The summer travel season is upon us, so I thought a couple of vacation views would work well in this issue's column. I've always valued the power of 3-D in preserving moments from my own vacations and sightseeing trips, allowing me to revisit favorite times and places again and again.

The first image this issue shows a group of people posing for a photo in front of a waterfall. The Kodachrome slide is unlabeled, but since it was found in a group of views that appear to have been taken in and around Oregon, I am guessing that the location here was in the waterfall area of the Columbia River Gorge just east of Portland, perhaps even at the popular Multnomah Falls. I find it interesting that the women seem dressed in nice clothes, while the children appear quite casual (especially the boy in his jeans and T-shirt). Even more interesting is the way that most of the people are looking off to the left of the photo, instead of smiling at the camera. It almost appears to be a posed image out of a JC Penney catalog rather than a family snapshot! (Matching red purse sold separately on page 759!)

The second image, by a different (but still unknown) photographer, is truly one of the best backlit stereo photos I've seen, showing a woman obviously not dressed for outdoor adventure petting a deer under its chin in a woodsy-looking setting. The bright early-morning sun (or perhaps it's late-evening sun?) is shining almost directly into the camera, but it is filtered by trees in the distance so as not to be too blinding. The sparkling, glistening texture that it adds to the edges of the woman and the deer make it into a beautifully preserved moment. This slide was mounted in a gray Kodak heat seal cardboard mount with red edges, and is unfortunately unlabeled.

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 hair styles 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 image that you would like to share through this column, please send the actual slide or a high-resolution side-by-side scan as a jpeg, tiff or photoshop file to: Fifties Flavored Finds, 5610 SE 71st, Portland, OR 97206. You can also email the digital file to strwld@teleport.com. If the subject, date, location, photographer or other details about your image are known, please include that information as well.

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. 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.
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Front Cover:
A tinted, bi-color tissue view of shells by Richard Harmer, published by the London Stereoscopic Company and illuminated from the back to reveal the intense colorization. More examples of his bi-color retinal rivalry images are seen in “The Iridescent World of Bi-colored Stereos” by Paula Richardson Fleming.

Back Cover:
A 1994 color infrared aerial hyper of the National Mall in Washington D.C. from the article “Stereogram Variants” by J. Ronald Eyton. Visible near the center of this image (behind the bulge in the sidewalk) is the Smithsonian Castle, the subject of an upcoming SW feature.

The National Stereoscopic Association is a non-profit organization whose goals are: to promote research, collection and use of vintage and contemporary stereoviews, stereo cameras and equipment, and related materials; to promote the practice of stereo photography; to encourage the use of stereoscopy in the fields of visual arts and technology; to foster the appreciation of the stereograph as a visual historical record.

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Paula Flemming's feature in this issue, "The Iridescent World of Bi-colored Stereos," provides a wonderful look into the sort of experimentation and innovation that went on in the earliest days of stereographic publishing. While not all of Mr. Harmer's views produced quite the desired effect, many work well enough to still bring exclamations of wonder from those seeing them for the first time. The effect on the public of the 1850s, innocent of computer generated dinosaurs, cell phone videos or even the crudest of movie tricks, must have been considerably greater.

The use of retinal rivalry in stereoscopic imaging seems to have been largely forgotten once actual color photography and mass market reproduction technology became practical, even though that would have allowed more precise control over the effects than simply turning the job over to often underpaid colorists ordered to accomplish it by hand. Many years later, our own Ray Zone was to make use of such rivalry in the 3-D Comic book medium for dramatic action effects that would have certainly surprised 19th century shell collectors.

The imagination of Hollywood publicists in coming up with attention-getting ways to grab public attention for upcoming movies remains healthy if the Disney "A Christmas Carol" Train Tour" is any indication. Lawrence Kaufman's brief description of the experience in this issue at least gives evidence that 3-D features are seen as well worth elaborate efforts and big investments, and that studios see 3-D films as seriously beginning to compete with each other for the same dollars. There's just one thing about this promotion. I can't seem to remember any trains in A Christmas Carol, not in the book or any of the movie versions. No scenes of Scrooge being greeted by Bob Cratchit at Victoria Station as he gets off the 8:12 from Basingstoke, no Thomas the Tank Engine aerial shots steaming through a picturesque countryside. The train tour is no doubt a great idea, but how much better it would have been to promote Polar Express!

Coming Soon to Stereo World

The Castle

As if it wasn't already a well known structure, the Smithsonian Castle on the National Mall is featured, rather imaginatively, in the recent comic adventure movie Night At the Museum - the Battle of the Smithsonian. Articles by Richard Stamm with contributions from Paula Fleming covering the building inside and out through vintage stereos will appear in upcoming issues of Stereo World. The image here is from a hand tinted London Stereoscopic Company view taken shortly after the museum's completion in 1855.
WWI Balloons
Ralph Reiley, with the help of Robert Boyd, presents another well researched article on stereoviews of World War One. This follows the features on tanks and aircraft, and like those very popular articles includes many rare German and French small format glass views as well as paper views from smaller publishers. Far from just showing blobs in the sky, these views include close-ups of balloons, crews and launching equipment as well as four amazing shots of balloons crashing to earth in flames.

Tractors
Several exceptional close-ups of equipment exhibited at Indiana’s Tri State Engine and Tractor Show (now the world’s largest gas engine and tractor show) appear in “Antique Engines and Tractors.” The views were taken with a Loreo Lens attachment on a Cannon digital thanks in large part to inspiration Betty & Steve Drinkut found the previous month at the NSA convention in Grand Rapids, MI.

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Speedy Folios

Linda and David Thompson, Circuit Secretaries for the Speedy Folios, recently reported to all Speedy members. "It has been a great year for 3-D with all the movies and TV specials," wrote Team Thompson. "Just think we are still enjoying the earliest form of 3-D entertainment, stereo cards.

"We have seen some great 3-D in the folios and have added several new members to our groups. The folios are not living up to their name as they seem to take longer and longer to make their rounds. I know everyone's lives are very busy but let's try to live up to Bill Walton's rule and 'keep 'em moving.'

"Speedy Alpha is celebrating its 30th year. Many of you are charter members. Bill Walton got a great thing going in 1979 and we still have Alpha, Bravo, Keystone and Mike making their trip around the United States and Canada. Just a note to those who mail to Canada. We do not expect you to use priority rate as it is very expensive and we understand it taking a little longer to get across the border.

"We are listing the first three places in each folio for 2008 below. We have enjoyed being the Speedy Secretary for the last nine years and hope to continue. We enjoy seeing everyone's work. If anyone has any suggestions on making the folios even better or know of anyone interested in joining our group whether color or B&W please let us hear from you."

