

# IMPERIAL

## Happenings

News from the Heavy Lift Specialists

Summer 2010

## Imperial Hits One Million Man Hours Without a Lost Time Accident, Opens New Safety Training Facility

As of March 25, 2010, we have reached an important milestone: One Million Man Hours Without a Lost Time Accident. This impressive accomplishment on its own is even more significant when considering the size of our company and the high stakes in our industry.

Not only do we have a fleet of cranes involved in daily work within the metropolitan Chicago area, we also accumulated over 300,000 man hours last year in the BP Refinery in Whiting, Indiana and CITGO Refinery in Lemont, Illinois. Due to the number of employees working in the refineries, we have dedicated a special team to insure that we enforce safe procedures and operations.

Our entire organization's commitment to our "Talk Safety, Live Safety" culture can be attributed to strong leadership and full support from ownership. At a time when budgets are being scrutinized and cost cutting seems unavoidable, no limitations have been placed on our safety programs or modernization of our fleet. Herb Harmon, Director of Safety, and his staff of seven full time professionals know this firsthand.

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AT A TIME TO  
**ONE  
MILLION  
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TIME ACCIDENT




Safety Director Fred Hunssinger, displays an SC&RA award issued to the BP Whiting Refinery for the maintenance work performed in 2010 by Imperial Crane.



Herb Harmon, Safety Director, Kevin Burkholder, Craft Forman at BP Whiting Refinery, and B.J. Bohne, Owner, after Burkholder received Imperial Crane's Excellence in Safety Award.

"In order to enhance our onsite training programs and maintain our OSHA compliance requirements, I approached ownership with a plan to purchase a permanent structure dedicated to safety offices and an onsite training classroom. It would provide a space to house our safety staff and to educate all our employees with seminars and packaged trainings. I am pleased to announce that Mr. Bohne agreed and the building has been in service as of April 1st."

In addition to our new 30 person training office, we keep our focus on safety by continually implementing new programs and incentives. Most recently, in an effort to go above and beyond, we have put into effect a new policy that all employees must wear reflective vests and safety glasses at jobsites, in addition to hard hat requirements. It is our mission to stay ahead of the curve, always leading by example.

The enthusiasm from ownership and management has trickled down to our field staff. Without their support and dedication to our safety culture, the programs put into place would not have been so successful. As an organization we will continuously be looking for ways to improve safety and the quality of our work. We fully expect to celebrate more milestones in the future as we work toward our next Million Man Hours Without a Lost Time Accident. 



**Based on engineering of the bridge it has to be in the upright position to dismantle.**

## Congress Parkway Bridge Rehabilitation

We are currently working on stage one of the 33 million dollar rehabilitation project of the historical Congress Parkway Bridge. Built in the 1950's, it is 220 feet in length, located over the south branch of the Chicago River.

Imperial was hired by Omega Demolition and Walsh Construction to begin removal of the current open grid deck of the bridge, which is being replaced with a closed deck system. Two 115-ton Liebherr's were used to complete the dismantle.

High profile jobs such as this one requires the right crew. Dan DeLarosa of Omega chose Imperial because of the quality of their operators. "I have always had safe experiences with Imperial's employees. An appropriate and qualified operator is matched to each job. It is important for me to feel confident that a professional expert is in the seat."

The completion of the project will ensure the Congress Parkway Bridge will be a Chicago landmark for years to come.

## "Like Pressing the Easy Button"



City jobs often have difficult setups. This job in Lincoln Park with Wigdahl Electric was no exception. From the start, there were cars parked illegally where the crane was to be set up and trees and light poles in the way of the pick. David Seper, Safety Director for Wigdahl, was not concerned.

"I only work with Imperial Crane on my jobs. I trust Jeanette Ryglewski, Sales Manager, for sizing the correct crane and creating an accurate layout. I'm comfortable with their operators, and their crew. When it comes to Imperial, I am confident there will be no worries. In five years I haven't experienced any issues. When I need a job done, I call Imperial. It's like pressing the easy button."

Our operator was able to overcome the obstacles during setup. Wigdahl's cellular equipment for AT&T was lifted onto the apartment building with our 115-ton Liebherr.



## BAUMA 2010



Buama, the world's largest trade fair for the building industry, was held this April in Munich, Germany. B.J. Bohne, President and CEO of Imperial Crane, was in attendance despite difficulties in travel after volcanic ash disrupted European flights. The show presented an international product range in construction machinery and construction equipment.

Bohne met with company leaders from Sany, Tadano, Link-Belt, Terex, Manitowoc and Liebherr to stay up to date on the crane industry and make informed decisions on the newest technology. He, along with 415,000 visitors from over 200 countries came to view new cutting edge products.

**As a dealer in Sany and Tadano B.J. Bohne, President and CEO of Imperial Crane, keeps strong relationships with the reputable manufacturers.**

# Indiana Focus

Imperial's Griffith office is conveniently located in Northwest Indiana. Currently, the largest sector of work for this location is road projects, infrastructure and industrial upgrades.

## Imperial on Long-term Bridge Project with Walsh

We are working on a three year project with Walsh Construction to rebuild a three mile stretch of five bridges on 80/94, from Georgia Street to Clay Street in Indiana.

Our 360-ton and 500-ton Liebherrs are being used to place the 108,000 pound, 60 foot long concrete beams needed to widen the expressway. The safety and reliability of our equipment is why Walsh's Assistant Project Manager chose Imperial.

*"Imperial's competitive prices were within our budget, but equally as important are the level of qualified operators, equipment and management team they offer. We feel confident that every crane used is safe and in great working condition."*



## Quality Service

We used a 90-ton Grove to do an experimental project for Delta III Inc., who specializes in site work, excavation and underground drainage repair. We lifted 43 armor flex concrete mats into a bank behind the Schererville, Indiana Fire Station. This channel stabilization project will prevent erosion in the waterway. The mats put a 6 inch barrier of concrete between the water channel and the existing ground.

Delta's employee Michael Eaton chose Imperial because of our commitment to each job's success. "I have worked with Imperial on different projects. I stay with them because of the quality service they provide."

Our sales staff is available 24 hours a day, any day of the week. From providing a quote to a jobsite review, they are always available to assist customers, giving them accurate and timely information.

## Teaming with INDOT

Imperial Crane's Indiana office worked with Grimmer Construction on drainage improvements for the Borman Expressway at the Kennedy Avenue interchange, a project for INDOT.

Imperial used a 115-ton Liebherr 1095 to set precast concrete structures aiding in their storm water displacement. During heavy rainfall, the wells will activate, pumping into the Little Calumet River.



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Wesley Austin, (R) Imperial Crane's Vice President of Sales and Marketing, with customers while charter fishing at Lake Point Marina.

