

Fisher Body Historical Team 11-7-05

9:15 am

Interviewer Cheryl McQuade.

Interviewee = Tim Berry

Seniority = 9-2-76. Tim on Dayshift

Married = No 1 girl 1 boy

First Day = scary. (only 18 years old when hired in)
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Education: 12th grade Everett High School.

First Day = Front door regulators, makes the
windows go up and down. a team of 4
installed these parts.

Heard about this job through parents. Tim and
his brother Tom went to Aldsmobile. Tom
was hired in alds and Tim came to Fisher Body.
Problems = None.

Layoffs or strikes, in 1976 a 1 day strike,
no layoffs.

Stayed in trim for 24 years. Then into
Sanitation to be a paint booth ~~the~~ cleaner.

Training - Confined space, lockout, coordinator
training.

Mostly in trim he was utility (which means
absentee replacement. This was good because
you weren't on the same job every day.

Changes in the Trim Dept. Regulators went from
metal to plastic. Large cars to smaller
cars. He believed the plant culture has
matured over the years.

The Booth cleaners watched over him when

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he was working with them. Cleaning the grates in the booths were "mowed". This machine would spray out water to clean the grates.

* Checkpools and ~~there~~ some gambling, raffles for cars and other things. A checkpool is the last three digits of check number and the amount of changes in your checks.

* Front Bass - George Nettles

* Favorite Bass - can't recall, many within the years. Plant name changes - Hired in was Fisher Body and then still after 28-29 years still Fisher Body. Music playing in Tim was loud and made the time go by very quickly. Rock and Roll music mostly.

a party was thrown for Tim when he was planning a second wedding and his dept ~~gave~~ gave him a party.

Union vs Corporation = Company needs to make money so we try to get along with management.

Best Bargained Benefit = Good Timing (Money)

Plant closing = Sad to see it go, lots of memories, but still ~~looking~~ looking forward to the new Lansing Delta Township plant.