Subject: Re: WTS 1937 Men's Gruen wristwatch
Posted by JackW on Sat, 07 Sep 2013 17:54:20 GMT
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Daniel Watch repair at 5s Wabash (11th floor) would charge you about $100 to overhaul the watch should you wish to have it fixed. Daniel does a great job. I think I know whom you are talking about on Belmont: Father "something" Antiques. Though I'm sure their restoration would have included dial refinish and fixing the wear on the gold-filled case. To be honest, his offer of $50 is not out of line, maybe even on the high side for a watch like this. However, the movement is key to the value. It could be a quadron on the inside, potentially a cal 157. For this watch, regardless of the movement even at "mint" condition it would be no-where near a value of $900 as gold filled. Those guys on Belmont specialize in high-end vintage watches and that is where they make the money. Gruen certainly made high-end watches and some will attain values of that scope, but these are rare or karat gold or platinum cased watches, which can sell in to the $1000's. Do an eBay search on sold watches like yours.

Also, these snap-back cases open easily enough that you can do it without damage should you wish. http://www.thewatchguy.com/pages/OPENCASE.html
There are also you-tube videos on how to do this.It is up to you.

-JW