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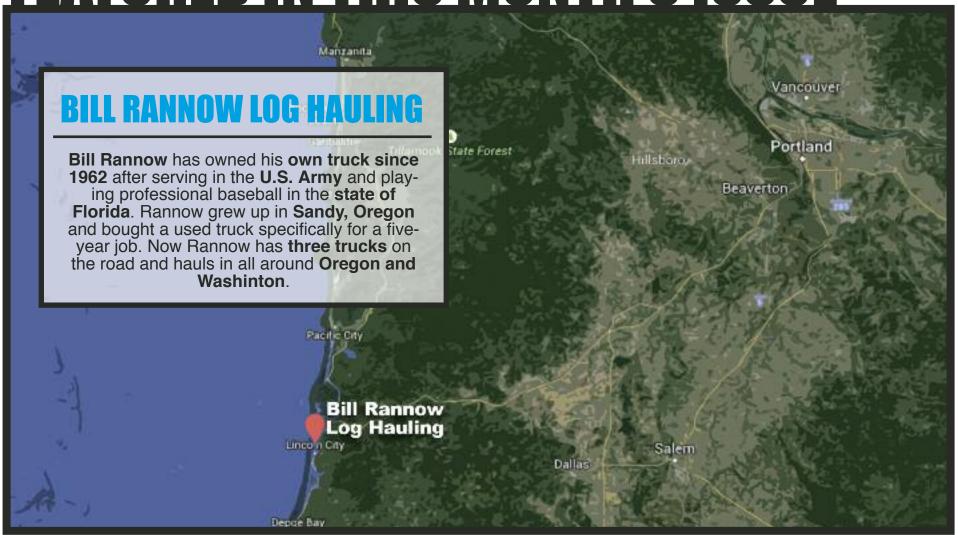
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Bill Rannow still remembers the day, "May 14, 1962."

Rannow had only been driving log truck for six months, but over the course of five years he and his wife LaVaughn, who was a school teacher, had saved enough money together to make a down payment on their first truck. The Lincoln City, Oregon log trucker had been in the United States Army and played professional baseball in the state of Florida, but the occupation that stuck was the one that put him in the woods.

That has since morphed into a three truck fleet that Rannow owns

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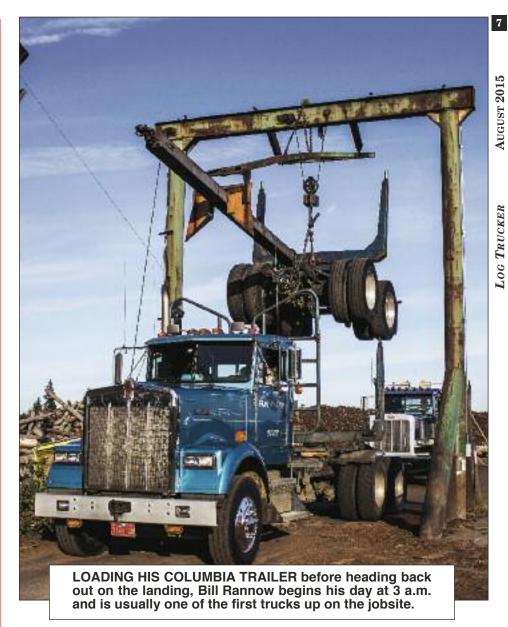
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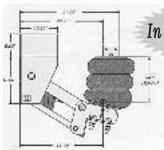




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Rannow grew up in the country near Sandy, Oregon, east of Portland. His folks had an 80 acre farm and Bill was interested in machinery early on.

"My dad was a school teacher, coach, and farmer," Rannow said. "I was riding on the tractor, and would try and do the easy things by myself. I would hook up the machinery and start the tractor. At that time there was no start button (this was a 1936 Farmall REAR END sold in Washington, Oregon, or Idaho F-12). I could usually get the crank in the right position, so I would stand on the crank and get it to turn one half revolution. This wasn't a quick process, but it worked."