Alpha I
1 "Welcome My Son" by Philip Steinman
2 "Muir Woods National Monument" by Harold Jacobsohn
3 (Tie) "Seyne's Rexall Drug" & "Barack & Hillary" by Ernie Rairdin

Alpha II
1 "Lost Dreams, Rhyolite, NV" by Linda Thompson
2 "Mitt Romney ...2" by Ernie Rairdin
3 "The Tennis Show" by Brandt Rowles

Bravo
1 "Beaver Pond, Lundy Lake" by David Thompson
2 "Fabulous Freesia" by David Kuntz
3 "Boots" by Harry Richards

Keystone
1 " Tobacco Farm" by Stan White
2 "Magnesia Springs (Then & Now)" by Harry Richards
3 "Pincushion" by Terry Wilson

Mike
1 "Night Blooming Cereus" by Terry Wilson
2 "Dining Room" by Harry Richards
3 "Mill South of Cambridge" by Stan White

Both the Speedy Keystone and Mike Folios showcase stereoview print cards that are black-and-white. A recent sample from the Keystone Folio is shown here. It is titled "Hanging Around" and it was shot by Harold Jacobsohn with twin Sony P200 digital cameras. "Everything really works together in this image," commented Keystone Folio member David Kuntz. "The deep shadows, the textures, the leafless tree limbs and the clouds. It's a great spooky effect." Phyllis Maslin wrote that it is a "wonderfully gruesome photo" and the "stark background makes it work even better."

Caprine Folio

Caprine Folio Secretary Thom Gillam recently sent in his annual report. "Once again this year has witnessed the departure of yet more members with no new members being added," wrote Thom. "Longtime members Bill Patterson and Tim White have withdrawn. We have greatly enjoyed their entries over the years and will all sorely miss their participation, inspiration, wit and wisdom. Dick Twichel remains on continued hiatus. Our active membership has dwindled to four.

"As it stands I do not have much hope that Caprine folio will survive, at least in its present form.

For some reason no new members are being directed our way—oddly, I just received Speedy Bravo which continues to grow (now at 12 members). Maybe I should consolidate the four outstanding folios into one and declare the circuit "Speedy Caprine"! I guess it is typical of the times that no one seems to want to commit to anything perceived as less than 'speedy.'

Voting Results for Caprine Folio 2008
"I have compiled the following votes for 2008. We had a three way tie for first! And another three way tie for Seventh (and a two way tie for tenth).

The top ten (well...eleven) include:

1 (Tie) "Misty Morning" by Tim White, CP-1, 40 points
2 "Crater Lake A & B" by John L. Baker, CP-1, 40 points
3 "King's Plume" by Quentin Burke, CP-5, 40 points
4 "Magic Wand - (4) views" by Bill Patterson, CP-1, 34 points
5 "Desert Blooms" by Quentin Burke, CP-7, 28 points
6 "Father and Son" by Quentin Burke, CP-6, 26 points
7 (Tie) "Toroweap, AZ" by Quentin Burke, CP-6, 24 points
8 "View from the Room" by Thom Gillam, CP-5, 24 points
9 "Alp Glum" by Quentin Burke, CP-1, 24 points
10 "The Excalibur - Dragon with Urchins" by Thom Gillam, CP-6, 22 points
10 "Crater Lake N. P. - Liz" by John L. Baker, CP-6, 22 points

New Letterbox Folio

Craig Daniels, Feline Print Folio Circuit Secretary, recently proposed the addition of a new postal-friendly folio to SSA called the Letterbox Folio. "Feline Circuit uses a variety of ways to produce print pairs from film and digital files," wrote Craig. "Besides simply having prints made and then trimming them for our viewcards, digital camera files can also be worked into print pairs using an ordinary computer and affordable or even freebie graphics programs.

"Considering the time, steep expense and learning curves required to maintain a well-cali-
brated color darkroom, one can argue that it’s easier and cheaper today to produce consistently better color prints on your own (for stereo view cards), than it was 20 years ago. So even without film or the support of a stereo photo finishing service, print stereographers are in better shape than in the past.

“One problem for traditional print circuits is the cost, in cash and time it takes to mail a photo. Anything 13 ounces or more means standing in line and paying a minimum of $4.95. Feline, with its compact, lightweightfolio gets away with paying that minimum. I propose the start of an ultra-lightweight SSA print circuit, to be called the Letterbox Folio, which would pay a lot less.”

“The Letterbox Folio will be run much like Feline, but with our stereo pairs printed onto a single sheet of quality, foldable stationery — no sleeves, comments on the same page. An 8 to 16-member circuit might send their folio around in an ordinary 6 x 9 inch envelope for less than a dollar in postage — and no need to stand in line at the Post Office. Such a folio would easily fit through the slot where you get your mail.”

Craig has proposed a standard of 7-inch-wide, tri-folded, 24# stock sheets and believes that “we’ll have no overweight problems, even with a dozen or so members. At some point as the circuit grows,” he adds, “I might have to send everyone a supply of strong/reusable #10 envelopes.”

“I really like the monolithic nature of these views,” wrote SSA Treasurer Les Gehman. “It’s very easy to create a double-sided sheet and trim it to size as you did. I think that we’ll interest more people if they can avoid cutting and pasting views since that can get tedious and time-consuming.”

So far the Letterbox Folio has seven members. If you’re an SSA member interested in joining Letterbox and would like Craig to email you a PDF Template of the format, email Craig at view@peak.org.

How to Join the SSA
To join the SSA one must first, of course, be a member of the NSA. For placement in a stereocard, transparency or digital folio of their choice the new SSA member must send $10 to Treasurer Les Gehman at the following address: Les Gehman, 3736 Rochdale Dr., Fort Collins, CO 80525, (970) 282-9899. Les can be reached via email at les@gehman.org.

How to Contact the SSA
Ray Zone is the General Secretary of the Stereoscopic Society and in that position is responsible for production of this column in Stereo World magazine and, according to the Membership Rules of the Society, is also “responsible for trying to keep the Society functioning effectively and harmoniously.” Folio secretaries and any member of the NSA interested in the SSA is encouraged to contact Ray via email at r3dzon@earthlink.net.

The Stereoscopic Society of America is a group of currently active stereo photographers who circulate their work by means of postal folios. Both print and transparency formats are used, and several groups are operating folio circuits to meet the needs in each format. When a folio arrives, a member views and makes comments on each of the entries of the other participants. His or her own view, which has traveled the circuit and has been examined and commented upon by the other members, is removed and replaced with a new entry. The folio then continues its endless travels around the circuit. Many long distance friendships have formed among the participants in this manner over the years. Stereo photographers who may be interested in Society membership should contact the Membership Secretary, Les Gehman, 3736 Rochdale Dr., Fort Collins, CO 80525, (970) 282-9899, les@gehman.org.
All Aboard the 3-D Train

by Lawrence Kaufman

Disney's A Christmas Carol Train Tour began its 41 city tour at Los Angeles' Union Station on Memorial Day weekend. This free behind-the-scenes event included a "state-of-the-art Digital 3-D Theater" offering a sneak peek at the Robert Zemeckis directed feature. Additional exhibits on display included artifacts from London's Charles Dickens museum, designs and props from the feature, making-of documentaries, interactive CGI scenes, live entertainment and more.

