

**Jerry Morse briefly discusses his career as a UAW skilled trades electrician and GM maintenance supervisor at the Fisher Body plant in Lansing, MI**

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I'm Cheryl McQuaid. I'm with the Lansing Fisher Body Historical Team. We're in the Labor Relations conference room at Fisher Body. It is [shuffling papers] August 24, 2005, and it's 10:15. We're with Jerry Morse [shuffling papers] and, uh, we'd like Jerry to share some of his memories of Fisher Body.

Hi, I'm Jerry Morse. I, uh, hired in to Fisher Body in 1981, July the 20th. I hired in as electrician, worked as electrician in the body shop. Uh, at that time, we had the old robots of the Unimate and Cincinnati Hydraulics, just a few of 'em. We had – I think we had 3 robots, which we now have like 700 but, uh, when we did finally in 1983 go to the – brought in the, uh, uh, probably 200, Cincinnati, we had an open house and at that open house, we had a, uh, Cincinnati hydraulic in the body shop that we programmed to do, uh, Capital of Quality. We, we actually put a felt pen in the robot and, and the robot did draw the – out the Capital of Quality, which was a big interest for the kids and also in the, uh, trim area, they had, uh, a [Saer 1:30] robot and f-, for their little demonstration, they had put a golf club, a putter in the hand of the robot and would putt golf balls into the hole for the kids. So it was a pretty neat open house and they had a lot of g-, neat things and I think the, the, uh, people of Lansing liked it and...

Cindy actually, uh – Cindy was the name of the...

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...robot. [2:00] Is that correct?

Cindy was the name of the robot. Yes.

And she signed the, the drawing that she did...

Yes, she did.

...and you...

[And sh- 2:07]...

...and you were gonna donate tat-, that to MSU.

1 Jerry Morse: And we have a, a copy of that original one and we're donating to MSU.  
2 Yes. [clanking] The open house – this is Jerry Morse again – the open  
3 house, uh, was in approximately 1983 and it was the, uh, Capital of  
4 Quality. It was to celebrate, uh, 75 years with Fisher Body. The, um – I  
5 can't remember what it was.  
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7 Cheryl McQuaid: It was the [inaudible 2:38].  
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9 Jerry Morse: It was the Quality Network emblem but, uh – I forgot the [other thing]  
10 [inaudible 2:45].  
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12 Female: It was a popular symbol.  
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14 Jerry Morse: Oh, it was a popular symbol in the, in the – I don't know. [I 2:52]...  
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