Subject: Watch Database
Posted by Jenneke on Thu, 09 May 2013 20:57:02 GMT
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Maybe some Watch Model database that Cary/Bruce mentioned? Like mybulova (ok, simplified .

Or is the "Watch Tables" intended for that?

Maybe we could have a sticky post on top with the Format the watch info should be posted? I give an example in my next post.

Subject: [MODELNAME] [DATE] [CALIBER]
Posted by Jenneke on Thu, 09 May 2013 21:09:02 GMT
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Model name :
Type :
Period/date :
Gender :

Case Maker :
Case Material :
Case Serial :
Case Style no :

Caliber :
Movement Maker :
Movement Serial:

Bracelet :

Other info :

[Picture Front]
[Picture caseback inside]
[Picture movement]
[Picture ad]

Subject: EXAMPLE Duchess 1937 520
Posted by Jenneke on Thu, 09 May 2013 21:18:31 GMT
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Model name : Duchess
Type : Curvex wristwatch
Period/date : 1937

Gender : Female

Case Maker : Wadsworth
Case Material : 14k gold filled
Case Serial : 3097862
Case Style no : 272

Caliber : 520 (17 jewels, precision)
Movement Maker : ?
Movement Serial: 349512

Bracelet : Plated metal cord

Other info :

File Attachments

1) Back.jpg, downloaded 4531 times



2) Front.jpg, downloaded 4507 times



3) Ad 1937.JPG, downloaded 4476 times



Subject: Re: [MODELNAME] [DATE] [CALIBER]
Posted by Gary on Thu, 09 May 2013 21:18:38 GMT
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What a great idea Jenneke!

I think both Cary and Bruce mentioned it. Mybulovia forums have this type of identification for their watches. They use picture identification instead of using advertisements.

The watch table forum is intended for watch collections. We could rename the "Model Identification and discussion" forum to the "Model Identification Database and discussion" We can use the template above and see if we could do an "auto fill". When someone posts a new watch for identification, this template would be included in the message and they fill out as much information as possible.

When all the replies are gathered, a moderator or administrator could edit and fill in the rest.

Subject: Re: [MODELNAME] [DATE] [CALIBER]
Posted by Jenneke on Thu, 09 May 2013 21:25:44 GMT
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GaryM wrote on Thu, 09 May 2013 23:18 if we could do an "auto fill". When someone posts a new watch for identification, this template would be included in the message and they fill out as much information as possible.

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YEAH! I like the auto fill idea. Also helps newcomers to give information that helps identifying their watch.

Strange enough only the first picture is visible in my post. The other two (back/ad) show red crosses. But you can click on the image and it opens. Do you know why?

Subject: Re: [MODELNAME] [DATE] [CALIBER]
Posted by Gary on Thu, 09 May 2013 21:37:38 GMT
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I took out the bracketed descriptions in the last 2 links. [case back] and something else for the 3rd one (can't remember).

Subject: Re: [MODELNAME] [DATE] [CALIBER]
Posted by Bazzab on Thu, 09 May 2013 21:39:14 GMT
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This really is a great idea, the only concern I have is
How many pictures of a 440 movement do we need? or any Curvex movement
Why not a new sub section for Movement pictures only, like Ranftt but with Gruen movements
Its the same with case backs if the details are recorded do we need a picture of every one
I am open on the case backs
 I am not sure if it possible but could every picture uploaded be the same size? WxH
B

Subject: Re: [MODELNAME] [DATE] [CALIBER]
Posted by Jenneke on Thu, 09 May 2013 21:56:00 GMT
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Bazzab wrote on Thu, 09 May 2013 23:39How many pictures of a 440 movement do we need?

Depends on the poster. If the movement caliber is unknown a picture helpt to identify it. Also with the case back information. Not sure if a newcomer knows what a case serial is, or where to find the style no. Unless we make some HELP on which info can be found where.

Bazzab Why not a new sub section for Movement pictures only, like Ranftt but with Gruen movements

Or ask Ranftt to add the missing calibers into his archive?

Subject: Re: [MODELNAME] [DATE] [CALIBER]
Posted by Jenneke on Thu, 09 May 2013 21:57:27 GMT
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GaryM I took out the bracketed descriptions in the last 2 links.

Thanx!

Subject: Re: [MODELNAME] [DATE] [CALIBER]
Posted by Bazzab on Thu, 09 May 2013 22:25:10 GMT
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Jenneke wrote on Thu, 09 May 2013 17:56Bazzab wrote on Thu, 09 May 2013 23:39How many pictures of a 440 movement do we need?

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B

Subject: Re: [MODELNAME] [DATE] [CALIBER]
Posted by Bazzab on Thu, 09 May 2013 22:34:06 GMT
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Jenneke wrote on Thu, 09 May 2013 17:56[Bazzab Why not a new sub section for Movement pictures only, like Ranftt but with Gruen movements

Or ask Ranftt to add the missing calibers into his archive?

