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My first job was delivering papers for the Arizona Republic while I was in eighth grade. My goal was to earn enough money to purchase a car when I turned sixteen. I quit this job in my sophomore year. However, when I wanted to buy a car, my father said I could not do that unless I had a job in order to pay for maintenance and insurance on the car. So, I went to work for a local grocery store as a bagger/stocker/janitor. Having met that requirement, I purchase a VERY USED 1951 Ford.

After my freshman year at ASU, I went to work for an oil company jobber that serviced small contractors, independent gas stations and farmers. My position was general gofer/meal labor/custodian. This job had two great perks over working at a grocery store. One it paid more \$50 for a 44 hour week, AND I got to drive trucks delivering barrels of oil to their customers.

As a typical youth, I wanted to try something else. The else was living on campus. I became an employee of the state of Arizona grading papers for a descriptive geometry class. This paid less than the oil company but provided an opportunity to live on campus. While living on campus, and grading papers I noticed an item on the Dean's bulletin board which said a local electronics company was looking for students to work full time summer and part time winter. After I discovered that the local employer was Motorola, I thought that it would be a waste of time to apply. But, since my Father was not pleased with my current income I decided to go ahead and apply.

To my amazement, I was offered a job in 1962 as an assembly line Tech for Auto Rectifier Department on second shift during the summer, and third shift when school was in session. WOW This job with night shift premiums paid \$2.875 per hour!

After graduating from ASU, I transferred to the Zener Diode Department. Subsequent positions included TTL Wafer Fab, PMOS product engineering, and MICARL (Motorola Integrated Circuits Application Research Laboratory).

Then in 1978, I was offered my dream job in Microprocessor Product Engineering. As a result we moved to Austin Texas. My time in Austin included positions with 8-bit Microprocessors, MOS3, RISC, SEMATECH, and DSP. I opted for an early buyout in 1999.

My spouse for 56 years is Evelyn Pennington. We have three sons, three daughters-in-law, one granddaughter, and four grandsons.

Closing the loop, my current car, after strong encouragement from Evelyn, is a C7 Corvette.

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