
Subject: Gruen Carré

Posted by [C. Hurt](#) on Mon, 17 Feb 2014 04:54:36 GMT

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A few pictures of my recently acquired Gruen Carré. No competition on eBay, so bought for a fair opening bid. Seller didn't know how to open it, so was unaware that it was enamel over solid silver. A little dusting and cleaning is all I've done.

I'll work it into the proper format eventually. I date this one to 1931 or so, mainly due to the adjustment data being milled out on the 885 movement.

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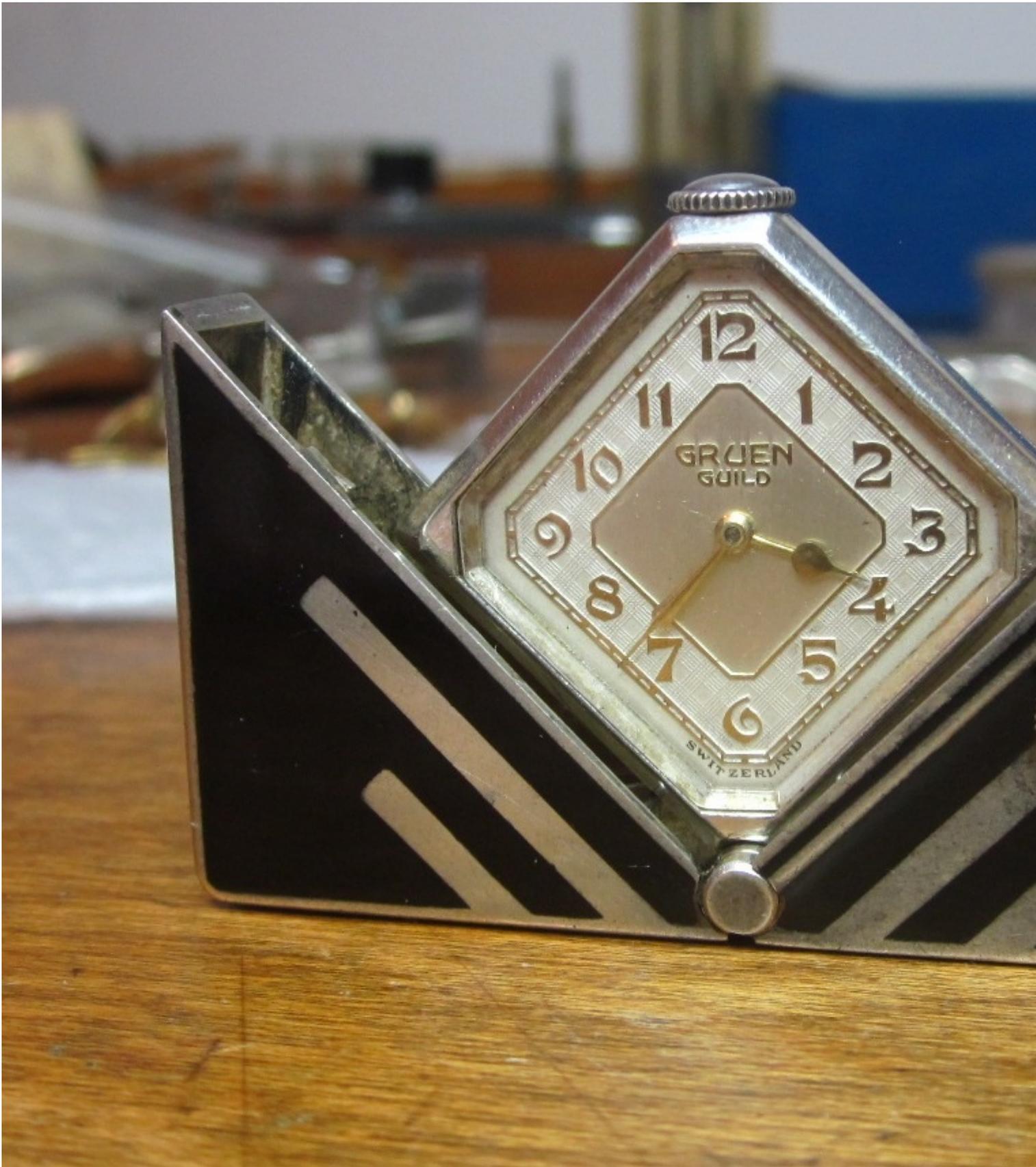
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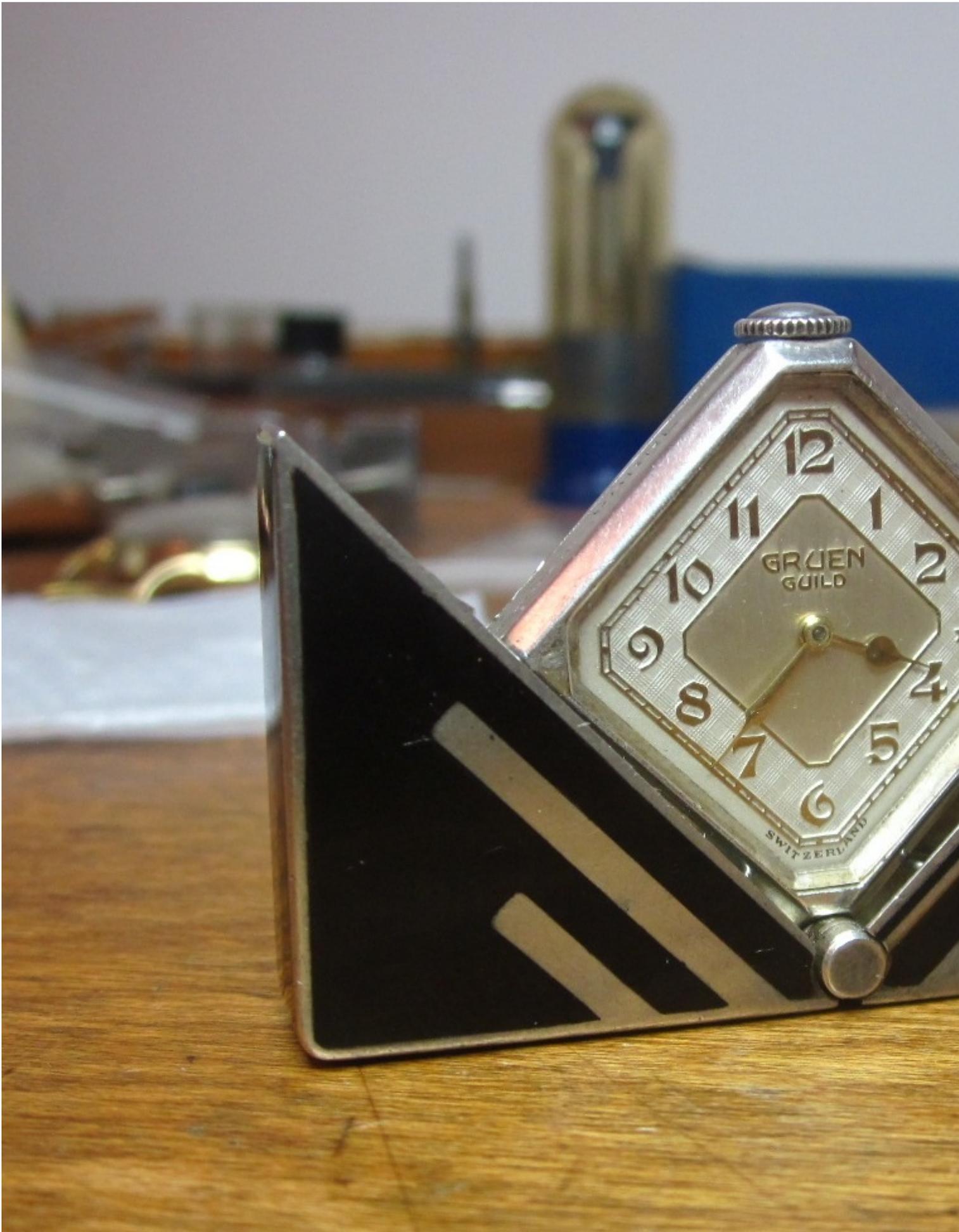
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Subject: Re: Gruen Carré

