
Subject: Vintage Watch Forums
Posted by [Gary](#) on Sat, 21 Aug 2021 18:26:03 GMT
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Been trying for a couple of days...

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Subject: Re: Vintage Watch Forums
Posted by [Jenneke](#) on Sat, 21 Aug 2021 21:08:53 GMT
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Same here, strange.

Subject: Re: Vintage Watch Forums
Posted by [afire](#) on Mon, 23 Aug 2021 19:32:55 GMT
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That forum has a pretty good history of going down temporarily. Hopefully it'll be back soon. It would be very much unlike the current operator to let it go permanently dark without any warning.

Subject: Re: Vintage Watch Forums
Posted by [Gary](#) on Wed, 25 Aug 2021 00:48:03 GMT
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Who knows, Nookster gave up the keys awhile back and they are still down. I've went to watchuseek for now for my non-Gruen browsing.

Subject: Re: Vintage Watch Forums
Posted by [afire](#) on Wed, 25 Aug 2021 15:37:51 GMT
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True, but I think Susan (retroworx) would not likely just let it implode and walk away. I'm sure somebody is working on getting it back up and running. In addition to being a semi-active forum, it's a massive repository of knowledge and resources for Hamilton collectors. I can't imagine it being allowed to just disappear. But I am getting a little anxious.

Subject: Re: Vintage Watch Forums
Posted by [Gary](#) on Wed, 25 Aug 2021 17:15:14 GMT
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Yeah saw Susan at the National in Virginia. IDK but these forums are some complicated beats to keep going, php, sql, Linux and vi all wrapped into one. Even this forum can be daunting when in debug mode.

One of their biggest issues and I suspect is the cause, their site hosting has very little if any support. I pointed that out to Nookster when he was getting his https certificates, they were making him pay monthly fee for it. I literally fell off my stool because ours is free.

My bets are they might come back but not all in one piece.

Subject: Re: Vintage Watch Forums
Posted by [afire](#) on Mon, 30 Aug 2021 15:30:01 GMT
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GaryM wrote on Wed, 25 August 2021 12:15My bets are they might come back but not all in one piece.

Okay, now I'm getting nervous. I'm sticking to the premise that it's too valuable of a resource and there are too many dedicated Hamilton enthusiasts for it to fade away entirely. But with how long it's been down, I guess something relatively catastrophic must have happened. Vintage Gretsch guitars are my other passion, and about 10 years ago, the original Gretsch forum went down in a massive way. It came back eventually, but a lot of the data disappeared, and all of what remained somehow got separated from the original topics, so there was nothing left but a bunch of topics strewn with random posts. An enormous amount of shared wisdom and experience was totally lost. I'd hate for that to have happened with VWF.

Subject: Re: Vintage Watch Forums
Posted by [Gary](#) on Mon, 30 Aug 2021 16:54:29 GMT
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Yes something is not right even to the point no one can put a simple html page there at the home URL stating what happened. You don't need the forum software to do that so I'm thinking they are gone for good.

Subject: Re: Vintage Watch Forums
Posted by [afire](#) on Tue, 31 Aug 2021 18:16:13 GMT
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I was in contact with Coronado and asked if he knew anything, and evidently the forum is going back to Nookster and currently undergoing some upgrades. Maybe there was an announcement

and we missed it.

Subject: Re: Vintage Watch Forums
Posted by [Gary](#) on Tue, 31 Aug 2021 22:58:34 GMT
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Okay good to know....

Subject: Re: Vintage Watch Forums
Posted by [timeliz](#) on Wed, 01 Sep 2021 04:25:27 GMT
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Hi all! I was beginning to get worried. I only check them out rarely lately, but would really miss having access to all that invaluable info. Some of the heated topics were quite entertaining as well. Liz :)

Subject: Re: Vintage Watch Forums
Posted by [afire](#) on Wed, 01 Sep 2021 19:46:33 GMT
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And then I awake to find this forum down too. I just endured 20 hours of nowhere to talk about watches. But I survived and am stronger for the ordeal.

Subject: Re: Vintage Watch Forums
Posted by [Gary](#) on Wed, 01 Sep 2021 20:22:33 GMT
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afire wrote on Wed, 01 September 2021 19:46 And then I awake to find this forum down too. I just endured 20 hours of nowhere to talk about watches. But I survived and am stronger for the ordeal.

Yes we at least we can explain what is going on and not ponder for weeks on end. ;-) If you ever find us down you can go here to check or visit Time-hill.org, we'll post a message there.

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[Investigating] Our Operations teams are currently investigating connectivity issues which indicate an issue related to our name servers. We will provide updated information as it becomes available.

Subject: Re: Vintage Watch Forums
Posted by [DRGM](#) on Thu, 09 Sep 2021 14:42:29 GMT
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Good news! The VWF is back again!

Subject: Re: Vintage Watch Forums
Posted by [Gary](#) on Thu, 09 Sep 2021 14:52:56 GMT
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:hamsterdance: :tomato: :flash: Have to ponder that it came back online on Mikethewatchguy's birthday, how utterly odd! :mrgreen: :) :smug:

Subject: Re: Vintage Watch Forums
Posted by [JackW](#) on Sun, 19 Sep 2021 20:14:59 GMT
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...and it is back down. :?

