

Janis Kozlowski: What, what did you, when did you get discharged, and then what did you do, besides buying the car?

John Fahey: Well I, I got out in the last part of August of 1946. And a couple weeks later I was in school; I'd wanted to go to college. So, I started at El Camino Junior College there, in Los Angeles – Torrance, California, which is a suburb of Los Angeles - I don't know if you knew that. But, yeah, I went to El Camino, and was in the first graduating class in 1948. And after that, I went to U.S.C.

Janis Kozlowski: What was your profession?

John Fahey: Um.... [Laugh] No, I worked in construction. I was what they call an estimator, or [Unclear word, sounds like "help"]. We, what ... the companies I worked for, we'd build roads and bridges and subdivisions. And earth moving was a big part of our work. So, we built freeways and bridges and stuff like that.

Janis Kozlowski: So your training, military training; did that help you with that at all, or?

John Fahey: Oh, yeah, because I could sit there typing code at night and go to sleep talking.

Janis Kozlowski: [Laugh]

John Fahey: And I knew the.... [Laugh] Actually, I would do that.

Janis Kozlowski: Really?

John Fahey: The typewriter would wake me up, when, you know, when you're ... got a bell on it when it comes [to the end] and you hit the return.

Janis Kozlowski: Ah-huh.

John Fahey: And, hell, I actually would fall asleep copying code ... in the middle of the night; it's not hard to do.

Janis Kozlowski: You mean, just in your mind, you did that?

John Fahey: Yeah.

Janis Kozlowski: Oh. How long did that go on? Was that something ... that stuck with you?

John Fahey: Well, that, being able to type was a big help in the work.