Rannow got his start working in the woods on a construction job near Rhododendron, Oregon. It was building a right-of-way road over the Lolo Pass. Bill drove Dump Trucks, Dumpsters and got to push some rock with a TD 18 Cat.

"I did a little bit of everything," he said. "My Uncle Walt was the logger on the project. One day I was pushing some rock and my Uncle Walt came by. I guess he thought I was a Cat Skinner. When the road job shut down, they were still logging, and I got a job running one of their older Cats (a CleaTrac). Later on I learned to log with an arch."

Rannow came to drive truck in a round-about way. He was working for Lawrence Ten Eyck above Estacada just across the river from Memaloose Scaling Station. He was working on the rigging crew and then started

running a Cat HD 20 with an arch. A friend of his, Wally Von Bergen, drove truck for Ten Eyck. Wally would be getting his last load of the day, and instead of riding home with the crew bus, Rannow would go with Wally.

"I was interested, and watched everything he did," Bill said. "Wally was a good driver, but also a good teacher. Every chance I got I went with him."

Wally was called back into the Army in the summer of 1961. Before he left, Wally told Ten Eyck that Rannow could drive truck. That's how Bill got his start.

"I heard about this 1960 Kenworth Log Truck with Wentworth Trailer and Truck Equipment in Newport, Oregon. I looked it over. It was a nice truck. It had 50,000 miles on it, and an older trailer and trailer equipment. Later on, after talking with the owner, I learned of a job that was available in the area hauling logs for L. Jepson & Sons on the Longview Fibre Tree Farm on the Oregon Coast. It looked like this job would last five years."

"I thought about that truck for about a month, then I bought it. I will never forget when the Banker asked me if

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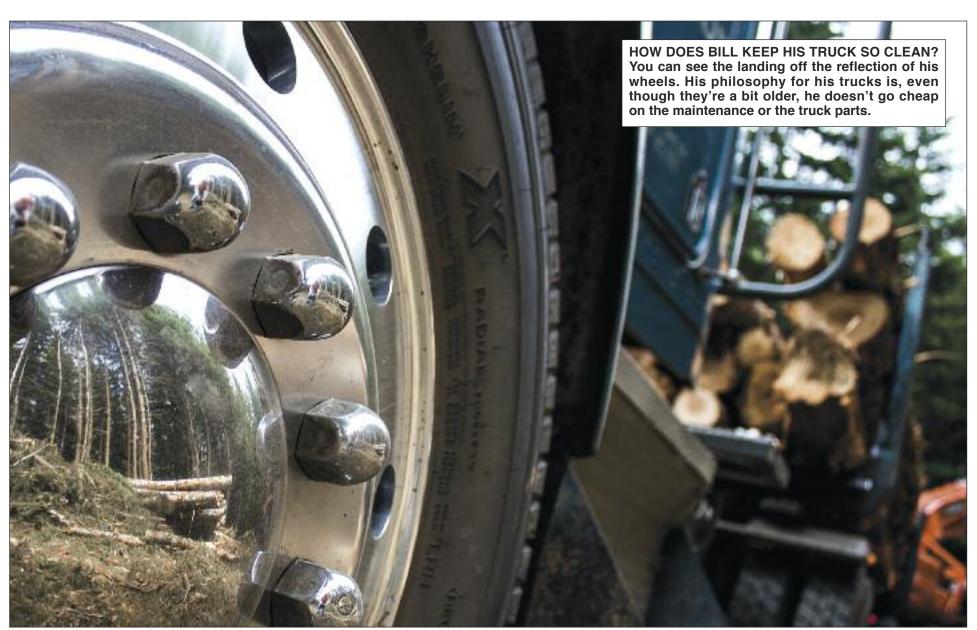
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ON THE WAY TO THE MILL IN LONGVIEW, Bill Rannow takes a pit stop in Northwestern Oregon. Rannow currently hauls for Van Well Timber and has been for the previous three years, and he's had trucks hauling for the outfit for about five years. Rannow has hauled around the state and in Washington. He currently counts himself a lucky guy as he starts his day in his own bed every morning. He drives his pick-up from his sea side home in Lincoln City to his shop in Otis and from there he goes to a variety of job sites. "It keeps it interesting," he says.