And Disney did what it does best, queued up a really long line that snaked it's way into the Train exhibit. Shortly after it formed at 9 AM, there was already a two and a half hour line and by 10:30, attendees were in for a five hour wait. The 3-D theater preview looked great, but parking cost $14.00 and time certainly is money. Free?—Bah Humbug! For more about the film and the complete tour schedule log onto www.christmascaroltrain.com.

The train will make 40 stops in 36 states, as it travels more than 16,000 miles of track, finishing at New York's Grand Central Terminal over the weekend of Oct. 30th through Nov. 1st. Dolby Laboratories is supplying its Dolby 3D Digital Cinema system for the traveling Digital 3-D theater (see SW Vol. 33 No. 5, page 22), and Barco is providing the DP2000 digital projectors.

Starring Jim Carrey, the performance-capture 3-D feature opens in theaters Nov. 6 in Disney Digital 3D and in IMAX 3D. One of the most lavish promotions for any 3-D film, the tour will include, among many other stops, Chicago July 24-26, New Orleans Aug. 7-9, San Antonio Aug. 14-16, Cleveland Sept. 18-19, Washington Oct. 2-4, Atlanta Oct. 6 and Jacksonville Oct. 20.

Performers in period costume entertain those in the long lines for the "Disney's A Christmas Carol Train Tour."

A sign updates the growing wait time for the exhibits and free movie preview. At upper right is the portable 3-D theater housing a Dolby digital 3-D system.
Exploring the Fundamentals of Digital 3-D Cinema

Review by Ray Zone

Books on stereoscopic cinema and 3-D production make up a very short list. With the proliferation of digital 3-D cinema theaters and over 25 stereoscopic feature films in production (as of May 2009), that is about to change. When a film is released in both 2-D and 3-D versions and the theaters showing the stereoscopic version comprise 30 percent of the total number of screens but bring in 70 percent of the box office receipts, you know there is an economic engine behind all the 3-D production. Additionally, there will soon be a simple “plug-and-play” solution for consumers to enjoy stereoscopic content on their 3-D-ready TV at home. This potentially huge aftermarket for theatrical 3-D content may prove to be the sine qua non for 3-D movies to become normative in the entertainment landscape. The day may be coming soon when a 2-D release to the theaters is as frequent as a black-and-white picture is today.

Full disclosure: I wrote the Preface to this book. Further, as the author of two books on stereocinema and a 3-D film producer, I was happy to do so. But, in the interests of journalistic “objectivity,” let me reassure you that I will sound a few caveats about the present tome. And, speaking as a terminal bibliophile in all things 3-D, I can further reassure you that I have a ready familiarity with the aforementioned short list of books about stereo cinema.

3D Movie Making - Stereoscopic Digital Cinema from Script to Screen by Bernard Mendiburu is his first book. It has been launched into print by Focal Press, a publisher of books about motion picture production and post-production that are primarily technical in nature. Mendiburu’s book contains the requisite technical information about stereoscopic perception and its relation to cinema. But within its 200 pages the discussion is oddly eclectic in combining technical fundamentals with aesthetic considerations that are drolly observed. Most books about 3-D movies published so far have consisted either of exceedingly technical tomes filled with visual trigonometry or filmographic compendia of stereoscopic productions. University presses have also just begun publication of works addressing 3-D movies within the highly theoretical arena of post-structural discussion.


3-D movies have been a recurrent phenomenon throughout cinema history. Every thirty years a new wave of stereo cinema seems to take place. As a result, the technology and techniques for production and post-production have not become standardized, much less a common practice. Even consistent terminology for stereocopy and its production principles haven’t been formulated. All of this, however, is now changing with the implementation of digital 3-D cinema and the universal adoption of 3-D TV in the home that is about to take place.

Another factor that has worked against a widespread understanding of stereoscopic vision and 3-D movie production is the fact that the practitioners of stereo have kept the “secrets of 3-D” very closely guarded, as if they were a...
The Iridescent World of
Bi-colored Stereos

by Paula Richardson Fleming

While trawling through stereos, the savvy collector is on the look out for production flaws—captions that don’t match the images, mismounted prints or even two completely different images mounted on the same card. With tinted views, one also appraises the coloring. Is it beautiful? Mundane? Or ghastly? Sometimes the tinting differs between each half, which might be chalked up as shoddy workmanship resulting from a long day’s work by a weary colorist. As with any errors, this can happen, but more frequently these cards are examples of rare and beautiful bi-colored views.

Early stereo photographers endeavored to record reality by developing new techniques, but capturing nature’s colors, was not yet within their grasp. What technology could not accomplish, however, artistry could at least attempt. Many early photographers were trained artists, and as painting was an acceptable activity for Victorian women, there was a plethora of talent available to add nature’s colors to monochromatic images. Iridescence however, that lustrous flickering of rainbow hues, was particularly difficult to render. This might not have been a concern except for contemporary interest in natural history, especially shells.

Fig. 1. Page one of Richard Harmer’s 1856 patent application for bicoloration of stereo photographs.
Naturalists such as Charles Darwin, Alfred Russel Wallace and Thomas Henry Huxley made expeditions to the far corners of the world, returning with amazing biological specimens, many of which were deposited in museums. In 1866 Hugh Cuming, an eminent English conchologist, eventually sold his collection of nearly 83,000 shells to the Natural History Museum (British Museum). These beautiful natural objects could be viewed in person only if one belonged to a naturalist society, or fortunate enough to live near a museum. Like photographic "travel" to far-off places one might never visit, acquiring stereos of rare natural objects at least allowed the viewer some access to these wonders. If only their color was more realistic. This problem of coloration was tackled by Richard Harmer in 1856.

In the 1850s, Harmer is listed as a clerk living in Spitalfields (London). He was also a photographer and probably an artist or illustra-
tor. The first public recognition of his work was at the 1857 Exhibition of Art Treasures at Manchester where he exhibited studies of flowers copied from engravings. His main claim to fame though were two letters of patent. The second, submitted in 1857 for “improvements in cigarettes,” can be ignored, the relevant one being his first in 1856. [Fig. 1]

On 29th November 1856 he submitted a patent claim, for an invention titled, “Improvements in Stereoscopic Pictures.” It included the following specifications:

My Invention relates to colouring stereoscopic pictures, that is, pictures to be viewed in the stereoscope produced by the camera or any other means, the same being printed on paper chemically prepared, by the agency of light or otherwise, as usual.

