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
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I apologise if this has already been posted before but I searched the archives and couldn't find anything about this watch. Found this on Omega's website while using the watch finder.
I'm a long time viewer of this brilliant forum and I am currently in the process of picking my first Omega purchase, unfortunately wont be this watch.££££
Of course I will be waiting for Basel world first.
I do love the new silver dial Broad Arrow with SS strap

www.omega.ch/index.php?id=1025&details=1&ref=31163425001003&no_cache=1

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g_at96 **Re: 50th anniversary speedmaster** ▲▼



Posts: 259
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There are a whole bunch, use the search function for Limited Edition...
looks like 5 different ones..
good scoop!
Q

OMEGA 3594.50, 2234.50; TAG HEUER F1 WA1211; ROLEX TT DJ TOG 1625;

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MECO **Re: 50th anniversary speedmaster** ▲▼



Posts: 499
Location: Appalacian Highlands - US...
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I'm afraid you will have to wait for Basel. Nothing is known about it to the public, or at the very least is being held as a close secret.
Welcome to the Forum!
Regards,
Phil

Speedmaster Professional - 3570.50, Speedmaster Professional Moonphase - 3576.50, 1968 Bulova Automatic, O&W Mirage III T-3 Professional Automatic Chronograph, Stocker & Yale Sandy 490 U.S. General Purpose 17 Jewel Swiss Mechanical, Wenger 27 Jewel GST Classic Quartz Chronograph ** "Opinions are like " _____s" everyone has one. However, a "fact" is a firehose, which puts the blaze out or in some cases, only fans the fire". === Phillip ===

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Red Gold w/ Coaxial Escapement and column wheel c.3201:
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Yellow Gold :
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White Gold is linked in the original post

Steel:
http://www.omega.ch/index.php?id=1025&details=1&ref=31133425001001&no_cache=1

Steel w/ c.1861:
http://www.omega.ch/index.php?id=1025&details=1&ref=31130423001001&no_cache=1

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hodorman

I'm disappointed.

Mar 25, 2007 - 04:26 PM

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I like the all steel version with the 1861 movement, but I was hoping for something more interesting in the collection than yellow gold and red gold, but obviously there is still demand for gold watches - although I don't see them anywhere! Not even in Vegas where I spend at least 30 nights each year for business.

Why not finally do an all white dial? Or all silver? Something like the Italian models we see available in the upcoming Antiquorum auction???

Oh well. What the heck do I know? I'm just your average Omega lover.

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MikeH

Looks like 57 each of the gold, 1957 of the steel c.3201, ? on the c.1861

Mar 25, 2007 - 04:45 PM

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from the dials.

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FRITA

How do one find these links?

Mar 25, 2007 - 04:45 PM



I'm not disappointed at all, although had the expectations to see some other 'features'.

Posts: 2038
Location:
On the Left side of
Europ...
Registered:
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First: We all wanted the speedy to remain basically the same (makes sense...)

Second: Some of us (me included) wanted a Column Wheel & just look at the cal.3201 specs:
Hand-winding chronograph movement with column wheel mechanism and Co-Axial Escapement, Free sprung balance, White rhodium-plated movement with special wave decoration, circular-graining and gold-plated engraving.
Sound the best of both worlds - I'll wait anxiously for some shots.

As for the **expectations**: I would like the dial to have an applied logo (as in some current LE's) and to be stepped down, but I do like the 1861 dial though.

First comments so far...

WIS? "All are lunatics, but he who can analyze his delusion is called a philosopher." Ambrose Bierce (1842-1914)

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Appears to be the stripped down c. 33xx like c.3200

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in the Museum Ref. 5702.50.02 officer's chronograph. Bombs away!

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Stripped down c. 33xx ??? Where is Chuck? [nt]

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miramar1954**Re: Appears to be the stripped down c. 33xx like c.3200**

Mar 25, 2007 - 05:07 PM ▲▼

Posts: 53
 Location:
 Florida
 Registered:
 January 2007

I know they had a gold Speedy previously, but have they done red gold or white gold (or any other variation) before? Of course, I'm on a stainless steel budget anyway... My 18K Omega is a 1951 model that my father gave me when he decided to upgrade to a Patek, so it's actually older than me (but fortunately more reliable).

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[reply](#)**Kevin Bain****Re: 50th anniversary speedmaster**

Mar 25, 2007 - 05:21 PM ▲▼



Posts: 665
 Location:
 Texas
 Registered:
 December 2003

The movement is nice, that's about it. Serial number on the dial? Yuck. I'd probably have a regular dial swapped if it is compatible. Where's the hesalite? White dial would've been cool.

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[reply](#)**MECO****I vote for the 1861 movement and that dial really Rocks!**

Mar 25, 2007 - 05:38 PM ▲▼



Posts: 499
 Location:
 Appalacian Highlands -
 US...
 Registered:
 June 2006

Very sharp looking. However, I doubt seriously I will be able to obtain it due to the price.

