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I arrived in Rothwestern (Kassel) in January 1957 in time for Fasching and remember being introduced to the Coyote Lounge and several other local establishments in Kassel. After 6 months of working with Roy English as a Radio Tech, I was luckily transferred to Lubeck in July 1957, lived in Jerk House and moved to Zwingli House in January of 1958. I have many fond memories of our times together and experiences with the citizens of Lubeck. The Jerk House movies and parties gave me a new prospective on life. Bobby Hamilton, Bill Bessel, Mouth Janicki, Bob Keller, Mad Dog Thorn, Charlie Metz, Roy Clark, Frank Wilson, Phillip Donnell, and Jim Shaw were some of the participants I remember most. A hair-raising ride to the Riverboat in Bobby Roark's Austin Healy 2000 was also an experience to remember. And, the infamous poker games on the second floor of Jerk Haus were a costly learning experience.

I met a lovely lady from Hamburg in June of 1958 and we were married in South Carolina in September 1959. Hannelore and I have three wonderful daughters and five grandchildren. My career after the ASA included 35 years of sales, marketing, and management with 3M Company and Ericsson. We retired in June 2000 and enjoy travel to Europe and vacationing in our motorhome. Hannelore and I have attended most of the Lubecker reunions since Las Vegas in 1985 and really enjoy reminiscing about our times in Lubeck. I have become a collector of Lubeck photos from the '50s and '60s along with photos and videos of the Lubecker reunions.

Our Lubecker friends from the late fifties and those we have met at the reunions bring back memories of a very special time in our lives.