In pictures viewed in the stereoscope two similar pictures are introduced to produce one view, which two pictures heretofore have been exactly similar in every particular in color and outline, or as nearly so as may be, whereas according to my Invention [sic] I produce and use two pictures in the ordinary way, similar in outline but different in colour. For example, one picture may be colored emerald green and carmine, and the corresponding picture used therewith may be coloured blue and violet, which colours, when viewed in the stereoscope, blend with each other, and greatly enhance the effect.

Any other colours may be used, and if selected and used with judgment produce beautiful effects in such pictures.

Harmer’s application included two line drawings based on his stereos of shells. The second figure
was colored according to his specifications in the original application. [Figs. 2 & 3]. His patent made use of retinal rivalry, a phenomenon in which visual perception alternates between different images presented to each eye. In this case, binocular color rivalry, where each eye sees a different color. Harmer's application was approved and sealed on the 29th of May, 1857. After this date his mounts change from dull gray to black carrying the royal warrant with the series title, "The Bicolored Stereoscopic Slide" printed in gold. They were sold by the London Stereoscopic Company.

Harmer made a large number of variations of shell compositions, adding glass vases, luxurious fabrics, bronze statues and other natural objects to further demonstrate his bi-coloration technique [Figs. 5 & 6]. His views were also produced as tissues which revealed their special effect when backlit [Fig. 4].

The visual impact of the color rivalry is enchanting when the hand tinting is perfect. Pastels are the most effective as the deeper the difference is in intensity, the more challenging it is to view. Intense colors, while lovely when viewed flat, result in more of a flicker rather than an iridescence when viewed in 3-D.

Fig. 7. Still life of shells, coral and flowers in a lustrous vase, possibly by James Elliott in the late 1850s. No reference has yet been found suggesting that Harmer either charged for, or prosecuted photographers for using his patent technique. Given that other photographic lawsuits on larger issues were not particularly successful in this era, perhaps it wasn't worth his effort.
Although Harmer patented his technique, other photographers also produced bi-colors [Fig. 7]. In fact, the French produced them before Harmer. In the early 1850s Jules Duboscq issued a series of lithographs of drawings on black backgrounds, one of which [Fig. 8] depicts half of Guillaume Coustou’s pair of marble sculptures known as the “Marly Horses.” In this card, Duboscq enhanced the marble affect by printing the figure in one half blue against a stark white horse, and a pink figure and light gray horse in the other. A bronze statue of “Clovis and Alaric” is rendered more realistic by an anonymous photographer’s use of coloration [Fig. 9]. Another photographer used differing colors to illustrate “shot silk,” a fabric whose iridescence is caused by different colored warp and weft threads [Fig. 10]. Around this same time, James Elliott published what I consider to be the most beautiful bi-colored still life [Fig. 11]. His composition recalls classic paintings and the tinting is both delicate and very effective.

After his 1857 bi-coloration patent, Harmer’s photographic activities appear to diminish. Minor references to his work surface in the Photographic News. In 1862 he exhibits chromo-photographs at the London International Exhibition. The last references I have so far located for him relate to his attendance in 1863 to various meetings of the London Photographic Society. Indeed by 1869 Harmer and his patent are
nearly forgotten. In that year, Col. Sir Henry James writes a letter to the *Atheaneum*, which is republished in the October 1st issue of the *Photographic News*, concerning an interesting affect he has “discovered” whereby each half of a stereo card is tinted differently. He further adds, “This is so very obvious a method of colouring stereoscopic views that I can hardly imagine it has not been tried before, and yet I can scarcely fancy that it has been, and that I should not have heard of it and seen some specimens of it.” An Editor, probably George Wharton Simpson, publishes a reply noting Harmer’s patent and agreeing that, “the effect is very pretty and interesting, and it is somewhat surprising that it has not been more frequently practised.”

The next issue of the *Photographic News* contains more letters on bi-colored stereos, one of which mentions Harmer’s shells although he is not credited. From this date Harmer appears to vanish from the photographic scene. He may have died, or perhaps his patent for an improvement in cigarettes diverted his attention from photography. At least now when examining stereos and a curiously tinted one turns up, we no longer need to decry the colorist and can remember Richard Harmer as the man who capitalized on binocular color rivalry.

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Fig. 10. The iridescence of “shot silk” fabric is cleverly illustrated by bicolored tinting of a dress in this anonymous 1850s view.

Fig. 11. A very classical 1859 still life composition by James Elliott is beautifully enhanced by subtle bicoloration.
Some Observations on Negative Parallax Viewing of Stereo Images

With the help of Takayuki Oguchi, Takashi Sekitani and Andrew Woods, frames from the 1986 film which allegedly created a permanent cross-eyed condition in a Japanese child 4 years and 11 months old have been located. The case study was originally reported in the 1988 paper by Soichi Tsukuda and Yasuichi Murai, "A case report of manifest esotropia after viewing anaglyph stereoscopic movie," published in the Japanese Orthoptic Journal (Vol. 18, pp.69-72) in 1988. A pdf of this paper in Japanese is downloadable from www.ray3dzone.com/Tsukuda.pdf.

Readers are referred to the article "Perceptual Paradoxes" from the May/June 2009 issue of Stereo World (Vol. 34 No. 6) for background discussion on the Tsukuda and Murai paper and the circumstances that brought it to light.

The film in question was a 14-minute short anaglyph cartoon animation directed by Masuji Harada and produced by Shinee Animation. Its title would roughly translate to "Ghost Q-taro, Popup BakeBake big command" in English. Anaglyph film frames were reproduced in an 8-page story in a magazine titled Corocoro-Comic Deluxe issue number 14 (April 22, 1986) published by Shogakukan.

Anaglyph glasses were bound into the publication and an illustrated tutorial about 3-D was included along with a photo of the magazine's staff posing with 3-D glasses.

If the film frames as reproduced in Corocoro-Comic Deluxe are an accurate indication, there is no use of behind-the-screen imagery with positive parallax. The background image, or infinity, showing a street or scene from nature, is set at the stereo window. Two levels of depth push forward from the window in negative parallax off the screen or (in this case) the page.

That would mean that the young child viewing the anaglyph cartoon could have been in a negative parallax condition with eyes crossed for 14 minutes. If the projected anaglyph cartoon was sufficiently magnified on screen, it may well have been the case that the limits for the "binocular safe viewing zone" mediating vergence and accommodation (focus) were exceeded.

