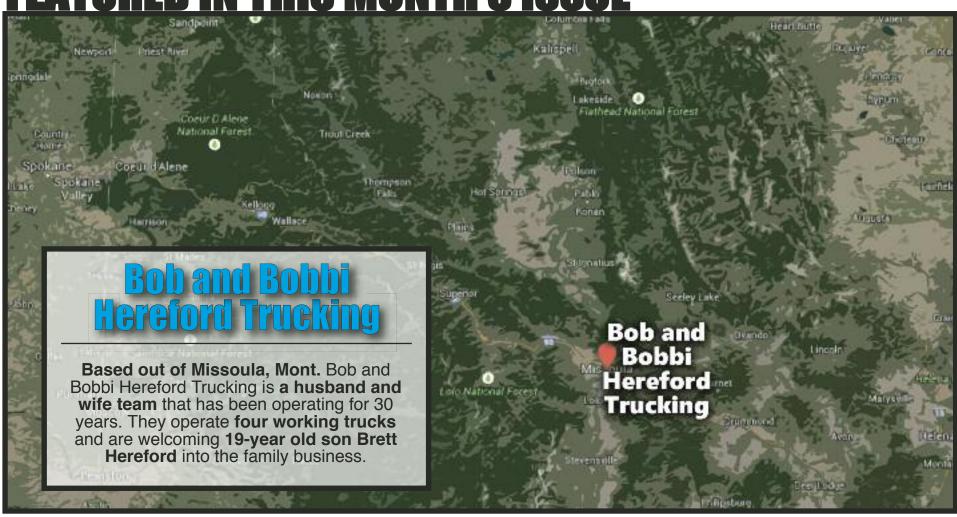


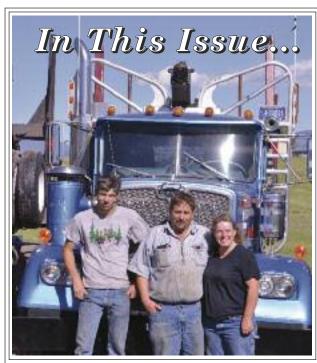
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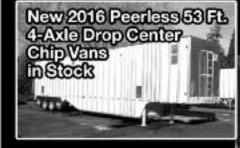
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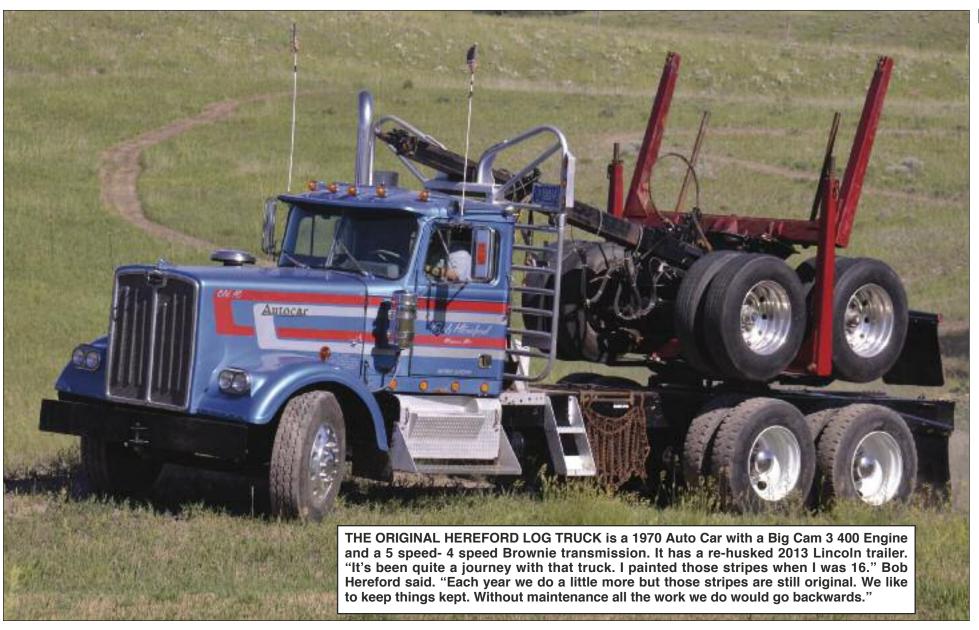


