

9-14-05 Mike Bennett UAW 602 Hall 9:10 AM
Attendance Cheryl McQuaid, John Fedura, Linda Johnson
Kathy Berry, Doreen Howard, Marilyn Coulter, Mike Flemming

married
- 4 children age 54 origin - white No military
hire - 12-16-70 Trim Dept 1st Boss Dick Thelen 1st job
power Buttons indoors, No family in plant, laid off
in ^{Feb} 1974 - Oil Embargo until March 1976.

Why hire - benefits - all goods Favorite Boss - Bob Dayman
UAW office - 1982 1st position as Att committee election
committee. UP in 1999 election.

Worked in Paint hardware, Trim - hard & software / cashier room,
Sealer line in paint, spot weld & ^{utility} coordinates - Body
Most time in Body Shop - Favorite place to work was
inspection for trim repair.

Prior Job - Stockman @ Universal Motors - Factory
1st Day - ^{outplant} larger place, less family oriented than Universal

Hunt Fish, cars - with other employees

Pranks - Wallet with grease in aisle, get a handful
of grease when picked up.

Union involvement - always read contract book & people would ask
me questions - ^{GT friendly} wife ^{was} got him to run for committee,
Met wife @ plant worked across from each other - plant
relationships.

Retired in Nov 2000, Changes in GM 602 harder for committee
people to get anything accomplished. Name changes - always F. ster Body

Strike participation - ³ days ^{in early} 90's helped Andy Graham with strike

Benefits - health care is best

VP of Local - what was it like - people expect you to know everything and its not possible. P.R. Job mostly. Knowledge is important.

most Rewarding as VP - helping people

Quality workforce - what makes us different - ~~commitment~~ ^{commitment} of people
Relationships of Union + Mgt - More cooperation between them
helped out our new ³ car launches.

New Plant - hope will continue cooperation. Should be good launch,

People make our plant what it is/was.

still Active ~~in~~ in Union as retiree. Still want to be involved with the people

Advice to new people - get involved in your union.