"If we can get our panel of experts to view it [the cartoon] as it was presented to that child," wrote veteran stereoscopist John...
Merritt in an April 12, 2009 email to the author, "then we will have some basis for rebuttal. If we cannot, then given the fact that stereo is so frequently afflicted with malpractice, no one can say that a correctly presented stereoscopic video at a large cinema venue (where the screen is well over 2 meters away and focus/fixation mismatch is limited to less than 1/2 diopter) can cause permanent visual problems."

Nick Holliman, a vision scientist and one of the Co-Chairs along with Merritt and Woods of the annual Stereoscopic Displays and Applications Conference, has made considerable study of the vergence/accommodation (AC) issue. "In most cinema/theatre situations," wrote Holliman in an April 13 email, "I suspect that accommodation/vergence conflict is not a problem. This is because beyond 2 meters (1/2 diopter) the eye is effectively focused at infinity. Therefore as long as ‘stereo moments’ in films do not come closer than 2m to the viewer there

A tutorial in 3-D viewing included in the anaglyphic issue of Corocoro-Comic Delux.
There are many variations of the simple two-camera (or two-lens) stereogram either in terms of the number of cameras (or lenses) used to acquire 3-D images, or in terms of the techniques used to process the resulting stereo image pairs. Presented here are half a dozen of my favorite stereogram variants that range from a three-camera double stereogram, a two-camera vertical panoramic stereogram, a one-camera motion parallax stereogram, simulated infrared stereograms (black & white and color infrared), image effect stereograms (charcoal/pencil and level slicing), to stereograms created from USGS overlapping digital aerial photographs. While most of the techniques used to produce these stereograms are visually self-evident and require only a brief description of the methodology, I have included more lengthy explanations where needed.

Double Stereogram

Double stereograms can be created using a three-lens camera or by using three cameras such as the three Ricoh FF-9 35mm camera setup shown in Figure 1. These cameras have standard phone jacks that accept two-wire (mono) plugs for activating the shutters which can be triggered when connected to a momentary on-off push button switch. The principal advantage of a double stereogram is that the complete scene captured by the center camera can be displayed with one half of the left camera image and one half of the right camera image on each side of the center image to create two side-by-side stereograms. The cameras are mounted so that they shoot in portrait mode and image processing then simply involves clipping the appropriate left and right camera image halves and moving them to align up with full center scene to produce a left stereogram and a right stereogram. The main disadvantage of the double stereogram is that the final image needs to be printed as an 8 x 10 image or larger (Figure 2).

Vertical Panoramic Stereogram

Figure 3 shows a two-camera system, using a pair of Pentax Optio 430 RS digital cameras, used to take very slightly overlapping (about 15%) digital images that can then be “stitched” to form a panorama. Construction details are given in my article Panorama Mania published in Nuts and Volts Magazine, Vol. 27 No. 6, 2006, p 38-41.
If the entire camera system is rotated 90 degrees it can then be used to capture a vertical panorama of very tall subjects. By using the "shifting your weight from one foot to the other" method of producing a stereo pair and by keeping the camera system in the same vertical alignment one can, with practice, capture two panoramic images that will produce a decent vertical panorama stereogram. The example shown in Figure 4 consists of two slightly overlapping images stitched to form the left side of the stereogram and two slightly overlapping images stitched to form the right side of the stereogram. I often shoot half a dozen (3 left, 3 right) panoramas in order to get the best two needed to produce the stereogram.

**Motion Parallax Stereogram**

How about a stereogram made from images using a single stationary camera that is focused on a moving target? Figure 5 shows such a stereogram made from a camera mounted on a tripod and shooting a sequence of images at about one frame per second. In this example the train in the picture was initially stopped some distance down the track and moved quite slowly toward me before picking up speed. The camera was aimed at about a 45 degree angle to the track direction so there is an obvious change in the train's scale from one sequential picture to the other. Ideally the camera should be positioned with a 90 degree line of sight to the motion of the object, however at 45 degrees with the slow moving train the change in position (and size) is small and the resulting sequential images are relatively easy to fuse into a 3-D effect. Everything else in the scene (foreground and background) does not change position or size from one picture to the other and will appear to have no depth—only the moving object will exhibit relief.
Simulated Infrared Stereograms

A number of stereo enthusiasts like to shoot infrared pictures but the investment in either darkroom equipment (or the time involved) for developing infrared film, or the cost of acquiring digital cameras altered so that they are infrared sensitive, is prohibitive. A simple way to convert any normal color stereogram into a black & white infrared stereogram can be found in the Paintshop Pro Photo X2 software under the Effects menu. Selecting Photo Effects/Infrared Film and setting the parameters Strength: 95, Flare:10, and Grain: 1 will produce the black & white infrared stereogram shown in Figure 7a from the normal color stereogram (FALLS.jpg) shown in Figure 6. The parameters shown above are starting points only. Further manipulation (contrast, gamma, sharpening etc.) of the simulated black & white infrared image may improve the final result.

A simulated color infrared stereogram (Figure 7b) can also be created using the RGB color separations derived from the normal color stereogram (Figure 6) and the black & white simulated infrared stereogram (Figure 7a). The processing steps using Paintshop Pro Photo X2 are as follows:

1. Open the normal color stereogram file FALLS.jpg.
2. Under the Image menu select Split Channel/Split to RGB.
3. Delete the Blue1 file.
4. Save the Green1 file as FALLS_G.jpg and the Red1 file as FALLS_R.jpg.
5. Open the simulated black & white infrared file FALLS_IR.jpg.
6. Under the Image menu select Combine Channel/Combine from RGB. Assign FALLS_IR.jpg to the Red channel source. Assign FALLS_R.jpg to the Green channel source. Assign FALLS_G.jpg to the Blue channel source.
7. Under the Adjust menu select Smart Photofix. Adjust the Brightness (use suggested settings), Saturation (use 50), and Focus (use suggested settings) as indicated in the parentheses to start with.
8. Save as FALLS_SCIR.jpg

Figure 5. Motion parallax stereogram of a freight train coming into San Marcos, Texas. [The technique produces surprising results with a subject on a slowly turning piano or bar stool in an otherwise static room.]

Figure 6. Normal color stereogram of Winnewissa Falls in the Pipestone National Monument, Minnesota used to produce the simulated infrared stereograms in Figures 7a and 7b.

Figure 7a. Black and white simulated infrared stereogram extracted from the normal color stereogram (Figure 6.) using the photo effects/infrared film algorithm in Paintshop Pro Photo X2.
Image Effect Stereograms

A number of stereo photographers like to produce stereogram variants using “effects” algorithms available in their image processing software. Two of my favorites are conversions using a media effect such as a combination of charcoal and pencil drawing, and an artistic effect called level-slicing or posterization.