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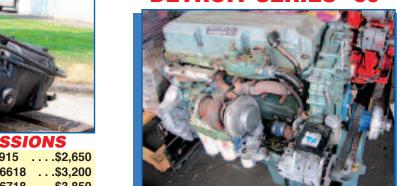


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Rannow had good times hauling for Jepson 14 or 15 years in and around Lincoln City, Oregon. The land that Jepson was working was mostly north, near Clatskanie, Oregon.

"We continued to have a driver haul for them for another 35 years (one truck). You never know how things are going to work out."

In the early 70's Rannow had a chance to buy three trucks with jobs that worked in this area (Lincoln City, Oregon). The logger was W&S, the trucks belonged to Bill Olsen, O&S Transport. W&S was in this area for a few years and logged for Longview Fibre.

"They were good people," Rannow said. "I don't think I spent much time thinking about this purchase, I saw it as an opportunity, so we went from one truck to four. However, one thing that I wasn't aware of was that Longview Fibre would have their local land cut over in two years."

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that are road-side decked by another logger. Bill did this for from the late 1970's to around 2009, then he went back to driving truck.

"I started by buying our truck shop from Bill Olsen when I bought the 3 log trucks. We do brakes, tires, lights and anything we know we can do good. There isn't anything wrong with an older

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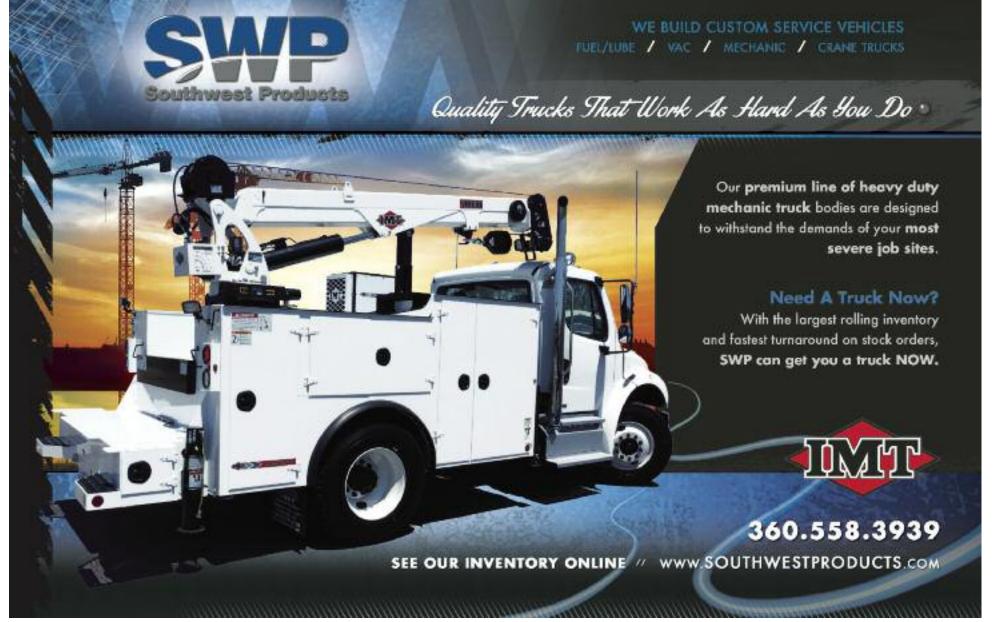
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since. He's seen here putting his wrappers away at the mill. Currently he runs a three-truck fleet after some years working out in the woods. "I was pretty into machinery," Rannow said. "My dad was a school teacher and a farmer. I started riding on a tractor when I was five or six and I remember walking some distance just to see someone cultivate strawberries."



