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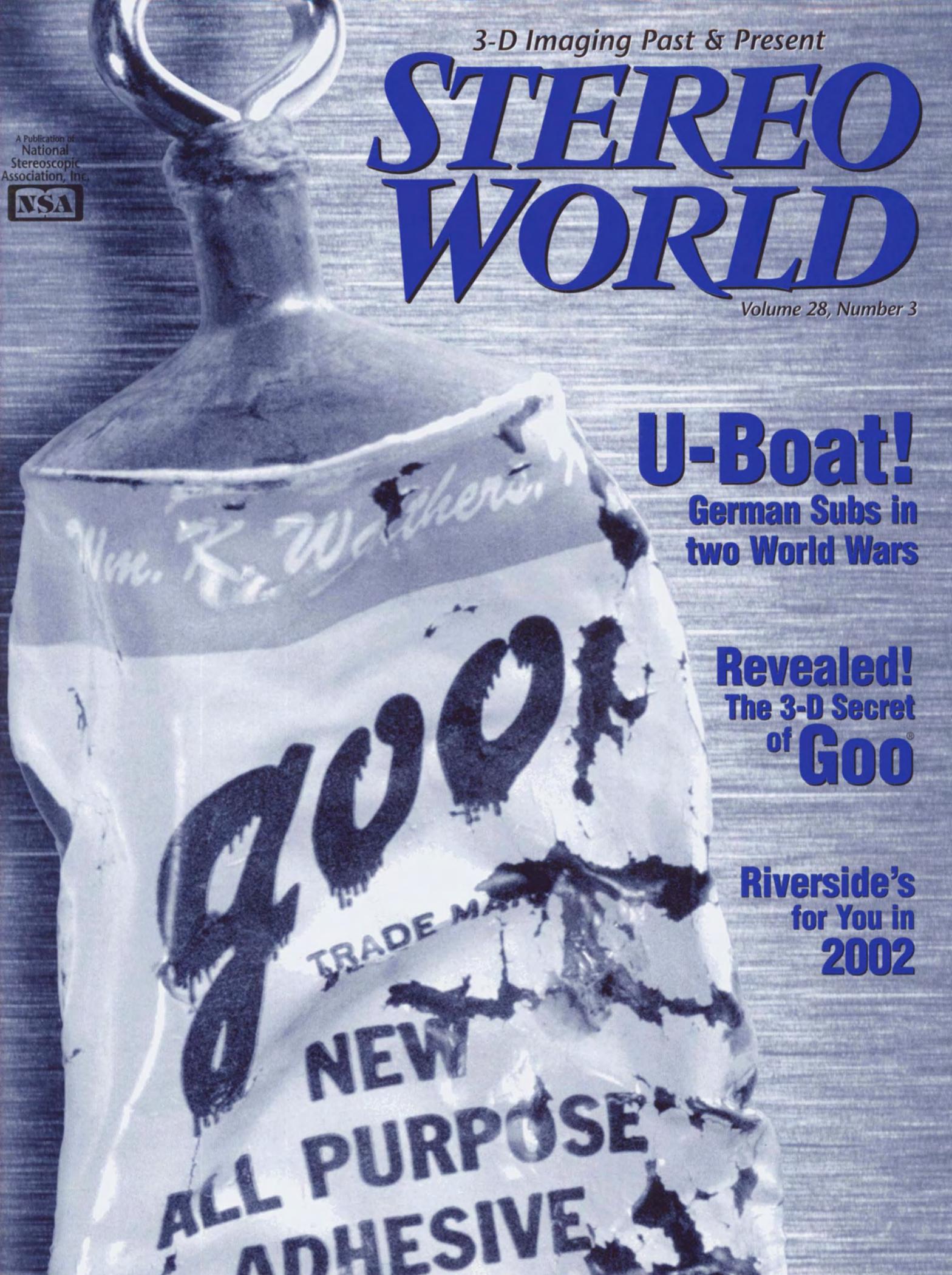


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'50s Flavored Finds

A taste of the late '40s through the early '60s found in amateur stereo slides

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Stereo in Stereo!

It's always fun to find old stereo slides that include stereo photography equipment! I occasionally find ones in which the photographer has accidentally left his stereo camera case where it is visible in the background, but views that *intentionally* contain stereo equipment are more fun to discover.

Our first find this time shows two gentlemen enjoying some stereo slides with a couple of Realist red-button viewers. That slide

storage box on the table is actually the base of an original box from a Realist ST-41/ST-61 camera and viewer set. In addition to the stereo interest contained in this shot, I also enjoyed that wallpaper, the little knick knack shelf and the lamp in the background.

The film chips of this unlabeled image were attached to one of the early Realist paper masks using the Realist heat-seal mounting kit. I've wondered whether this view might have been a self-portrait set up by one of the two men in the photo

(perhaps using a tripod and a self-timer on the camera), but since it is unlabeled, the photographer and the people in the view are all unidentified and unknown.

Our second view also includes a Realist red-button viewer, but my favorite part of this scene has to be the woman's hat with that curly decoration on the top! (Is that some sort of feather?)

Labeled only with the couple's last name, this slide was mounted in an aluminum mask and glass. The photographer is unknown. From what I can tell from other slides in this collection, she and he operated a women's clothing store in Portland, Oregon, in the 1950s. (Watch for an interior shot of their store in a future installment of this column!) In fact, since there is a stack of fabric samples on the table between the pads of paper, my guess is that she and he are shown here in the process of ordering new merchandise for their store. Could she be referring to stereo slides of the styles available? 📷



This column combines a love of stereo photography with a fondness for 1950s-era styling, design and decor by sharing amateur stereo slides shot in the "golden age" of the Stereo Realist—the late 1940s through the early 1960s. From clothing and hairstyles to home decor to modes of transportation, these frozen moments of time show what things were really like in the middle of the twentieth century. If you've found a classic '50s-era slide that you would like to share through this column, please send it to: Fifties Flavored Finds, 5610 SE 71st, Portland, OR 97206.

As space allows, we will select a couple of images to reproduce in each issue. This is not a contest—just a place to share and enjoy. Please limit your submission to a single slide. If the subject, date, location, photographer or other details are known, please send that along too, but we'll understand if it's not available. Please include return postage with your slide. Slides will be returned within 6 to 14 weeks, and while we'll treat your slide as carefully as our own, Stereo World and the NSA assume no responsibility for its safety.