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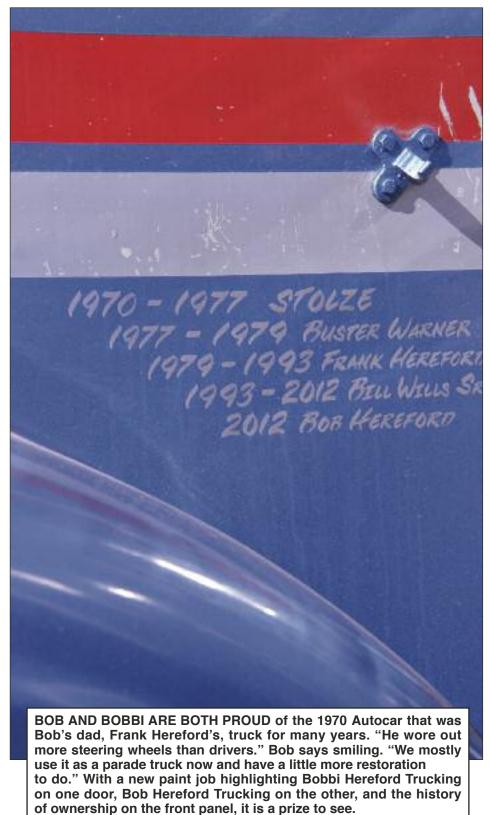
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AUSTIN DILLREE LOADS Bobbi's truck on a sale above the Lochsa River in

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"We made a deal that he had to finish high school and then he could come to work full time and get his own truck. So he (Brett) started taking extra classes online and worked hard, so now I'll honor my word and get his truck in order since he graduates next week!" Bob grins as he shakes his head, "The boy is serious. He wants to drive log trucks and we're ready for the help."

Bob started in the woods in the late 1980's. After graduation from high school, he had plans to head on to college and study to be a game warden but he couldn't shake the log truck driving bug and when his father, Frank Hereford, decided to retire, he bought him out.

Thirty years later the cycle is repeating itself.

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THE HEREFORDS HAVE four main log trucks, an 1987 International water truck with a STE 400 engine and the 1970 Auto Car they use for Parades and special events. Bob's truck, Big Red, has over a million miles on the odometer and Brett's 1998 Kenworth is the newest addition to the family fleet.

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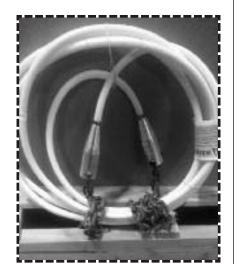
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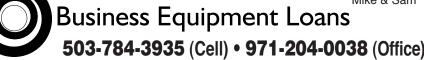
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Brett started driving in Jan-

uary of this year and has mostly been in a 1999 Mack with an E460 motor, 18 speed transmission, Hendrickson Air-Ride and a 1988 Fruehauf trailer.

"He's got some big feet and they don't quite fit that truck so we have been looking around and through Peterbilt in Liberty Lake, Washington we found a Mack out of Seattle that we are working up for him," Bob said.

Brett's new-to-him truck is a 1998 Kenworth with a Pre-emission 550 CAT motor and equipped with an 18 speed transmission, 46,000lbs Chalmers rear ends, and a 1990 Peerless log trailer. "I think I may call it Two Stack Mack but that could change." Brett proudly says about his truck.

Bobbi Hereford has her own style about her when it comes to trucks. For one, you don't see many gals behind the wheels of big rigs, let alone those coming down the side on a mountain, covered in ice and snow. "At first, I think a lot of people were looking at me to fail because they didn't think I could do this kind of work." But more than a decade and around a million miles later she has proved them wrong. "Not one wreck in all those miles. A few close ones but nothin' major."

Bobbi's entrance into log hauling began when Bob was driving their water tanker on fires. "On a fire you work 14 days then you have to take three off, so I told Bobbi that she should get a CDL to spell me." Bob explains. "She started hauling logs for Leroy Christofferson to get her CDL and pretty quick turned into a fine log hauler." Bobbi smiles as she talks about her entrance into log truck driving.

