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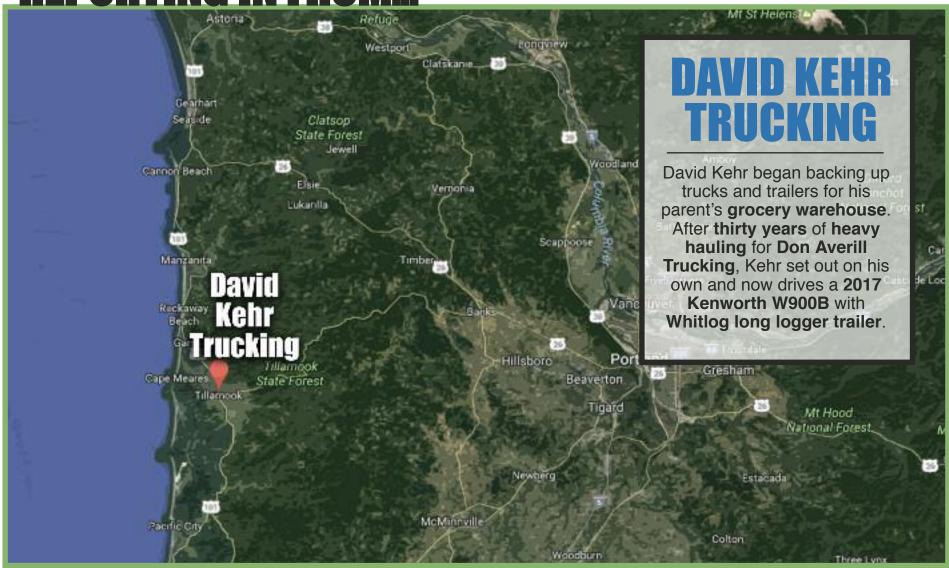
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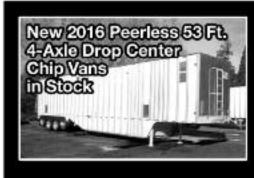
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DAVID KEHR TRUCKING - TILLAMOOK, OREGON

David Kehr loves log trucking after heavy hauling for thirty years

By Brandon Hansen For Loggers World

avid Kehr considers himself a lucky guy. Luck sometimes comes in the form of a four-leaf clover or a big win at the local casino. It's defined as an unpredictable or uncontrollable force that benefits an individual.

The 52-year-old log truck driver has a 2017 W900B Kenworth with a Whit-Log long logger trailer and said he's pretty spoiled. Looking at how he's spent the years, Kehr has shown plenty of purpose working in the trucking industry, building up friendships with his fellow log truckers and loggers and that's worked out in a nice opportunity in the Tillamook



area. Perhaps luck had nothing to do with it?

"The camaraderie of all the people in log trucking is great," Kehr said. "It's just a lot of fun. We have a ball going back and forth to the mill and jobsite."

Tillamook is located in northwestern corner of Oregon on the southeast end of

Tillamook Bay. It isn't far from the Pacific Ocean and is known for its famous Cheese Factory. But David isn't in the cheese business, from an early age he enjoyed the woods and the thought of log trucking.

He currently hauls logs for Hopkes Logging, along with fellow owner-operators Randy Remington and Steve Cade.

They make a bit of a team, probably carrying plenty of stories along with their loads

"When we're out of the range of CB, we switch to cell phones," Kehr said.

Kehr has been log trucking on his own since 2014, but the Tillamook-area driver had heavy-hauled equipment for Don Averill for 30 years beforehand.

STARTING OUT

While a lot of guys get out on the road because their parents were into log trucking, Kehr's parents were in a different industry but passed on a work ethic, a business sense and an idea of how to treat equipment right.

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A young Kehr began backing up truck and trailers of stock deliveries for his dad to his parents grocery warehouse.

Then David went over to Don Averill Trucking and Don showed the young man how to drive truck, maintain it and all the ins and outs of the industry.

Kehr got his farm permit and was able to haul hog fuel and corn silage in the Salem, Oregon area. All before most of us would think about getting into a truck.

So David's upbringing gave him a diverse background. Kehr's dad showed him the business side of things, and Don Averill showed him everything about running truck. For years, Don had him doing the heavy

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David Kehr's 2017 Kenworth W900B sits in the shop at home. Kehr does the day-to-day maintenance of keeping the truck on the road, but for anything major he calls up Rick Erickson of Pape Kenworth to come out and take a look. "He's been phenomenal for the industry around here," Kehr said.





