
Subject: Re: Why Gruen ?

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I thought it was in 2005 or 2006 that I bought my first Gruen. In my recollection I got my first job and thought I needed to celebrate that with my first mechanical watch. But the timeline is incorrect.... :?

So, I don't know what in fact was the reason I bought one, but I did. It all started at the beginning of 2010. I bought my first mechanical watch and it happened to be a Gruen, the Cartouche Clarendon. Gruen, not a common brand in the Netherlands... I do like the art deco period and those old American watches have style!

Anyway, my first Gruen is on this forum.

<https://vintagegruen.org/vgforum/index.php?t=msg&th=32&start=0&>

When digging for some extra information I stumbled upon the page of Paul Schliesser (pixelp.com/gruen). The mystery around Gruen and the exploration aspect made me decide to stick with Gruen. On Nov 27th 2011 I registered to the old Gruen forum and bought my first 2 Gruen books. January 2013 I had 12 Gruen watches.

One could add a zero at the end right now. Haven't counted them for a while. :roll: Collected goodies, parts and learned some watchmaking skills over the years. I only collect Gruen.