"Leroy had known me since I

was in diapers and he had enough faith in me that I could do the job that he put me to work in the woods right off the bat." In those first few years Bobbi also worked down in Salt Lake City, Utah driving the 1987 International water tanker on construction sites.

"You make good money doing that type of work but it's not the same as hauling logs in the woods. I did a lot of different work for a while but this is my job. The job that was meant for me."

With the money she made working in Utah she bought her truck; a 2001 Kenworth with an ISM 425 Cummins motor that features an 18-speed transmission, 40,000lb rear ends with AG-400 suspension air ride and a 1990 Alpine trailer. Still driving it after a decade, it is obvious Bobbi likes her truck.

"It fits me. It doesn't go as fast on the hills as the boy's trucks, but it gets great fuel mileage."

"She doesn't have big feet like some of us," Bob jibes as he looks pointedly at Brett, "and you notice that when we all do our fuel reports. Bobbi hauls as many miles, if not more some weeks, and uses less gas than us."

Talking with them at their shop it is obvious this family is close knit. Brett has been trying

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to get behind the wheel of a big rig since he could crawl. "When Brett was a youngster he seemed to get "sick" every once in a while. He'd come out of his room while I was getting ready to leave and say 'Momma, I don't feel well I better not go to school today.' So, I'd load him in the truck and within an hour or so he would miraculously be feeling just fine." Bobbie smiles as she reiterates Brett's desire to be out in the woods even as a kid.

Their daughter, Heidi, is the Assistant Manager and in training to be a full-on manager at the local O'Reilly's auto supply store. "Heidi isn't very interested in log truck driving but she helps out when we need her and as a young girl would come out on hauls with us." Bobbi says.

Bob points out. "It's good to have the next generation getting their hands dirty and wanting to work. Not everyone is cut out to wake up at 1am every day and stay focused on the job and what needs doing." They have a good crew in their family and as Bob and Bobbi get ready to ease back a little they have Brett who is full of energy ready to push harder.

Bobbi has the newest truck in the company with her 2001 Kenworth. When asked if they were planning to look into getting any

of the new generation trucks Bob shakes his head. "Sure, it would be nice to have a new truck with all the safety features and the comforts, but these are good trucks and we know how to work on them." "We do most of our own mechanic work when it comes to regular maintenance. But if it is too big we go to Montana Peterbilt. They can do it

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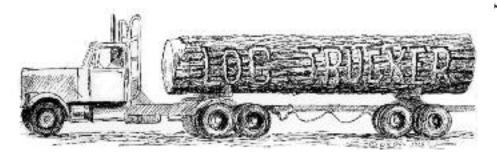
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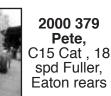
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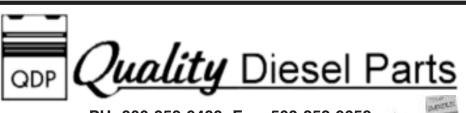


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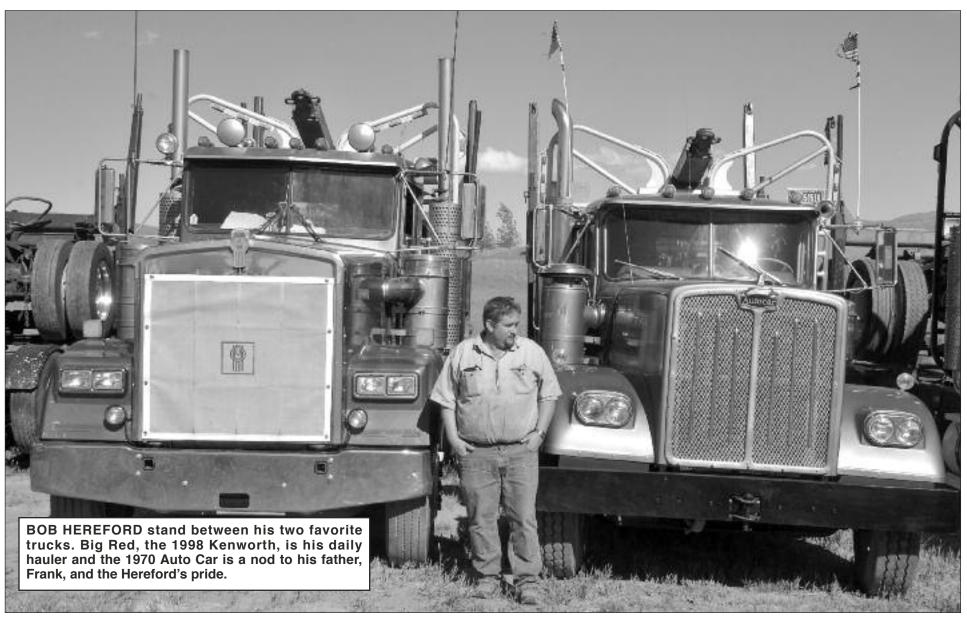
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ABOVE: Bob Hereford got his start in trucking in the early 80's and soon after bought his father's business. "Bob knows his way around these trucks and the woods. It is really great to see him and Brett working together." Bobbi says proudly of her two men.

