Subject: Pan-Am
Posted by Tony C. on Sun, 02 Jun 2013 14:39:31 GMT
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My one and only Pan-Am.

Model name : Pan-American
Type :
Period/date : early '40s
Gender : men

Case Maker : Gruen
Case Material : "Guildite" steel
Case Serial : 103952
Case Style: snap-back

Caliber : 420SS
Movement Maker : Gruen
Movement Serial:

Subject: Re: Pan-Am
Posted by JackW on Sun, 02 Jun 2013 14:52:01 GMT
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Hi Tony,

I remember you posting about this watch at the old 'haunt'. It has a snap-back case which for the 1940's era I have only spotted a handful, if that, pass over the block at eBay. I have one, but it is an odd one at that with solid lugs that take the bund-type strap. Yours is phenomenal. I've not seen another like it. Beautiful!

Thanks for sharing this one. I'll get pictures of mine up some day soon.

Subject: Re: Pan-Am
Posted by Tony C. on Sun, 02 Jun 2013 15:06:25 GMT
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Thanks Jack. This is one of those watches that I bought because I found it to be superficially attractive, and it seemed to be in unusually nice condition. Yet when I received it, and spent some time with it on my wrist, I found that I liked it even more than I imagined that I might.

Yes, the aesthetics play a significant role, but it is also remarkably solid and reliable for such an old watch. Quite a pleasant surprise, I'd say, though that is partly a reflection of my lack of previous experience with vintage Gruens.

Cheers,

Tony C.

Subject: Re: Pan-Am
Posted by Thojil on Sun, 02 Jun 2013 16:15:47 GMT
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That is a beauty! The dial is one of the cleanest I have seen so far. Looks like it has never been used.