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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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Friends, Family and Food

Images of life around the house often seem to include visits by guests, and of course, you can't have guests without offering them something to eat! Sharing a meal (or even just a snack!) with company makes for some interesting home views.

I had originally suspected that our first view showed a casual dinner at home (including corn on

the cob and chicken) rather than one served to company, but a second viewing has changed my mind. The appearance of the table itself is not very formal, with a coffee pot, beer bottles and even a glass milk bottle present. Everyone's clothing appears fairly nice though, especially the fancy dress worn by the woman at the left, although her apron again suggests a more casual setting. But that could be a visiting grandmother in the foreground, and there is another

woman just out of view on the right who could also be a guest.

This Kodachrome slide is mounted in a cardboard slip-in mount, and while no info is noted on the mount, other slides from this photographer show dates from 1952 into the later '50s.

Our second view (by a different photographer) shows a cheerful gathering of some sort. I'm guessing it was around Christmas time, judging by the appearance of the snacks on the table. The guy in the center seems to be the man of the house, with his trusty dog resting part way on his lap. My eyes were drawn to the cool '50s green radio visible in the background—what a beauty!

This slide was mounted in an older-style (gray with red edges) Kodachrome cardboard mount, and is also completely unlabeled. I found it amusing that these views share one more thing in common besides showing hospitality: the wall color in both homes is a similar '50s reddish brown shade! 🐾



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.

