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introducing: SK Watch Parts

Posted on November 23rd, 2011

Based in the German metalsmithing Mecca of Pforzheim, SK Watches sells pare parts for standard Swiss mechanical movements: ETA 2824-2, Unitas 6497, Unitas 6498, Valjoux 7750 and Valjoux 7751. For orders of 10 dials or more, it is possible to have a personal brand printed on the dial. For orders of 75 dials or more, [...]











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Great loss for the watch projects community Posted on April 17th, 2011

I am saddened to hear about the passing away of renowned watch modder Noah Fuller on April 13th, 3 days after his 41st birthday and 12 days before his wedding anniversary. Noah Fuller was one of the earliest entrepreneurs offering custom watches and aftermarket parts for Seiko and ETA movements. Having amongst other things created [...]













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introducing: Wei & Friends, the hands that carve time

Combining the skills of watchmaker and designer, Martin Weichert set on to create his personal watch collection 2 years ago. His vision was to create watches with a high level of craftsmanship and an uncommon design. Interestingly, one of his sources of inspiration being abstract British sculptor Henry Moore, Weichert describes his creations as Watchsculptures. [...]













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introducing: Few Watches

Few watches has many watches. The name of this Swedish-based watch company is not the only unusual thing about it: Like 121 Time and Blancier, their Web site features software that allows one to design a custom watch, but Few remains the most affordable option. Their cases can be fitted either with a Miyota 8205 [...]







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Introducing: Rheinmeister

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Born in 1971 in Köln, Germany, master watchmaker Dirk Maier went to work within the Swatch Group (Omega, Longines and Rado) before starting his own business. He registered the brand Rheinmeister by taking cues from the Rhein (Rhine), one of the most important European rivers that serves as natural border between Switzerland and Germany. Maier tries to [...]





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Motor City Watch Works offers services in the customization of watches. Besides repair, servicing, refinishing, crystal replacement and pressure testing, they also have spare parts to use for your watch modding project. The staff can also apply bead-blasting and Cerakote ceramic coating.





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Introducing: North Eagle Military Watches

Based in Bologna, Italy, North Eagle Military Watches sells Italian armed forces-themed watches. They offer the possibility of using custom dials and their automatic range starts with a Miyota automatic at EUR 220 up to a Dubois-Dépraz modular chronograph for EUR 850. Watches can be ordered directly from their Website at www.northeagles.com.











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introducing: Getat Watch Company

Getat Watch Company is an e-store run by a watchmaker who specialized in custom watches and parts inspired by military timepieces of the Pact of Steel countries, namingly German and Italian. Unlike most eBay sellers, Getat Watch ensures that all dials are coated with Swiss luminous compounds. The cases are available in different sizes and with different surface finish. [...]











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Introducing: Vintage Watch Parts

Posted on August 6th, 2010

The watchmaker behind Vintage Watch Parts is specialized in fitting vintage movements into new cases, but he also does restoration on all watch components: movements, cases, dials, hands, crowns... you name it. The website is also intended as a resource for handy men and Panerai afficionati who are not afraid to compromise the manufacturer's warranty [...]







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MKII now focusing on complete watches, drops selling parts

This is not fresh news per se but Bill Yao (founder of legendary MKII watch company) announced on February 10th 2010 his decision to stop selling parts (dials, hands and case parts) to focus on complete watches only. Mr. Yao started his business by selling modding parts for ETA-based watches (mainly dials and hands), and success allowed him to [...]











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