Cheers,

[50th with 1861 movement and super sharp dial!](#)

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[reply](#)**giorgiannia****I love the stainless with the 3201 movement. [nt]**

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Habit(n): A shackle for the free.

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[reply](#)**Downtown Mike****I like the look of that one too**

Mar 25, 2007 - 06:37 PM ▲▼



Posts: 2676
 Location:
 North Vancouver
 Registered:
 March 2005

I'm pretty surprised that Omega has these watches on their website now - I thought it would be totally under wraps until Basel.
 I'm curious to see what this 3200 calibre is all about.

The Downtown Mike universe.

Sloganizer.net

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Omega Seamaster Bond Chronograph 2599.80.00, Omega f300 Tuning Fork circa 1970, Omega Speedmaster Professional "Snoopy Award" LE 3578.51.00, Omega Speedmaster '57 Reissue 3894.50.37, Omega Planet Ocean "Casino Royale" Limited Edition 2907.50.91

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me too.....I can hardly wait to hear the Basel press release [nt]
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 Can...
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[reply](#)**MECO**

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 US...
 Registered:
 June 2006

I'm afraid I'm a Lemania man when

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it comes to this model. I guess I'm a purist when it comes to the speedy.

Hope the prices don't send anyone to the poor house:)

Phil

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[reply](#)**ST.**

Nice find!!

Mar 25, 2007 - 09:31 PM ▲▼

Posts: 75
 Location:
 Singapore
 Registered:
 November 2006

I was waiting for some news on this to pop up. Unfortunately, if the SS versions are available in limited edition of only 1957, i have a feeling i might not even see one available for sale at my AD.

The new 3201 movement seems really exciting though! I'm hoping they'll announce a classic non-LE c.3201 based speedmaster pro at some point. Perhaps to replace the current sapphire sandwich? (Maybe even with an applied logo dial??)

Now that one would find its way onto my wrist quicker than you could say 'speedy'...

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[reply](#)**Kelly M**

Re: I'm afraid I'm a Lemania man when

Mar 26, 2007 - 01:05 AM ▲▼

Posts: 54
 Location:
 USA
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 October 2006

MECO wrote:
 "I'm afraid I'm a Lemania man when it comes to this model. I guess I'm a purist when it comes to the speedy."

I feel the same way. I wish that Omega would have stuck with the Lemania movements for the 50th Anniversary editions.

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Re: I'm afraid I'm a Lemania man when

Mar 26, 2007 - 03:01 AM ▲▼

MECO wrote: "I'm afraid I'm a Lemania man when it comes to this model. I guess I'm a purist when it comes to



Posts: 601
Location:
Colombo, Sri Lanka
Registered:
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the speedy."

I completely agree. Here we are, scrambling (some of us at least lol) to get as close to the 'one' worn on the moon. Aren't the 3XXX F. Piguet movements?!? Now how is this a replica of the 321s we have come to love of 1957 and later? And what's a Coaxial doing in a Speedy? Hey I'm all for 'going forward' but aren't these 'special' for a reason?

/me ends rants of rhetorical questions...

This is my 2 cents, so hope I don't offend anyone here. IMHO a vintage 321 is worth more than a 50th anniv. LE with a completely different movement of no resemblance to any Speedy that has ever left our atmosphere, apart from basic appearance.

Others might say, well yea of course you would, these are limited runs of 57 pieces costing well over 15-20K (or more I'd imagine). Well that's exactly my point, something doesn't have to cost the moon to be valuable, and I feel that apart from the timeless looks it is the 'history' and significance of the roles these marvels of engineering have played in the past that makes each and every Speedy special.

As stated, my 2 cents, please consider as many many bags of salt...

"Nice watch. Rolex?" "No, Omeeega" - Casino Royale



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MikeH

What's wrong with the 1861 version for traditionalists?

Mar 26, 2007 - 04:16 AM

Posts: 676
Location:
Estados Unidos de
Améric...
Registered:
October 2005

Just wondering - that's the one currently used for NASA spaceflight EVA, right?

Admittedly, I'm guessing it won't be as scarce as the 1957 piece steel 3201 edition based on the dials.

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FRITA



Posts: 2038
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Registered:
August 2005

Ok. I'm not an extremist and you all..

Mar 26, 2007 - 05:17 AM

know my position regarding Speedies...

What I feel is that a noble movement is always welcome (and that seems such).

I was not expecting a copy of a 321 - in fact I would be disappointed - for me nothing will ever replace the originals (Hey Mike... you have one! ;-)) so don't try to do it Omega (thanks).

As such, if they wear one of these to Mars will we consider these versions to be 'worth it'?