RIGHT: Bobbi Hereford is a woman who has found the job for her. While you don't see many women behind the steering wheels of log trucks, Bobbi and her 2001 Kenworth make it look easy. "This is my job, the one I was made to do. I enjoy it and it provides a good living for my family."



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But they stay optimistic and will keep hauling as long as logs need to get to the mills.

"Brett is over in Townsend right now which has him closer to the mill." He is turning 4+ loads a day with a 22 mile oneway trip. "It sounds nice, being so close," Bobbi says, "But doing that many trips includes some real hustle. Those trips are less about driving and more about wrapping and stacking and then doing it all over again."

Bob is hauling for a sale up the Bitterroot Valley, south of Missoula. "It's a Forest Service

sale and it's dry out there for this time of year so I'm running our 1987 International water truck for 5-6 hours a day, then getting one load hauling to Pyramid Mountain Lumber in Seeley Lake. That's about a 100 miles one way and through downtown Missoula, which is always fun."

Bobbi is hauling out of the Lochsa country in Idaho and taking the wood to Pyramid Mountain Lumber as well.

"It's a good haul and I get to see some amazing country and animals. There are some great folks we work with on these jobs and when you've hauled with people as long as we have you get to know them

well and help each other out. You can also flip each other some good ones and it makes the days go by faster."

Bobbi tells me as we drive past some loaded trucks and the radio crackles with some chatter between drivers.

Bob and Bobbi Hereford Trucking primarily hauls for Salmon River Wood which is based out of Missoula also but works all over the Northwest.

"My family has worked for Salmon River Wood for three generations." Bobbi points out proudly. "My father, Walt, myself, and now Brett."



BRETT cut his teeth driving the 1999 Mack but being 6'5" the leg room left a bit to be desired. "It's a good truck but he doesn't fit in it. And driving cramped up all day isn't much fun so we found the 1998 Kenworth." Roy Howard drives for the Herefords and uses the Mack. parade truck.

It takes a special type of person to be a log truck driver and it's even more special to find a family doing it together. Both Bob and Bobbi drive full time and have their own additional duties, as many do who run their own business. Bob and Brett both work in the shop keeping the trucks greased and in top operating condition.

Bobbi handles the bookkeeping and check signing. So father and son both know who signs their checks and that Mamma is boss. But one thing is sure, it is a team effort to keep the business flowing.

"We take turns being away

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from home. When Bobbie needs to travel I stay closer to home and take care of things and then we switch off so neither of us get burnt out."

The Hereford family is a team. "We must be doing something right," Bobbi says about the family business. And after 30 years it shows. "We are looking forward to the next ten years and Brett taking on more of the driving. It'll be nice to start easing up just a bit and having a little more free time." Bob explains.

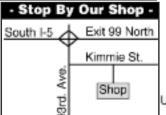
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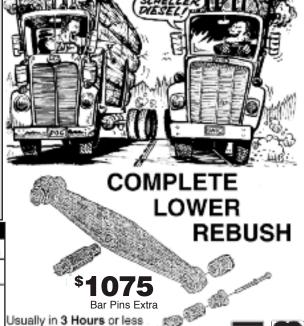


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