Kehr

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hauling for his company and that's what he did around the area for several years. In 1982, Kehr hauled his first

load of logs as when Barry Mamannow needed a driver for one of his log trucks, Kehr would fill in.

During this time, Kehr saw plenty of changes in regulations and drivers. One big

change was the state forest by Tillamook slowed down its timber work heavily for loggers. Work which had been somewhat nearby switched up north to the Astoria area.

"It's a good industry to be in around here but we mainly log up north," Kehr said. "Back then you didn't have to drive as much as you have to now."

FIRST LOG TRUCK

In 2008, Kehr and his wife Candy bought their first log truck - a 2007 Kenworth

W900 and good friend Pete Jacobs drove it. They eventually decided to sell it as Kehr continued heavy hauling, and that's what he would do until 2014 when the Kehr's bought their first new log truck.

The Kenworth 2015 W900B was bought from Dwayne Rawe. Dwayne has been generous with tips and information about buying and maintaining the trucks.

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Here is David Kehr's 2017 W900B hauling a good load of logs in Northwestern Oregon. Kehr began driving truck at a young age and moved into heavy hauling for Don Averill Trucking for 30 years. He also filled in as a log trucker when needed and hauled his first load of logs in 1982. Going out on his own in 2014, Kehr makes a living hauling around the Astoria area and back to Tillamook.



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AT THE MILL

David Kehr parked at the mill with a nice-looking load of logs from Northeastern Oregon. Kehr has been hauling logs since 1982 and has been in a truck longer than that. He learned business sense from his father Don Kehr and trucking sense from Don Averill. "From working with Averill, I know so many people I just felt very fortunate starting out," Kehr said. "My early career really lined me out to where I am today." (RIGHT) Here is David in a photo with his wife, Candy.

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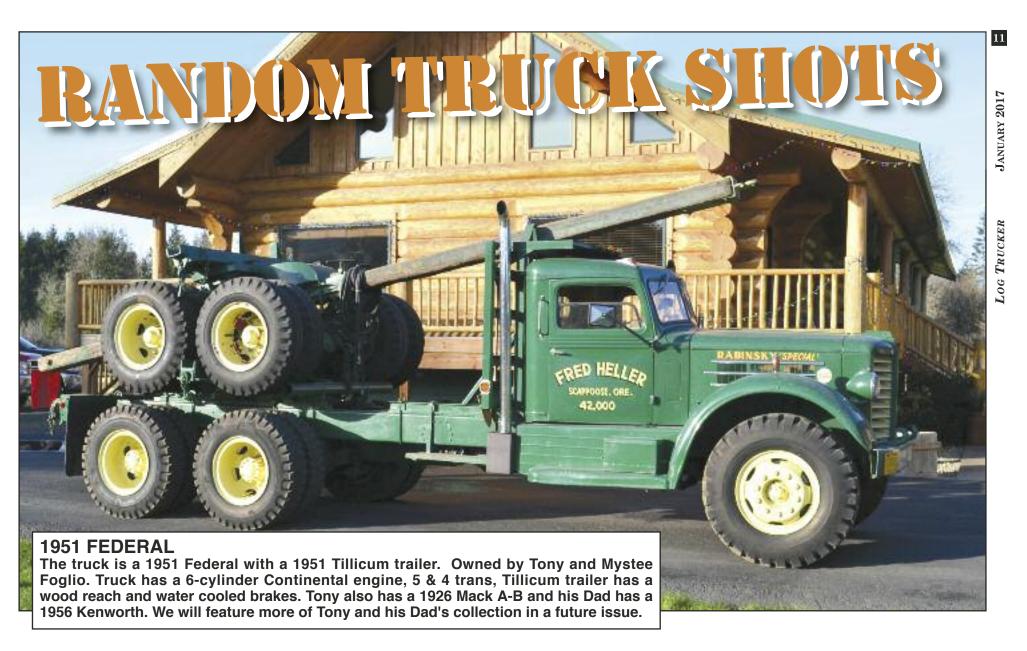
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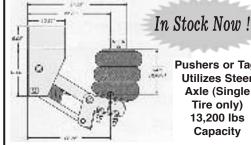
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ill I know so many people I just felt very fortunate starting out," Kehr said. "My early career really lined me out to where I am today."

