

Ken slate

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Started out on back glass - ^{rubber} taped it (1976) 90 days in
then grinding soder in body shop - then back to
trim - 5 years on the line then skilled trades
BS. from Central Mich. Sept 1976 - (Trim Cutlass line)

2nd shift - messy, scary - All work done manually.

taught math - in Florida Jr. High & High School -

People were friendly - ex military woman was to
check everyones belly button (Sarge Nancy)

didn't see kids much on 2nd shift - Name
changes didn't matter still have to say Fisher body

or no one knew who you were talking about. Fake
water when you hooked up hood on body shop
job. Returned to trim - went to utilities volunteered
Best job on the line - couldn't ^{pay} worst job hooking
things up inside door -

The wagon experience - shut line down, everyone
got to go out at once to get a snack -

90 days significance - would be able to have
a job after 90 days - never a break in seniority

Had one strike experience - supported strike

Tradesman - Electr. 24 years - Doing training

+ meetings for new Delta Plant - will work in

G.A. - ~~body~~ sideframe - production, robots, facilities
maintance, - Partners (safety, skill)

Alot more safety conscious now

Plans on retiring in 3 to 5 years

Has some good friends & really close friends
in Lake-O

His partner John Phillips knew alot of things to do to people he knew were jumpy - slid alot of retirement dinners - collect money, tableware & such.

what made you stay at G.M. instead of going back into teaching? Money -

Doesnt think insurance is as good as it used to be -

most ~~are~~ made yearly 80 to 85 thousand - charge ours are shorter - skilled Trades usually worked 7 days anyway.

Apprent. 3 1/4 years - 4 yr. course.

Be open minded, work with people, listen. People working together

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