Subject: Bruce's article in the July/Aug NAWCC Bulletin Posted by JackW on Sun, 28 Jul 2013 21:09:58 GMT

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Back in April the Southern Ohio Regional of the NAWCC was held outside of Wilmington, OH. This location, near the Cincinnati metro area turned out to be a convenient place for several "Gruenites" from around the eastern-half of the US to get together. This was fueled by the attraction of Charlie Cleves bringing a large selection of his Gruen watch and ephemera collection. His collection was also supplemented by materials from Mike Barnett and a third person, whose name presently escapes me. I made the trip down (nearly 6 hours from Chicago) and had the pleasure of sharing a table in the mart with Bruce. I also met Mike Barnett for the first time whom I've talked over the phone and skype for the past 3 years. Mike used the mart as the occasion to premier his three-volume decade set on Gruen newspaper advertisements. For me not only getting to hang out with Mike and Bruce was a great aspect but I got to have dinner with Charlie too. Bruce has an article in the current NAWCC bulletin and it is a great summary of what transpired. It also has a great bio on Charlie, whom ranks up there with having advanced the knowledge of the brand simply by dogged persistence and proximity to Gruen HQ. My time there was educational, but I also got to meet additional Gruen aficionados that are not represented on the internet.

The article is here - http://nawcc.org/images/stories/2010/articles/2013/404/404_4 23_426.pdf and is available for NAWCC members. If you are not a member, I'll gladly share a copy of the article privately with you or you should feel free to PM Bruce.

Also in the same issue, Bruce has a blurb in the "Fantastic Finds" column. This details a great purchase that although it came with a nice Gruen movement, the "find" is another watch brand.

Cheers!