The Black Pencil and Charcoal options under the Effects/Art Media Effects menu in Paintshop Pro Photo X2 were applied to the normal color stereogram (Figure 8a) and “played with” until a satisfactory rendition was produced (Figure 8b). There is no way I can list all of the steps used for the many iterations of this process. “Play” until you get a satisfactory result according to your taste and standards.

Level slicing or posterization reduces the number of colors that are possible (but not necessarily present) in an image. A two-level slice will yield a possible $2^3 = 8$ colors (Red, Green, Blue, Cyan, Magenta, Yellow, Black, White). A three-level slice will produce a possible $3^3 = 27$ colors (R, G, B, C, M, Y, BK, WH, DR, DG, DB, DM, DY, LR, LG, LB, LC, LM, LY, ORANGE, LIME, PINK, PURPLE, AQUA, TURQUOISE, and GRAY—where D=Dark and L=Light). A four-level slice and a five-level slice will produce a possible $4^3 = 64$ colors and $5^3 = 125$ colors respectively. Level slicing usually increases the contrast and saturation of a scene, but to produce a truly poster-like image the number of slices should be kept to 2, 3 or 4. Figure 9a shows a normal color stereogram and Figure 9b shows the 3-level sliced stereogram derived from it using the Posterize option under the Effects/Artistic Effects menu in Paintshop Pro Photo X2.
USGS Digital Aerial Photograph Stereograms

Stereograms created from overlapping aerial photographs were often the mainstay of intelligence operations conducted during the Second World War and are still being used today for reconnaissance purposes, albeit from digital imaging systems. Stereo aerial photography was the backbone of the USGS topographic mapping program and was also extensively used for earth resources investigations. Two programs might be of interest to individuals wanting to construct a stereogram from aerial photographs. The National High-Altitude Photography or NHAP (1980-1989) Program and the National Aerial Photography Program or NAPP (1987-present) are archived by the USGS in a digitally scanned format with images available online for downloading at no cost for medium resolution data. The two overlapping aerial photographs shown in Figure 10a (see next page) were obtained using the USGS Earth Explorer at http://edcsns17.cr.usgs.gov/EarthExplorer. Higher resolution scanned images of these same scenes can be ordered at a cost of $30.00 for each photograph.

The left and right images that comprise the stereo pair must be cut or clipped with long side of each of these images perpendicular to the flight line. For north to south, or south to north flight lines the photos must be rotated 90 degrees (see Figure 10b). Figure 11 shows the stereogram created from the cutouts (clips) of the bottom airphoto configuration shown in Figure 10b. A detailed explanation of the process can be found in Fundamentals of Remote Sensing and Airphoto Interpretation 5th edition by T. E. Avery and G. L. Berlin, Prentice Hall, 1992, p. 67. The USGS archives cover most of the U.S.A. and can be used to find aerial photographs of your hometown, farm, or favorite state or national park.
Figure 10a. Two sequential overlapping color infrared aerial photographs from a north to south flight line obtained over Washington, D.C. March 17, 1994.

Figure 10b. The two sequential photos from Figure 10a oriented in the two west-east configurations before clipping out two similar areas from the bottom layout to produce the stereogram shown in Figure 11.

Figure 11. The Washington D.C. aerial hyper stereogram extracted from Figure 10b.
Sailing Away: UP Elevates Stereo Cinema
review by Ray Zone

Stereo cinema continues to evolve with new narrative grammar in the computer-generated (CG) realm with feature films such as UP, released by Pixar/Disney on May 29 in about 1500 digital 3-D cinema theaters (2200 showed it flat). Joshua Hollender, stereoscopic supervisor, and the team at Pixar rendering the spatial version of UP, made dynamic use of the z-axis to change the depth according to the emotional needs of the story. Accordingly, UP marks a watershed in the evolution of stereoscopic cinema with a new, subtler use of the z-axis for storytelling purposes. This may be because Pete Docter and Bob Peterson, co-directors of the film, also dreamed up the story of a grouchy, 78-year-old man who sets forth on an aerial high adventure by launching his house with over 20,000 helium balloons, made the story work. In fact, to study subtle 3-D, Docter and Petersen made a point of viewing the restrained but striking stereo in Alfred Hitchcock's 1954 3-D classic, Dial M for Murder.

In a Los Angeles Times interview with Susan King, Docter emphasized the importance of an "emotional foundation" with the characters "no matter what technology you use," and noted that "The 3-D is just another crayon in the crayon box." In telling the story of 78-year-old Carl Fredericksen (Ed Asner) and his unlikely friendship with Russell (Jordan Nagai), the eight and a half year old wilderness scout who has stowed away on the aerial adventure to "Paradise Falls" in South America, Docter and Peterson have used a wide range of variegated colors from the crayon box to achieve emotional tonality over the course of what turns out to be a pretty dangerous and thrilling adventure. Along the way Fredericksen and Russell encounter a multi-colored bird, talking dogs and world-famous explorer Charles F. Muntz.

In a clever flashback before the aerial adventure begins, we see the boy Carl encounter the energetic gap-toothed girl Elie (Elie Docter) only to find they are both fans of adventurer Muntz. Carl had seen Muntz earlier in a black and white newsreel declaring his motto "Adventure is out there!" just before meeting Elie. A beautiful montage, a visual scrapbook of their years together, depicts Carl and Elie's long married life. But now, with Elie gone and urban development pushing in from all sides, Carl decides to go straight up on the adventure to find "Paradise Falls," a long held but unachieved dream of the married pair.

Everything about UP is first rate: story, acting, writing, directing, everything. This movie is so entertaining it would even be compelling in black-and-white. But why deny ourselves a simple delight, the wonderful chromatic array, from muted sepias connoting the past, to shocking rainbows of spectral primacy, and always locked poetically to the emotional colors of the moment and the characters.

Similarly, though UP is a winner as a 2-D film, why deny ourselves the additional pleasure of depth? Here is one more element to use in sympathy with the story. The spatial color has been painted with great subtlety as well as with great flair. It is perhaps most dramatic in the sweeping hyperstereo panoramas of the South American wilds. The depth in these verdant expanses seems endless, hyperbolically detailed. And in this and many other aerial sequences there is the subliminal sense of miniaturization, the "puppet theater" effect, as if viewing the earth from a giant's pair of eyes. Here, it works as art, and it works as narrative with a storybook effect.

Certain sequences in UP have very little depth. After Carl loses Elie, the screen goes virtually flat and the color, as well, loses vibrancy. But when the z-space opens up it's always exhilarating, after relative spatial dormancy, and the story carries us along with both a temporal and dimensional burst of energy.

Up is Pixar's first 3-D movie. As the first animated 3-D movie to open the Cannes Film Festival in May, it received a standing ovation. This considerable start marks real progress for the "immersive" art of stereo cinema. The story is an engine that drives subtle or resonant articulation of the z-axis on the motion picture screen. The 3-D, like the actions of the characters, is always continuously changing. To our binocular delight. 

