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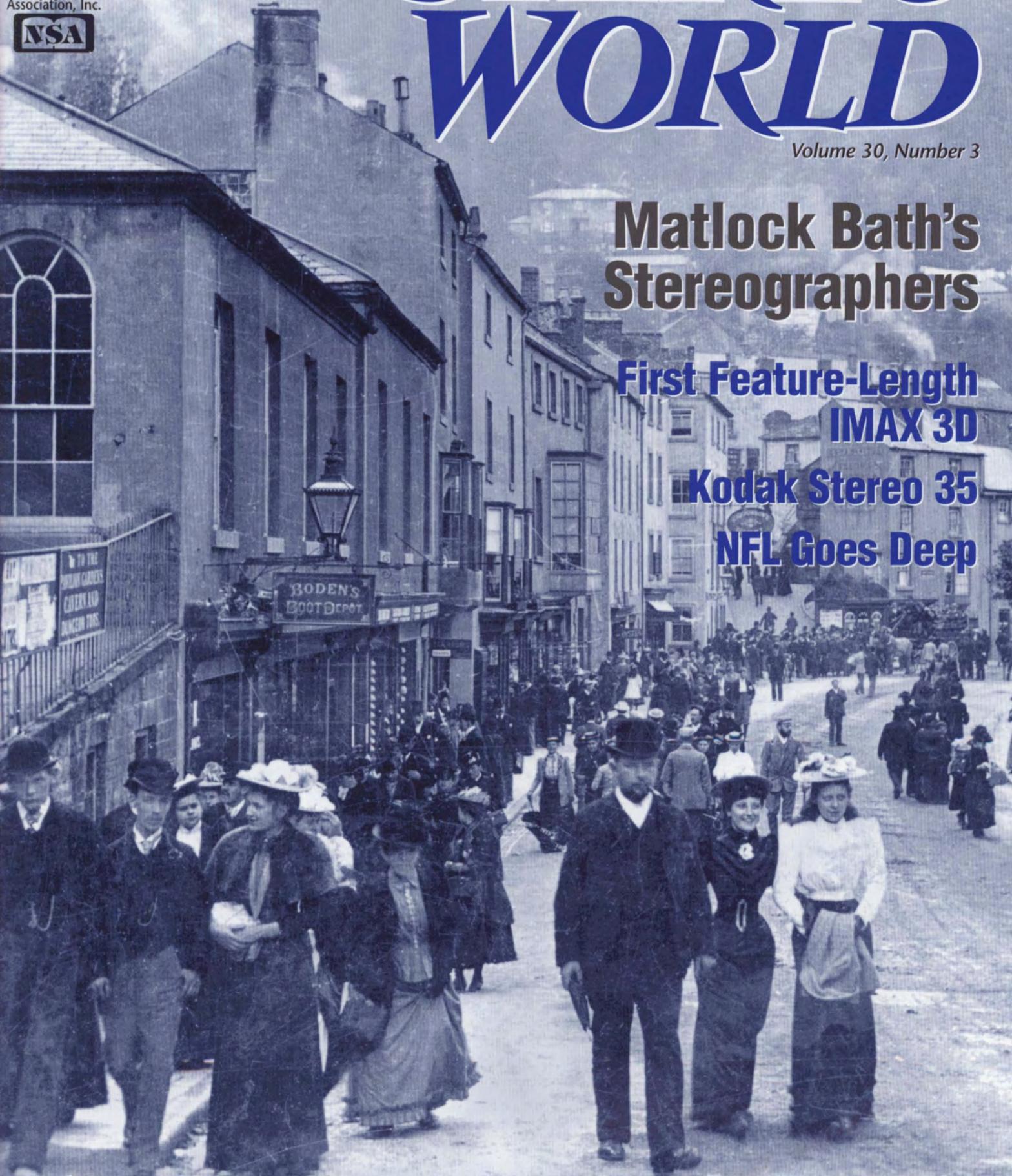
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'50s Flavored Finds

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

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Gathering with Family and Friends

We begin this issue with a fun shot of a family picnic under a tree at the park.

With their classic '50s cars in the background, this group has managed to fill the table with quite a spread! Actually, I wish I could see more of their cars, perhaps with some close-up stereo shots! No such luck though.

This slide was with some others from an Oregon photographer, but unfortunately it is completely unlabeled and unidentified. It is in an older-style (gray with red edges) Kodachrome cardboard mount.

Except for the sunny end of the table in the foreground, most of this view was drastically underexposed, and one chip was darker than the other, but it seemed to have enough potential to warrant some extensive Photoshop work for reproduction here.

Our second view shows a group of people enjoying themselves at an interesting semi-circular bar with a matching semi-circular formation extending down from the ceiling. Everyone in the scene seems to be smiling and in good spirits, but the bartender with his little bow tie is the one who really makes me laugh! He couldn't appear any more cheerful if he wanted to, and seems to be saying "I'm completely at your service! What can I get for you this evening?"

Although this slide is by a different photographer than the first one, it is also in an unlabeled older-style (gray with red edges) Kodachrome cardboard mount. Other slides from this same photographer show dates from 1952 into the later '50s, and most of his slides were apparently shot near where he lived and worked, in a suburb of Milwaukee, Wisconsin. 🍷🍷



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.

