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**Interviewers:**

McQuaid, Cheryl; Smith, Jerri; Coulter, Marilyn; Judy, Gary; Fedewa, John

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Kevin Beard discusses his career as a production worker, union activist, and UAW Joint Training Representative at the Fisher Body plant in Lansing, MI. Kevin talks about being hired in August 1973 at the Olds Forge Plant Two and coming to Fisher in June 1982. Kevin shares his experiences and comments on work in the factory, new hire status, second shift, moving between plants, union activity, joint programs, safety training, training of coworkers, and community involvement. This interview is part of the United Auto Workers Local 602/General Motors Oral History Project.

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**Notes Folder:**

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**Photo Folder:**

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**Photo One** was taken at the UAW Local 602 Annual Family Picnic at Eagle Park (year unknown). Subjects are, from left to right: light shirt - unknown, yellow shirt - unknown, Kevin Beard.

**Photo Two** was taken inside the Safety Office at the Fisher Body Plant circa 1990. Subject in the photo is Kevin Beard.

**Photo Three** was taken in late 1986 during a celebration ceremony following the completion of OSHA mandated Hazard Communication training. Almost all those pictured are UAW trainers who applied and were selected to facilitate the training of their fellow UAW members from the Fisher Body plant. Training was conducted on Saturdays, in four-hour sessions, at the Lansing Community College campus in downtown Lansing. Training was conducted by supervisor area and shift. Training consisted of instruction on the OSHA and UAW/GM program, explained how chemical exposures occurred, then specifically described the chemical materials in each area, the hazards associated with those chemicals, and described how to protect oneself from health effects. Kevin Beard was one of the trainers. This opportunity began a long association with Safety, Education & Training, and other UAW/GM Joint Activities resulting in several nontraditional jobs that took him off the assembly line. Subjects are: from left to right – David Brown, John Janssens (light sport coat) David Dickhaut, Wayne Nash, Jim Camp, Kevin Beard, Dennis Nelson (on far right near rear wall). Image was scanned at 600 dpi on an EPSON EXPRESSION 10000XL Scanner on May 28, 2009.