



**"The Green Hornet"**  
Russell Monger, Stanley, Va.



**Lee Ondrak, Lincoln, Neb.**



In 2010 Reeks designed his latest new sawmill, the Thriftwood. It's powered by a single phase 220-V motor. No fumes so it can be used inside.



**Hydraulic Log Loader**  
Roger Daniel, Carrollton, Ga.



**Norman Burgett, Bristow, Okla.**



His second sawmill, the Yellow-Jak-It, came along in 1998. It has some upgraded features but was still constructed primarily from junk parts.

## Build Your Own Bandsaw Using Salvaged Parts

Bill Reeks is at it again. He recently sent us photos of his new all-electric Thriftwood bandsaw that puts out no fumes so it can be used indoors and starts with the flip of a switch. It's the third in a line of Reeks-designed sawmills that have been duplicated by thousands of do-it-yourselfers all over North America and in 13 countries around the world.

Reeks built his first sawmill in 1994 for less than \$100, using recycled materials and a salvaged engine. Since FARM SHOW first featured that sawmill in 1995, he's sent out more than 11,000 packets of information to interested sawmillers and figures that more than half of those went on to build their own mills.

Bill is "notorious" for his ultra-personal customer service. His "packets" of information contain hundreds of photos

and detailed information. And Bill is always available to help anyone who "gets stuck" along the way.

He offers separate packets of information on each of his three sawmills.

1. **Yellow-Jak-It** - In 1998 Reeks wanted a lighter mill with more mobility and he wanted to be able to saw logs up to 36 in. dia. So he used 13-in. "donut" spare tires and wheels. A packet of information with 79 clear photos, a 52-page instruction booklet, and a fold-out blueprint is available for \$54 each (in Canada, send \$64, U.S. cash only).

2. **Thriftwood** - Reeks designed this mill in 2010 to run on single-phase 220-volt power. It saws logs up to 28 to 30 in. dia. and comes with 171 pages of detailed instructions and parts information in a packet that is available for \$54 each (in Canada, send \$64, U.S. cash only).

Reeks notes that most guys end up customizing the plans to fit whatever materials they have on hand. For example, one sawmill builder recently modified the Yellow-Jak-It plans to cut logs up to 55 in. dia.

For a 20-plus page introductory packet that explains the basics of Reeks three bandsaw mills, send \$3.50 (In Canada, send \$5.00 U.S. cash). "I'm not in this for the money," says Reeks who just turned 86 years old. "Anyone is welcome to stop by my place and take pictures and measurements of my mills and I'll gladly help them get started."

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## Where To Go For Army Trucks & Parts

Memphis Equipment Company bills itself as the "Nation's Largest Army Truck Dealer".

Located in Memphis, Tenn., they offer surplus reconditioned and remanufactured military 6x6 trucks. "Army 6x6 trucks are being used widely for numerous off-road applications" says Asbury L. Jones III, sales manager. The company also has a complete spare parts inventory for military 4x4 and 6x6 trucks, including the "M" Series 3/4, 1-1/4, 2-1/2, 5 and 10-ton models.

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