisor training will help current and future supervisors be better prepared to meet the safety challenges encountered not only at our facilities but at the various project locations we work. They will receive a copy of our current revised safety manual as well as all the pertinent forms required for safety program administration. They will also get enhanced training in accident investigation, safety program

oversight, disciplinary procedures, and safe work practices in adverse weather conditions to name a few. It is imperative that all of our supervisors are currently trained in industrial first aid and cardio-pulmonary resuscitation.

Our safety Tech's Anna Marie Lampson and Cory Stemp are doing an excellent job in preparing and maintaining our employee database, collecting previous and current safety records, presenting orientation training, performing facility audits and helping research and find solutions for safety related issues. This effort had reduced our EMR rating to an acceptable number, but this is not "mission accomplished" and we will continue to strive for further reductions every year.

We have had some minor incidents recently that are most likely related to inattention and growing complacency with our daily tasks. It is important that we all keep our heads in the game while here at work, and at play, and watch out for ourselves as well as our fellow workers. If you notice something that isn't or doesn't seem right - speak up before someone gets hurt or equipment gets damaged! It's all of our responsibility to show our fellow workers the right and safe way to complete a task. They may have never been shown the proper techniques or methods previously and believe that what they are doing is proper. In the same light if someone offers you suggestions it's important that you listen and use the suggestions constructively they are only looking out for your well being.

Finally, we are beginning a program to better track our crane and crane component inspections and load tests. That is being driven, in part, by the changing crane regulations in Washington State and also by our commitment to being the best in the business. In Washington all cranes must be inspected and load tested annually and all components - i.e. boom, jib, luffers, etc - must be subjected to load testing every four years. All cranes and components are given unique identifying numbers and registered in a statewide database administered by the Washington State Labor and Industries Department. Crane inspectors must be accredited by the state based on a combination of experience and successful completion of the NCCCO Core exam and specific state examinations. We will be building a database that will make current and past inspections, wire rope certifications load test and other data available to all of our offices at the touch of a button. This will make it easier to satisfy our client's requests for this type of information.

We will keep you updated on future improvements and additions to our program as we move forward in ensuring a safe work environment for all.

News from Around the World

Large Load Fascinates Onlookers

By Peter Collins - The Standard

Thousands of onlookers have turned out to watch one of the largest loads ever to travel the Princes Highway.

The 700-tonne monster which left Port Melbourne Sunday night fascinated south-west Victorians as it traveled at walking pace between Winchelsea and the Noorat turn-off yesterday.

This morning it will leave its overnight parking spot near Mackinnon's Bridge between Camperdown and Terang and snake its way to Mortlake where a 288-tonne turbine will be unloaded at the site of Origin Energy's gas-fired power station project.

It is expected to go through the town about 11am and be at the Connewarren Lane station site between 1pm and 2pm. VicRoads regional director Robin Miles said the earlier scheduled arrival was delayed to avoid school and business traffic.

Origin Energy communication manager Elizabeth Weaver cautioned onlookers about getting too close to the giant transport which is hauled by six prime movers.

"People should stand well back from the edge of the road and young children and pets should be restrained. The transport should be treated with a great degree of caution," she said. "A lot of onlookers have been coming out to watch and photograph it as it moves slowly through their area.

"The whole route has been plotted with precision and in some cases the unit passes within inches of the edge of bridges."

Hundreds of Camperdown and district residents including Mayor Ruth Gstrein lined the highway as the transport passed through the town about 8am yesterday.

"It was quite spectacular," Cr Gstrein said.

Camperdown Roadhouse operator Ricky Frost and his staff fed the entourage breakfast. "It was a little busier than normal, but it all went smoothly and they were gone in about half an hour," he said.



Announcements

Birthday's: Happy Birthday to the following Lampson employees!!!

October

Alan Hayden, David Heiman, Tanner Hickman, Randy Morrison, Tony Orozco, Joel Raplee, Ryan Cooper, Wes Goenen, Pat Mansfield, Tom Sanders, Randy Speer, Bruce Stemp, Cory Stemp, Shirley Chevrier, Brian Holm.

November

Hector Cardenas, Robert Carson, Lydell Cheromiah, Don Christian, Ryan Foeppel, Butch Forbis, Brian Foster, Roger Hoover, Weston Hurst, Jack Melton, Freddie Ramirez, Viktor Ryadinskiy, Nathan Sather, Mark Keikel, Jeff Abersfeller, Deanna Brooks, Bob Burke, Kathleen Hurt, Kate Lampson, John Rieker, Lana Laughlin, Gary Appel, Gene Russell.

December

David Barnes, Ryan Christian, Clyde Goeke, Chris Helms, Bill Huntley, John James, Eric Kuh, Michael Rabbett, Steve Robbins, Roy Scanlan, Josh Stading, Glen Talcott, Jose Hernandez, Bill Lampson, Lance Wagner, Lisa Welter, Ken Becker, Lee Fischer.

Engagements: We would like to congratulate Aaron Mapston and Malia Souza on their recent engagement. Congratulations you two!

Births: We would like to congratulate Paul and Anna Lavrentiev on the arrival of their son, Julian Paul Lavrentiev. Julian arrived on October 15, 2009 at 10:24 pm weighing 9lbs. 2oz. and is 20 inches long. He is a healthy baby boy and mom and baby are both doing great. Congratulations you two!

We would also like to congratulate Ryan and Jen Cooper on the arrival of their daughter Peyton Angelina Cooper. Peyton was born on January 26, 2010 weighing six pounds 8 oz. and is 20 inches long. She is a healthy baby girl and mom and daughter are doing great. Congratulations to the entire Cooper family!

Quote of the Month: "If you'll not settle for anything less than your best, you will be amazed at what you can accomplish in your lives."

...Vince Lombardi