He's an appreciative guy of everyone who works with him in the industry. With plenty of contacts, Kehr said it's not too tough to find work or a place to haul logs.

In 2014, Kehr said he only missed one day and that was because he decided to take the day off.

NEW TRUCK

This year, David got a 2017 Kenworth W900B that was spec-ed like his older trucks. It had a 600 Cummins engine, an 18-speed transmission, 390 rear ends and 260-inch wheelbase.

Hauling for Hopkes, and Kade, the CB traffic can be quite prolific.

Since he heavy hauled for years and wife Candy is also employed, they were able to begin with newer trucks, which he has enjoyed immenselv.

"I enjoy the comfort and how things ride," Kehr.

He's always driven Kenworth and does the day-to-day maintenance himself and for anything major Rick Erickson of Pape Kenworth works on it.

"He's been phenomenal for the industry around here," Kehr said.

ALL AROUND

Since Kehr isn't hauling

David said he appreciates going back to the same shovel every morning. Kehr usually runs into Hopkes shovel operator Bob Hurleman, and along with his friends Remington

"Hopkiss works for Hampton so we haul there," Kehr said. "We can haul Alder to Longview, Fir to Warrenton and Hemlock to Tillamook."

around the state forests of

renton.

Tillamook, he's getting plenty

of scenery in Astoria and War-

He estimates he does about 400 miles a day, which is quite a bit of countryside. His 2015 truck had 190,000 miles on it in two years so he does appreciate being able to keep a new truck under him and the headaches of serious breakdowns out of the equation.

Kehr said the support of his wife Candy is invaluable.

She does all the books, and prepares a lunch in the morning and dinner at night.

"All I have to do is drive," Kehr said. "I'm pretty lucky."

Candy is also the head cook at the junior high in Tillamook.

Along with log trucking, Kehr has property by the river in Tillamook. He enjoys spending time with family there and said he occasionally goes hunting.

Family, a supportive wife, fun at work and a new truck Kehr considers himself a lucky guy and we'd be hardpressed to disagree!

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By Brandon Hansen For Loggers World

hen it comes to companies and drivers wanting their trucks to look nice, customization is what comes to mind. When it comes to customization, Paul Comeau, of Vancouver Washington, is your guy. About eighty percent of his business is log trucks, with the rest or his work being spread across race cars, trucks and motor-

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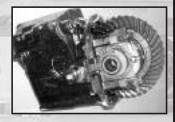
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cycles. If you have been buzzing down the I-5 corridor, chances are, you have seen Comeau's handywork.

Comeau started the business in 1993, but had been interested in all types of vehicles beforehand. He reminisced going to car shows and seeing guys laying down stripes, or airbrushing and thinking how incredible it would be to be able to do it too. When getting his racing helmet painted, he watched as it got striped, he was THAT customer. But it was that moment, that inspired him to pursue the line of work, picking up the tricks of the trade from people in the

After many hours of practice, frustration, and apprenticeship he was to the point of going out and doing jobs, actual paying jobs. Paul Mackey, a fellow pinstriper, was gracious enough to help Comeau out and even send jobs his way. It was because of people and customers like this, that this dream was capable of becoming a full-time

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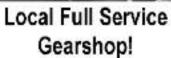


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Along the journey there have been many life long friends made, out of both customers and people of the business. A standout guy, Jeff Devey of Twin Falls, Idaho has always been a help over the years, but when tragedy stuck the family, when Comeau's son passed away, Devey dropped everything and flew out to help keep the doors open on the business.

Since 1993, things have changed significantly from working for his dad's business to starting and successfully running his own. Comeau added "I probably couldn't do that now, might be a little difficult" referring to working two jobs, while simultaneously raising two kids with his wife Vicki. From starting in a two car garage, until transitioning to a bigger garage built in 2000, Comeau now has a 60 x 80 shop that became the permanent residence in 2007. While his nice warm shop is preferred, he does still travel around the west coast doing jobs.

For those interested in his work you can find him on Facebook at Comeau Lettering and Pinstriping, or reach them at 360-573-2216. They are also working on starting an Instagram account, so keep an eye out to follow along!





THE NAME GAME

Paul Comeau touches up the gold leaf for David Kehr's truck. Comeau and his wife Vicki, do individual jobs as well as working on entire fleets.



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