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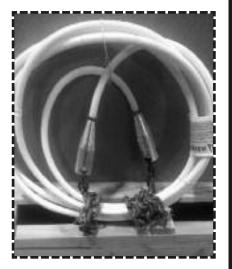
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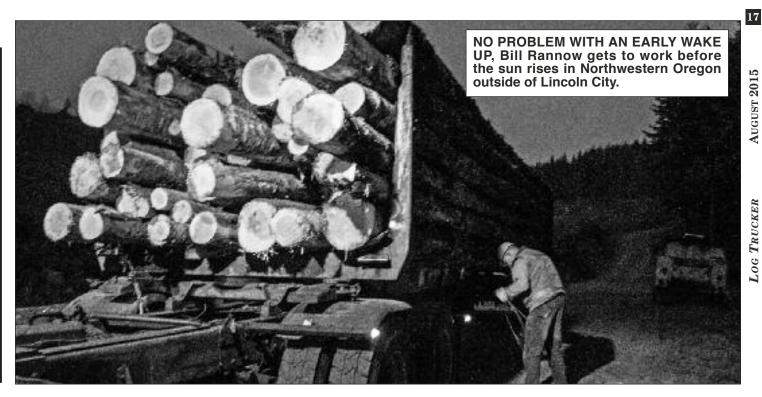


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truck as long as you maintain it."

In 1995, Rannow called Wally to see if he would come to the coast part time and do maintenance work with him. Bill knew Wally could do many things very well. We started with a Friday / Saturday arrangement and that has worked very well. In the last couple of years, Carlton Clemmer has helped do many things that Wally and Bill don't do.

"This has been very helpful. Our Saturdays are quite productive," Rannow said.

Working for Rannow are Ramon Torres, who operates a 1983 Kenworth W900 and Jac Stocker who operates a 2003 W900 for F & B Logging on the North Coast.

Rannow has hauled around the state and in Washington. A lot of drivers don't want to complete the paperwork to haul in Washington. He sees that as another opportunity.

"You have to go where the work is," he says. He counts himself a lucky guys because he starts his day in his own bed every morning.

Morning for him comes around 3 a.m. He drives his pick-up from his sea side home in Lincoln City to his shop in Otis and from there he goes to a variety of job sites. "It keeps it interesting," he says.

Both Rannow, who drives a 2000 W900 Kenworth, and Torres currently work for Van Well Timber, and have been for about three years.

"They are good loggers. They have people really interested in what they are doing. I call it having your head in the ball game," says Rannow.

Rannow has seen many changes over his many years in the industry. He has seen the introduction of the jake brake.

"I remember when you had to have a water tank filled on your truck and you'd have to squirt the water on your brakes to keep them cool on the longer hills," Rannow said.

He saw the the switching from two transmission to one, and the introductions of air suspension systems.

"With the one transmission, I don't know what the big deal was because once you got used to using two transmissions it wasn't that big of a deal."

Tires have made big changes too, from bias ply tires to radial tires. "At the end of the bias ply era there were some pretty good tires coming out. I think it took about 10 years for radial tires to come up to speed."

Engines have made huge

strides. They originally were naturally aspirated. When the turbo chargers came in, they could get more horse power with the same size engine, plus they were more fuel efficient.

The one thing that hasn't changed is the job. Once you get used to it, unless there are some hairy road conditions and the occasional wildlife specimen on the side of the road, what you are doing moving the wood.

"Oh," say Rannow, "We used to start the day at 7 in the summer and 7:30 in the winter, can you imagine that!"

He does admit that they did get home later.

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the books for the business, try to keep everything in order on the business side of things, so that Rannow can focus on hauling logs.

