BIOGRAPHY - Johnny Stong



After high school, I returned to my home town, Toledo, to work as an apprentice electrician. I worked at my Grandfather's shop, Mitchell Electric. After receiving my draft notice in 1965, I subsequently enlisted for a three year term in the army. Ironically, I was stationed at Fort Bliss in El Paso to work with Hawk missiles.

I married my Toledo high school sweetheart, Terrie Colthorpe, just before my last year at Fort Bliss. We had three children, 2 boys and one girl. I retired from my electrical career in 2008. I enjoy sailing and own a Hunter 40 sailboat. It has been fun to sail in several Lake Erie races. I also enjoy golf and trips to Florida to visit our two high school grandsons.



Official meeting of the Juarez Bombers. The Submarine in Juarez 1965.

Rod with his first wife, Karen, Johnny Stong, Johnny Valles and Tim Gahan.