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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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## Going to the Dogs in Stereo

A batch of stereo slides from the 1950s included a group of a dozen or so that were apparently taken during some sort of meeting of dog enthusiasts. Most of the slides show proud dog owners posing with their pets, and I've selected a couple of the better ones for reproduction here.

All of the views were taken outdoors at what looks to be some

sort of fairgrounds in the off-season, with roller coaster tracks and other idle rides visible in the background. Buildings captured in some slides appear to be exhibition halls, food stands, and perhaps even an arena or stadium, but all of them are closed and not in use at the time.

This whole group of slides was shot on Kodachrome film, and all were mounted in white Kodak heat-seal mounts. I had always

thought that the switch from the earlier gray (with red edges) Kodak heat-seal mounts to these white ones occurred around 1960, but I was surprised to see that these white mounts are stamped by Kodak "NOV 1958". Unfortunately, these slides are otherwise completely unmarked, so there are no clues about where and exactly when they were taken.

The first view includes a woman wearing a fun '50s era dress as she proudly displays her dog. She is even holding the dog's tiny tail in just the right position! An interesting vehicle appears in the background, and beyond that can be seen part of the roller coaster tracks.

The second slide shows another proud dog owner with his pet, who is receiving a little help with the exact position of his head! I enjoyed the man's hairstyle, his cool sunglasses, and the wild pattern and style of his shirt. Once again, a nice period motor vehicle can be seen in the background. 🐕🐕



*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.*



















































