Posted by [Thojil](#) on Mon, 17 Feb 2014 09:36:41 GMT

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Nice! Didn't spot this one on eBay. Still on my wish list, but of what I have seen so far a "fair opening bid" usually means I will have to wait for my bonus to arrive first

Do you know what the relation was between Gruen and Lipmann Frères (LIP) on these models? What I know is that LIP held the patent for the design and that they sold them under the model name "Eclipso". The Gruen case is Swiss production, so not produced by LIP which was based in Besançon, France. Possibly LIP and Gruen used the same case manufacturer?

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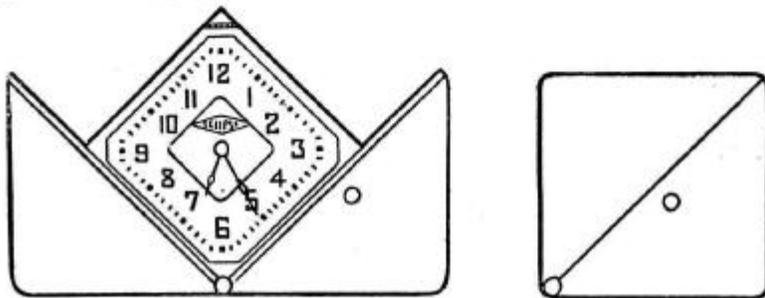
1) [Brevet Sep 1931.jpg](#), downloaded 2060 times

AVIS

Messieurs **Lipmann Frères**, fabricants d'horlogerie, à **Besançon**, ont l'honneur d'informer Messieurs les fabricants et négociants en horlogerie, qu'ils viennent d'obtenir le grand brevet allemand, pour leur boîte de montre, dite „**ECLIPSO**“, s'ouvrant suivant une diagonale.

Toute imitation ou contrefaçon de cette boîte sera poursuivie, en tous pays.

Messieurs **Lipmann Frères** sont disposés à accorder des concessions ou exclusivités, soit pour des montres complètes, soit pour des boîtes seules, dans les pays pour lesquels ils n'ont pas encore pris d'engagements.



2) [LIP Eclipso ad 1930.jpg](#), downloaded 2062 times

LE MIROIR DU MONDE

TARIF DES MONTRES	Matériau	Prix
Classé, en or polychrome	450 x 800	+
Luxé, - - - - -	720 x 900	+
Pour de brassé - - - -	800 x 950	+
Argenté, en or polychrome	300 x 550	+
Placé en, en or polychrome	900 x 1000	+
Or, en or polychrome, depuis - - - -	2500	+

ECLIPSO

PETIT MODÈLE

MODÈLE NORMAL

ECLIPSO

LIP

C'EST UNE CRÉATION DE LIP

EN VENTE DANS LES MAGASINS D'HORLOGERIE, DE BIJOUTERIE, D'OBJETS DE LUXE ET DE FANTAISIE

Subject: Re: Gruen Carré

Posted by [MikeTheWatchGuy](#) on Tue, 18 Feb 2014 05:08:17 GMT

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That reminds me that in the last AWCI Horological Times issue (Feb 2013) was a piece written about the Gruen Carre. It's 1 page long with some nice pictures of a red and black one. Page 16, Feb 2014 "The Case Issue".

Subject: Re: Gruen Carré

Posted by [erin.marie](#) on Tue, 18 Feb 2014 05:36:13 GMT

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Very nice! I have wanted one of these for the longest! Great find!

Subject: Re: Gruen Carré

Posted by [Jenneke](#) on Tue, 18 Feb 2014 19:07:35 GMT

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I missed that price reduction. Very fair price! And very very very nice looking one. I think it found a good home!