I beleive that Ranftt needs to see the movements before he enters it on his database
We as Gruenites already hold the movements So that would not be a problem
A database of movements would bring to life the Gruen Parts and Material books
B

Subject: Re: [MODELNAME] [DATE] [CALIBER]
Posted by Jenneke on Thu, 09 May 2013 22:36:23 GMT
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Bazzab wrote on Fri, 10 May 2013 00:25Sorry I thought you where talking about a Watch database, where known watches would be posted , not a newcomes ID section

First I was. But then Gary proposed to make a combined section. I think that can work well. Sorry for the confusion!

Subject: Re: [MODELNAME] [DATE] [CALIBER]
Posted by Gary on Thu, 09 May 2013 22:45:05 GMT
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See the "Model Database Identification and Discussion" forum. I put an announcement and sticky note in the forum for the template. Let me know what you think.

Subject: Re: [MODELNAME] [DATE] [CALIBER]
Posted by Jenneke on Thu, 09 May 2013 22:46:05 GMT
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And there it is, a template in the subforum. Gary!

Do we want a "standard naming convention" for the Title of the Topics in that subforum? Like MODELNAME DATE CALIBER ???
If so, mention it in the announcement help text?

Subject: Re: [MODELNAME] [DATE] [CALIBER]
Posted by Bazzab on Thu, 09 May 2013 22:52:21 GMT
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Jenneke wrote on Thu, 09 May 2013 18:36Bazzab wrote on Fri, 10 May 2013 00:25Sorry I thought you where talking about a Watch database, where known watches would be posted , not a newcomes ID section

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Dont know!

B

Subject: Re: [MODELNAME] [DATE] [CALIBER]
Posted by Gary on Thu, 09 May 2013 22:59:48 GMT
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Bazzab wrote on Thu, 09 May 2013 22:52Jenneke wrote on Thu, 09 May 2013 18:36Bazzab wrote on Fri, 10 May 2013 00:25Sorry I thought you where talking about a Watch database, where known watches would be posted , not a newcomes ID section

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I'll think about that one for awhile, play around a bit. Yes it could get messy. I'm thinking a moderator assigned to keep it clean, go back and fill in missing information in the template once identified. Yes, sleep on it.

Subject: Re: [MODELNAME] [DATE] [CALIBER]
Posted by mikey on Sat, 11 May 2013 03:54:36 GMT
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One thing i've found from another forum i moderate at is that it is imperative to use the "KISS" formula when setting things up so that no one gets befuddled. KISS = Keep It Stupidly Simple That formula tends to reduce the workload for moderators & admins as things grow.

Subject: Re: Watch Database
Posted by DarHin on Sun, 12 May 2013 03:37:24 GMT
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Great template Jenneke.

All,
What about adding an entry for "Crystal Specs", ie dimensions, and crystal manufacturer part# if known. While not a definitive way to id a model it can add weight to a tentative id.

While I realize that in my case this can be construed as self-serving it can also be greatly informative.

Subject: Re: Watch Database
Posted by mikey on Mon, 13 May 2013 02:09:56 GMT
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What about separating the watches as entered in 'decade' categories? ie 1920's watches, 1930's watches etc... rather than just haphazardly entering them.

Subject: Re: Watch Database
Posted by Thojil on Mon, 13 May 2013 21:25:01 GMT
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mikeyt wrote on Mon, 13 May 2013 04:09What about separating the watches as entered in 'decade' categories? ie 1920's watches, 1930's watches etc... rather than just haphazardly entering them.

Like this idea. At least for the models from 1935 to 1957 this categorisation could maybe be linked to the existing Style Number Dating Table. When entering the caliber/style number of a watch this could follow automatically through a look-up function?

Subject: Re: Watch Database
Posted by Gary on Mon, 13 May 2013 23:54:32 GMT
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I like the idea but you would surely confuse the new folks who want their watches identified. Where do I put it? We could create a new category with the decade model forums and have them accessible to the moderators only who would frequently take threads from the main forum and move them into the proper decade forums. The decade forum would be "read-only" for normal users to browse.

Thinking out loud here.

Never mind about thinking, take a look, too much?

Subject: Re: Watch Database
Posted by mikey on Tue, 14 May 2013 01:45:14 GMT
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I really think you need to keep the 'please identify my watch' and the 'identified watches' database categories completely separate. I guess u could lock down the identified watch category initially until everyone becomes comfortable with the procedures.

Subject: Re: Watch Database
Posted by Gary on Tue, 14 May 2013 01:51:40 GMT
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mikeyt wrote on Tue, 14 May 2013 01:45I really think you need to keep the 'please identify my watch' and the 'identified watches' database categories completely separate. I guess u could lock down the identified watch category initially until everyone becomes comfortable with the procedures.

Done

Subject: Re: Watch Database
Posted by afire on Tue, 21 May 2013 16:01:24 GMT
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Another vote for separating "what is my watch?" and firm ID/picture/info forums.