When 78-year-old Carl Fredericksen casts away with his house he finds an unwitting stowaway in the person of 8-year-old Russell in the Disney/Pixar 3-D releases UP.

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The 3-D digital technology company 3D Film Factory (3DFF), recently begun production on an original documentary showcasing one of America's greatest natural treasures in 3-D—Yosemite National Park.

Yosemite: Live it in 3-D will chronicle the history, seasonal cycles and visual grandeur of the park, all in high-definition 3-D. Included will be the park's best known activities and natural phenomenon; Yosemite Falls, rafting on the Merced river, climbing Half Dome and El Capitan, tracking bears, the giant sequoia trees and the back country.

"Until now there's been dozens of documentaries produced on Yosemite, but nothing in 3-D, nothing like this," said company president Karl Kozak. "What other format can show off Yosemite like HD-3D? So far all the footage we've acquired gives you the feeling like you're there. It's nothing short of mesmerizing. You'll never be able to watch traditional 2-D nature docs again."

With the larger landscapes much of the shooting was accomplished using a side-by-side, 3-D camera system (3D-SS Pro Rig) and dual HD cameras. Of course, for the close-up and personal nature shots, a split-beam camera rig (3D-SB) was employed. The company's team of veteran stereographers and cinematographers developed all of the 3-D camera rigs utilized in-house. Many of the same 3-D camera systems are now manufactured exclusively by 3DFF and offered for sale through their website www.3dfilmfactory.com.

The production, now in its early stages, is expected to be completed by late fall. "It literally takes hundreds of hours of accurate 3-D footage to complete a show like this", said lead stereographer Keith Driver. "Larger projects like this challenge you. Everyday we set out to improve our shooting techniques to get not only the best shot possible, but the best 3-D we can."

3DFF will make the 3-D Yosemite film available for worldwide rental and/or licensing. A preview trailer for the film can be seen in anaglyph format on YouTube at www.youtube.com/3deefilm.

This column depends on readers for information. (We don't know everything!) Please send information or questions to David Starkman, NewViews Editor, P.O. Box 2368, Culver City, CA 90231.
Jonas Brothers 3-D DVD

Jonas Brothers: The Concert Experience Deluxe Extended Movie in 3-D was released June 30th by Disney. The documentary has DVD extras: featurettes, extra songs. The two disc DVD and three disc BD/DVD include a digital copy. The film has footage of the Jonas Brothers during their 2008 "Burning Up" concert tour.

Jonas Brothers: The 3D Concert Experience grossed $765,000 in select IMAX 3D theaters, posting a per screen average of approximately $15,000 during its opening weekend from Friday, February 27 through Sunday, March 1. The limited IMAX 3D engagement ran for only one week on new IMAX digital projection systems.

The high-energy Walt Disney Pictures rockumentary 3-D feature film event from director Bruce Hendricks (Hannah Montana/Miley Cyrus: Best of Both Worlds Concert Tour) blends excerpts from the Brothers' red-hot "Burning Up" concert tour, including guest performances from Demi Lovato and Taylor Swift. The film also includes exclusive behind-the-scenes footage (which for some reason was shot in 2-D) off-the-wall segments, a never-before-heard song ("Love Is On Its Way"), swarming fans and a lot of JB-style humor-giving fans never-before-seen insights into the lives of Kevin, Joe and Nick. Also featured are the Jonas brothers' parents—don't blink or you'll miss them and their younger brother, who had a non-musical role.

The film did end up as the second highest grossing musical ever, but it also finished in second place for its opening week and fell quickly at the box-office. First place does go to last year's 3-D Hannah Montana and Miley Cyrus: Bets of Both Worlds Concert, which also featured the Jonas Bros. Jonas Brothers: The 3D Concert Experience took in $12.5 million for its opening weekend on 1,271 screens, Hannah had brought in $31 million on only 683 screens and was held over for weeks.

The Blu-ray DVD of Jonas Brothers - the 3D Concert Experience, an extended version of the movie that cut short the 3-D run of Coraline in many theaters.

Retail prices are: DVD $29.99, two disc DVD $32.99, three disc BD/DVD $44.99.

Industry Works Toward Home 3-D Compatibility

Development of international standards for the commercialization of home 3-D hardware and content including HDTVs, set-top boxes, optical disc players, movies, games and television programs got a boost in June with the announcement of an industry consortium to deal with technical issues. The 3D@Home Consortium and Korea's 3D Fusion Industry Consortium (3DFIC) are allied with the Korean government and representatives of various consumer electronics manufacturers.

The partner organizations said they plan to establish joint workshops and exhibitions at industry conferences and other venues, and will co-develop educational resources for consumers and industry professionals to keep abreast about developments in home 3-D technology.

The two groups will also share research and information to encourage the development and validation of content-authoring processes, device test and measurement procedures, and principles and guidelines for interoperability.

More than 40 organizations from Asia, Europe and North America are members of 3D@Home, including Intel, LG Electronics, Mitsubishi, Samsung, Sigma, Sony, Turner Broadcasting, Walt Disney Studios and XpanD. The consortium said it has established formal relationships with a number of standards bodies and other groups with related objectives.
New Software Brings Full HD 3-D Movies to Sony PS3 and Mac

The 3-D high-definition content delivery company Next3D has announced the first 3-D Movie players for Sony PS3 game consoles and Apple computers. The free downloadable player software, combined with Next3D's content delivery service, will allow consumers to download and play full 1080p theatrical 3-D high-definition movies and other 3-D content on PS3s, Mac computers and, as previously announced, Xbox 360s.

Next3D downloadable content is encoded with patent-pending technology that delivers full stereoscopic 3-D 1080P high-definition to the home over broadband. Users will be able to download premium pay-to-view Next3D content including theatrical 3-D movies and movies originally produced for IMAX® 3D theaters. Next3D will also offer additional content such as 3-D movie trailers and user-created content channels for independent producers and stereo enthusiasts to post and share 3-D video and still images. The Next3D Movie Player will be free to consumers on every supported platform, including the Xbox 360, PS3 and Mac, and supports the over 2 million 3D-ready TVs already in consumers' homes as well as upcoming 3D-ready TVs from Sony, LG, Mitsubishi, JVC and others.

The Next3D movie players for Xbox 360 and Sony PS3 were recently demonstrated for videogame industry professionals at the 2009 Game Developers Conference in San Francisco. "The response has been phenomenal," said D.J. Roller, Co-founder of Next3D. "Clearly the movie industry is ready for a home 3-D audience, and the home 3-D audience is primed to emerge. Next3D is on course to be the first to deliver." See www.next3d.com/NEXT3D.html.