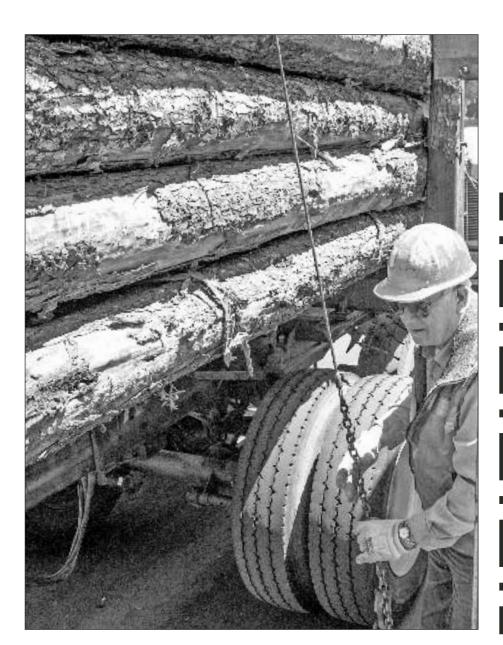
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When May 14, 1962 rolled around, a log truck found its way into the hands of Bill Rannow. From then on, he hasn't left the wheel unattended and continues to roll the miles over on the odometer.

Considering his work ethic, his consistent nature out on the road, and his time in the industry, it's a date that is certainly memorable.







BILL RANNOW starting working in the woods on a construction job near Rhododendron, Oregon. It was building a right-of-way road over Lolo Pass. Rannow drove dump truck, dumpsters and got to push rock with a TD 18 CAT. "One day I was pushing some rock and my Uncle Walt came by. I guess he thought I was a Cat Skinner," Rannow said. "When the road job shut down, they were still logging, and I got a job running one of their older Cats (a CleaTrac). Later on I learned to log with an arch."

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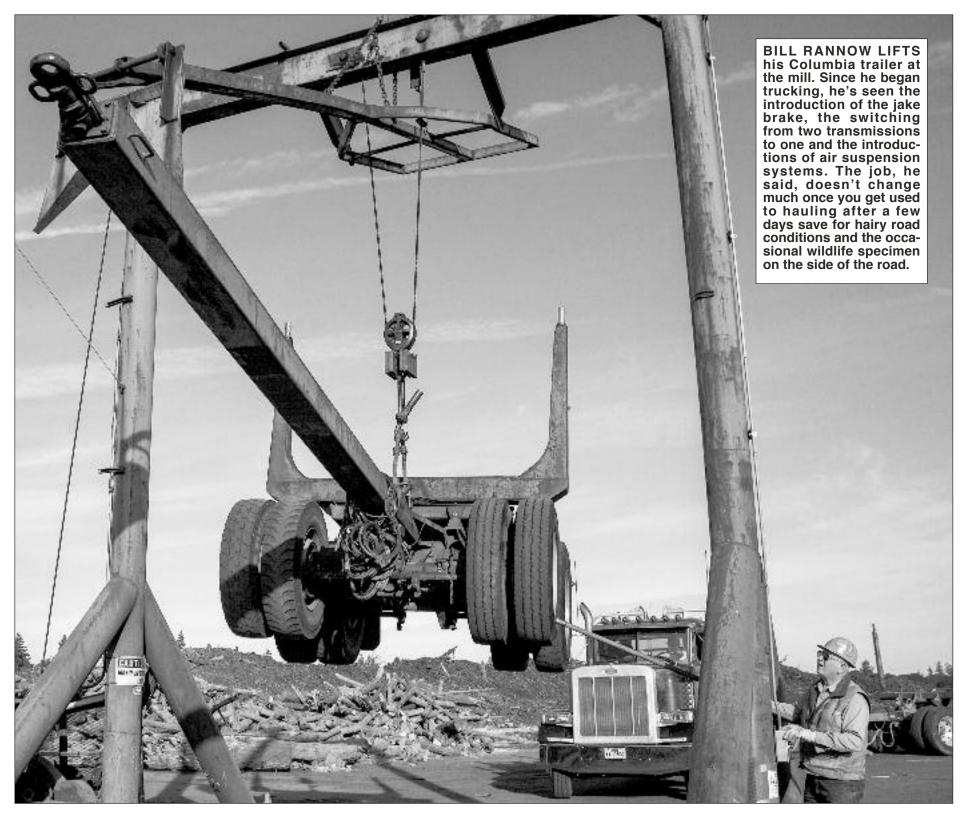
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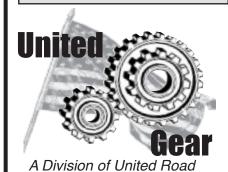
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