Subject: Re: Vintage Watch Forums
Posted by [afire](#) on Sun, 19 Sep 2021 20:27:27 GMT
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JackW wrote on Sun, 19 September 2021 15:14...and it is back down. :?
Well, aside from the big weeks-long outage, that forum does have a pretty rich history of short outages. Hopefully this is just another one of those.

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Posted by [JackW](#) on Tue, 21 Sep 2021 14:19:41 GMT
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afire wrote on Sun, 19 September 2021 14:27 JackW wrote on Sun, 19 September 2021 15:14...and it is back down. :?

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One of the FB vintage watch groups has a post.... the host did something that lost connection to a database... or something (remember I'm a geologist). Short story, is that it is back up for now, but do not post anything new until things are declared stable.

Subject: Re: Vintage Watch Forums
Posted by [afire](#) on Tue, 21 Sep 2021 16:01:58 GMT
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Yeah, I got on it last night and did my usual and hit "unread posts" and what came up was a jumble of old and newer threads. It looks like a fair amount of content must have gotten mixed up or removed. Hopefully they can sort it out.

Subject: Re: Vintage Watch Forums
Posted by [afire](#) on Mon, 15 May 2023 15:33:15 GMT
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Anybody know what's going on? For a while I could log in but not access anything other than the one thread Mark used for updates. But for the last week or two it won't recognize me username and ID. I'm assuming that it's still under construction but thought I'd check in here to make sure others aren't able to access it in case the problem is with me.

Subject: Re: Vintage Watch Forums
Posted by [JackW](#) on Mon, 15 May 2023 16:29:23 GMT
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I was asking a friend that knows Mark C. and what I was told is that Mark is pulling the plug for good on it. I wish we had gotten a warning or something. What I understand is that Mark was trying an update which failed and then the data backup failed.

Subject: Re: Vintage Watch Forums
Posted by [afire](#) on Mon, 15 May 2023 20:07:24 GMT
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That blows. I tried Watch Talk Forums for a more general watch chat fix. Ooh booy. Not

good. What's the next best thing? Watchuseek?

Subject: Re: Vintage Watch Forums

Posted by [JackW](#) on Tue, 23 May 2023 03:59:09 GMT

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afire wrote on Mon, 15 May 2023 14:07 That blows. I tried Watch Talk Forums for a more general watch chat fix. Ooh booy. Not good. What's the next best thing? Watchuseek? How do you feel about Facebook? There is an interesting Hamilton Group. Also a good group on Art Deco and Vintage American Watches. They are well and actively moderated. I sneak in Gruen at the later often. Forums seem to be in decline across all disciplines. Hoping that we can keep this one going for as long as possible. Changing tech and software seems to be a huge hurdle for all forums, whether it is WUS, NAWCC, MWF, us or VWF.

Subject: Re: Vintage Watch Forums

Posted by [afire](#) on Tue, 23 May 2023 14:47:15 GMT

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JackW wrote on Mon, 22 May 2023 22:59 How do you feel about Facebook?
I'm not on it. Tried it when it first came out and found it too creepy.

JackW wrote on Mon, 22 May 2023 22:59 Forums seem to be in decline across all disciplines. I know and it bums me out. I guess I'm just going to have to get back on Facebook.

Subject: Re: Vintage Watch Forums

Posted by [JackW](#) on Tue, 23 May 2023 15:25:59 GMT

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afire wrote on Tue, 23 May 2023 08:47 I guess I'm just going to have to get back on Facebook.

If you do, let me know.

Subject: Re: Vintage Watch Forums

Posted by [afire](#) on Tue, 23 May 2023 15:49:49 GMT

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Will do.

Subject: Re: Vintage Watch Forums

Posted by [Gary](#) on Mon, 31 Jul 2023 00:23:22 GMT

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Looks like they finally migrated over to
Facebook...<https://www.facebook.com/groups/327462217598779>

I see Susan is one of the moderators, didn't see Mark (Nookster).

Subject: Re: Vintage Watch Forums

Posted by [JackW](#) on Mon, 31 Jul 2023 03:47:28 GMT

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That group on FB has been around for a 4 or 5 years now. Separate from the VWF. I meet several of the more active participants when I went to York for the Fall Regional in 2022.

I hear rumors that VWF will be coming back potentially as a subscription service.

Subject: Re: Vintage Watch Forums

Posted by [Gary](#) on Mon, 31 Jul 2023 20:23:28 GMT

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Makes you wonder what one would get for being a subscriber? Interesting...

Subject: Re: Vintage Watch Forums

Posted by [JackW](#) on Tue, 01 Aug 2023 03:18:17 GMT

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presumably all the old information that was on the site.

Subject: Re: Vintage Watch Forums

Posted by [afire](#) on Tue, 01 Aug 2023 16:54:06 GMT

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If I was a Hamilton guy, I'd definitely subscribe. The amount of documentation on that sight was staggering compared to what us poor Gruen people have access to.