Coming Soon to Stereo World (Continued from page 3)

Thailand Sanctuary

Using the same sequential, single-camera technique he used for his article "The Walking Streets of Los Angeles," Kim L. Ground stereographed Prasat Sut Ja-Tum (The Sanctuary Of Truth) in Pattaya, Thailand. The multifaceted wooden structure is a celebration of the four major philosophical or religious influences on Thai culture: Buddhism, Hinduism, Taoism, and Animism, and its mazes of wings, balconies and sculptures provided ideal subjects for stereo. Ongoing construction and maintenance and cluttered gardens added to the opportunities and challenges.

PhotoHistory XIV

The 14th triennial symposium on the history of photography will be held October 16-18 in Rochester, NY. Historians, collectors, photo experts and dealers from around the world will gather Oct. 17 at George Eastman House to hear 19 speakers cover a variety of topics from photo post cards to Daguerreotypes, Autochromes, Woodburytypes and the first digital camera. The event is sponsored by the Photographic Historical Society and includes a banquet that evening and a photographic Trade Show and Sale Oct. 18, both at the Rochester DoubleTree Hotel.

While none of this year's symposium topics deals specifically with stereography, two of the speakers are NSA members. Terry Bennett will discuss Early Photography in China (see SW Vol. 32 No. 4) and Sarah Weatherwax (SW Vol. 27 No. 6, page 16) will cover Daguerreotypes in Philadelphia, 1839-1860. Another presentation will remember the late NSA member and noted collector and writer Eaton S. Lothrop. More details and registration information are available at www.tphs.org or from PhotoHistory XIV, PO Box 10342, Rochester NY 14610.
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should be no accommodation/vergence conflict, the image will always be in focus.”

What are some conditions which indicate predisposition for esotropia in children between 2 and 6 years of age? “Farsightedness and its associated excessive convergence is the principal cause of the onset of convergent strabismus (esotropia) in the 2 to 3 year age group,” wrote Arthur Jampolsky with his chapter on “Strabismus” in Pediatric Ophthalmology, edited by L. Byerly Holt (Lea & Febiger: 1964). “The effort made by the child to overcome farsightedness in order to obtain clear vision,” wrote Jampolsky, “may cause the eyes to cross even though the eyes were anatomically originally straight.”

Another susceptible group, noted Jampolsky, is “hyperkinetic children, whose general motor activity seemingly is in high gear, may have excessive amounts of convergence associated with the hyperactivity. The incidence of esotropia is greater in this group.”

Analysis of the metrics that were used in the Tsukuda and Murai study, and a determination of any pre-existing or hereditary factors on the part of the subject, would be necessary for a thorough reevaluation of the case. The subject of the study, after surgical correction of the esotropia as a child, is now 25 years old. And the Q Taro anaglyph video appears lost to history as well.

Takayuki Oguchi, in an April 15 email to the author, speculated that copyright issues, as well as the esotropia controversy, may have motivated Shinee Animation to “conceal the existence” of the Q Taro anaglyph video. It may be that the only surviving samples of the 3-D images from this controversial anaglyph movie are the ones that were printed in Corocoro-Comic Deluxe. ☺

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Exploring the Fundamentals of Digital 3-D Cinema (Continued from page 7)

species of magic instead of a technical art and craft well within the bounds of science. This, too, is changing and Mendiburu’s book is indicative of a general move to stereoscopic pedagogy that is now taking place, at seminars, trade shows and digital cinema summits sponsored by organizations like SMPTE and the SMPTE Task Force for 3D in the home. All of this is necessary for stereoscopic production of motion pictures to become a common practice.

This move to more open discussion of stereoscopic tools and their use can also be seen with certification programs such as the “3DIQ” program offered by the 3ality Digital company in Burbank, California. 3ality is the company that provided the stereo camera technology and post-production pipeline for the stereoscopic feature film U23D as well as real-time satellite-cast transmission of NFL games in 3-D. The 3ality 3DIQ program offers certifications as “3D Technical Director,” “Stereographer” and “3D Technical Director,” among other functions.

So, where does Mendiburu’s book stand in relation to all this? It is a good first flag planted in the quickly shifting sands of stereoscopic production. It’s a hybrid that gives some consideration to the existing tool sets for production and post-production right up to color grading and packaging for digital cinema. Particularly useful to editors will be Mendiburu’s discussion of how cutting 3-D is different from 2-D. The single most important idea with 3-D editing is “depth continuity” or “depth matching” across the cuts. A fine discussion of practical 3-D editing and using 2-D tools to edit in 3-D is also essential reading here for editors.

Throughout the book are comparison tables and listings of stereoscopic web sites that make this a useful resource for beginners to stereo. Numerous cartoons illustrate visual concepts throughout. These are undoubtedly drawn by Mendiburu and give the impression of sketches rapidly executed on a cocktail napkin to explain somewhat complex ideas, a methodology not without a certain charm. They do effectively demonstrate the ideas under discussion.

Focal Press has characterized the user level of Mendiburu’s book as “Novice to Intermediate” and that is accurate. A DVD is included with the book and the author has included tutorials on his VFX 3-D work on the independent short 3-D movie Slow Glass. While the specific toolsets for stereoscopic production and post-production (particularly) will change, the underlying fundamentals of visually rigorous production for 3-D will not. Those fundamentals, clearly expressed, make this a fine primer for motion picture professionals about to set forth into the world of 3-D movies. ☺
Size Matters in IMAX vs IMIN

As IMAX goes digital and expands into more and more multiplex venues (possibly 400 screens by 2010), a controversy has been growing about the actual size of the screens in these new theaters. Simply put, they are just plain smaller than what people have come to expect from the brand that brought us multi-story, 75 foot tall screens that take up an entire side of the building for pioneering cinema formats like IMAX, OMNIMAX, SOLIDO, etc. As well as being smaller, the new screens have a different aspect ratio, 1.9:1 instead of the classic IMAX 1.43:1. The changes have made the system more affordable for existing complexes to install, and for digital projection to fill the screen with a bright image—especially vital for digital 3-D projection.

But the reaction of many IMAX fans has been outrage at what has been called names from "fake IMAX" to "Liemax." Two websites offer maps detailing which theaters contain which version of IMAX for those determined to see full size projection of large format film frames and possibly willing to boycott the smaller screens. For fans able to show up early, simply sitting closer will offer a partial solution at least for 2-D films. But owners of existing full size IMAX theaters fear the bad press may hurt business, and they don’t like the same name being used for screens of lesser size. The company has been urged to use a different name for the new theaters ("IMIN" probably isn't on their list), but some way of informing the public of relative screen size may be in the works. LF Examiner, the online trade publication of the large-format motion picture industry, offers maps, links and continuing, detailed coverage of the story at www.lfexaminer.com.

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