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Another Year (and They're Back!)

Weren't we supposed to be in flying cars by 2007? With robotic servants? It seemed that was the promise in the 1950s. In the 1950s, though, we were still shooting aluminum arrows out of all-wood bows. No one forecast carbon fiber composite arrows and risers and all of the geegaws we have today, so I guess it all balances out.

I have to share with you the story behind the cover. Claudia has had the concept behind this cover for at least five or six years. Some of you "veterans" might remember the poster Bear Archery did with Native Americans armed with compound bows. Well, Claudia has had this fixation about Cupid (Eros in the Greek). Cupid is only a demigod, so he isn't perfect and could benefit from some of the modern refinements to his archery. So, I have been collecting Cupid art, along with photographs of Cupid statuary. And she is not done yet; keep an eye out next February.

Like many of you I am preparing for the big 'Vegas Shoot. This will be the first time I will actually compete there. Look for me with the Barebow crowd.

They're Back! This issue has some real treats in it. Imagine being able to sit down with Rick McKinney and talk arrows—FITA arrows, 3-D, hunting arrows, the whole gamut. Well, you are in for a treat: see "On Arrows" by the inestimable Mr. McKinney on p. 4. One person does not make the "They" in "They're Back!," though. The other surprise and delight is the return of Don Rabska to these pages (on p.8) writing about time. Please realize that these two gentlemen are two of the busiest people in all of archery and we are very pleased that they took the time out of their busy schedules to write for us and you.

And, don't tell anyone, but Vittorio and Michele Frangilli are working on a second book (*Heretic II?*) and promise to send in several articles this year that highlight some of the major points to be made in the book.

There is a great deal more packed into this issue—John Vetterli writing about balance (in your archery, in your life!), Van Webster writing about what you can really expect from young archers, Tom Dorigatti writing a shocking article on compound bow mythology, and more by Lorretta Sinclair, Lanny Bassham, Jason Butler, and Leighton Tyau.

Enjoy!

