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Subject: Re: Goal ?

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Nope. No goal, just parameters. If I could think of a goal that would be realistic, I would set it. But with 1920s and early 1930s Gruens, just about every subset you could define is amply studded with models that range between virtually impossible to find and possibly nonexistent. Not that I can afford to spend with reckless abandon, but even if I could, the watches I'd really like to obtain just don't seem to exist. For two of my white whales, the 1918 18k green military square, and Strap 73, I've seen orphaned movements with the dials that tell the sad story of scrapped cases, and that may be all I ever see of either of those models. But even those are just a couple of watches I yearn for, not a cohesive vision (to borrow Barney's spot-on term). I would say that Gruen's product line was just too sprawling for even the most dedicated and well heeled completist to come even close to tackling. A lot of us here are familiar with Mark, the owner of [vintagewatchforums.com](#). I think his goal was to obtain every non-round watch Hamilton made before whatever year Hamilton ceased to really be Hamilton. And he achieved it. That's an ambitious goal, to say the least, with any brand. But it would be impossible with Gruen. Maybe you could come up with something achievable in Gruen's later years. Like every 440 Curvex? That might be doable.

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