(Warning: Totally aside note):

We always speak (and well) of the 321's but I also appreciate my PreMoon 145.022-69ST a lot, and I long for a Apollo-Soyuz (a dream for any so called 'collector'). Why? Because they are linked to **Moments** and what those moments tell you is purely personal.


Long, in fact longer than I wanted to...
My 2cents now.

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JeffHart **Are these the first chronometer Speedy Pros?** Mar 26, 2007 - 07:45 AM



Posts: 637
Location: Washington, DC
Registered: December 2003

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Other than the Speedmaster variants - Broad Arrow and X-33 (I think) - are these the first with the classic Speedmaster Professional dial & hands to be certified chronometers?

Cheers,
Jeff

"In theory, there is no difference between theory and practice. But, in practice, there is." *Jan L.A. van de Snepscheut*

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virg **Disappointed as well...** Mar 26, 2007 - 09:20 AM

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Registered: November 2003

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Part of the allure of the "Speedy" is that one has a watch that is constructed the same way with the same components as the watches that passed NASA's rugged qualification tests...THE ONLY ONE! Now they give us an anniversary model that in my opinion, is just another piece of jewelry, without the innards that made the watch famous in the first place...either the 321 or the 861. Sorry, just my opinion.

Virg

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lightspire **Re: 50th anniversary speedmaster** Mar 26, 2007 - 10:10 AM



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I saw the pictures on the Omega.ch website of the 50th Anniversary Speedmasters! Wow, they look great!

I saw the white, yellow, & red gold models all in a limited series of 57 pieces as well as the steel in a limited series of 1957 pieces. They have the updated Omega 3201 hand-winding chronograph movement with a column wheel and the co-axial escapement. The specs seem very similar to the Omega 3313 with the exception of the finishing and the 3201 being hand-winding and the 3313 being automatic. From the description the movements sound like they will be highly decorated so I hope that they might have display backs. I also read that they will have enamel dials - high gloss as I can imagine as the white enamel dials have been in the past on the Olympic Speedmasters. Great! I also love the classic Omega symbol on the face. Fantastic!

My personal favorite is the more traditional Steel on Steel Reference: 311.30.42.30.01.001 Speedmaster with the traditional non-enamel dial and the 50th Anniversary text and hippocampus on the dial and the Omega 1861 movement (above).

Thank you again for posting these liks. I love the TZ Omega forum!

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lynx

Please provide the link on the Omega website...

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for the 50th Anniversy edition Speedmaster Pro. I can't find it.

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BreitlingFan

Check q_at96's post below for the links [nt]

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Mitchellville, Maryland
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OMEGA "... keeping track of mere seconds gained or lost is a path towards madness ..." - tom friend

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lucretius

Re: What's wrong with the 1861 version for traditionalists?

Mar 26, 2007 - 11:36 AM [▲](#) [▼](#)



Posts: 1926
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Toronto, Canada
Registered:
August 2004

The problem with this one - the cal. 1861 Ltd Edition - is that this watch is not only not special (i.e. just another run of the mill 1861 Speedy) but also that it's not even as nice as the regular production Speedy Pro with the display back (and cal. 1863).

Speaking of the Lemania variant, I would have at least expected the 1863 cal. with a display back and a dial similar to the cal 3201 Ltd Edition but without enamel. Further, it really irks me that Omega continues to put out dials even on Ltd Editions where the minutes are improperly subdivided. This was corrected on the Moon Phase and on the Apollo 35th Anniversary edition.

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Perhaps vintage Speedy's are the only ones worth owning?

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lynx

Got it. Thanks! [nt]

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Luc: How are minutes incorrectly subdivided?

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New York
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You said 'Omega continues to put out dials even on Ltd Editions where the minutes are improperly subdivided'

Can you help me understand this?

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[\[Report message to a moderator\]](#)[profile](#) [EMAIL](#) [PM](#)[reply](#)**Chicagoland Chuck Maddox**

Posts: 5074
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 Chicagoland (GMT-6
 Winter...
 Registered:
 November 2003

That's one helluva first post splash! [@ FRITA [Chuck Waves]]

Mar 26, 2007 - 12:23 PM

*pourquoipas Posts: [1] 50th anniversary speedmaster [Mar 25, 2007 - 02:38 PM]**I apologise if this has already been posted before but I searched the archives and couldn't find anything about this watch. Found this on Omega's website while using the watch finder.*

You found a helluva way to make a splash on your first post! Congratulations and welcome aboard. Well done.

*I'm a long time viewer of this brilliant forum and I am currently in the process of picking my first Omega purchase, unfortunately wont be this watch.££££**Of course I will be waiting for Basel world first.**I do love the new silver dial Broad Arrow with SS strap*

Ok, and to answer Frita, I'm simply profoundly busy these days. I only get the opportunity to participate in gaps between other duties. Since Eric (Eptaz - Moderator of the WUS Omega Forum) was first to email me the information about this model, he got the privilege of my first post on the topic.

Here are some thoughts mainly based on my post over there. Thanks to Eric for letting me know and graciously allowing me to use his graphics. Some of the specific points I reply to are also from Eric and they will appear in **Red text like this**.**Some thoughts on this information...**

Since this information comes directly from Omega's site, we don't have to worry too much about the provenance of the information. However, with a couple of weeks before Basel, it's possible that these might not be the final models. In other words, they aren't announced until they are announced.

That said, I'll start my commentary with the "gold models" as I have the least to say about them...

The "Golden" Models:

OK, they are gold, they'll be expensive and that's probably all I really need to say. But I'll add that Omega has changed the Logo and Omega text to a Vintage style (almost pinched and scrunched), and added the limited edition numbers.

I'd personally prefer that they put the LE numbers on the sides of the 6-o'clock Register and leave room for "Professional" on the dial in that space.

But perhaps that's the point: **These are not "Professional" Speedmasters**. Why? Scroll down to the movement section.**Let's move on to the Stainless Steel pictures:**

As I reported nearly a month ago,



It wasn't the last we see of that artwork...



Boy, is the one on the left a busy dial or what? My comments on the example on the right start [and nearly end save for the movement] with nigh identical comments as I stated on the gold models above... Scrunched/pinched vintage styled logos, would prefer the numbers flanking the 6 o'clock sub-dial.

I see that all the c.3201 models have a "Black Enamel" dial. Probably similar to [the "BA 1957" model which everyone roundly scorned...](#) It certainly looks like we're nearing the "End of days" of Omega being a Tool Watch maker. It seems Omega is going more and more for the "Jewelry watch" market instead.

As for the 50th Anniversary Logo-ed model...

I don't know, there is a lot of stuff on that dial. The Red Omega logo and text seems to be a new obsession with Omega. Just like Green has been an obsession with Rolex. It's a crowded dial, but I might possibly be a potential customer for one, maybe since it has the c.1861 movement.

To be honest, I'm really really really am underwhelmed. Omega had an opportunity to sell me a new watch and I'm not feeling a significant compulsion to call my AD, other than to tell him about the pictures being available for viewing... It is not that I hate these offerings, but only one appeals to me in any way and it is simply underwhelming. I mean it is nice that all of these models have Sapphire crystals, I see the Water/Resistance is listed at 50 meters now, but why can't the Sapphire Crystal Moonwatches have a similar W/R as the c.32xx models? The case can't be that different.

Movement Musings and Comments:

If one looks to all of the posts/threads/replies about what people would like to see in a 50th anniversary model, nearly all of the replies/posts pointed towards a model evocative with suggestions like: c.321, Straight lugged cases, emulation of CK2915's, CK2998's, or even 105.003's. What did Omega produce? A current model with a "tarted up" dial. [shakes head sadly] While Omega may or may not view the discussions in these and other forums, they certainly aren't taking heed to what folks are saying.

I really would like to know where Omega got the idea that:

MOVEMENT

Caliber: Omega 1861

Famous manual-winding chronograph movement that was worn on the Moon. Rhodium-plated finish

Power Reserve: 48 hours

The Rhodium plated c.1861 model certainly has **never** been closer to the moon than near earth orbit, and the previous model, c.861... Well, I haven't seen any credible evidence that one of those made it any closer than Medium Earth Orbit..

Originally Posted by eptaz

Perhaps, most interesting is that it looks like we're seeing the introduction of a new movement, the c.3201, described as follows:

Hand-winding chronograph movement with column wheel mechanism and Co-Axial Escapement for greater precision stability and durability of the movement. Free sprung balance, with hour, minute and continuous small seconds hands, central chronograph hand. White rhodium-plated movement with special wave decoration, circular-graining and gold-plated engraving.

Power Reserve: 55 hours

Could this perhaps be a resurrected c.321, with the addition of the Co-Axial Escapement?

Hand-winding, column wheel, Co-Axial Escapement, Chronometer and a Power Reserve: 55 hours means a new variant of the c.33xx F. Piguet movement **sans** Rotor and self-winding mechanism [OK, this is not proven fact, but if you dot the dots..., I wouldn't bet on it being anything other than a F. Piguet based movement].

Omega has finally figured out a way to solve those pesky rotor problems with the Piguet movements! Perhaps a similar solution to the pesky chronograph problems with those movements will soon follow!

Originally Posted by eptaz

The odd man out appears to be the steel model with hippocampus on the dial. It's described as being powered by the familiar c.1861. Though, it is noted as a "Limited Edition," it is unclear just how many will be produced.

I would guess this is the "working man's" model for those of us who choose to honor the Speedmaster's unequalled history of tool watch prowess.

Originally Posted by eptaz

I'm offering this as a "report," for now. I'm going to digest this all before I make any subjective comments, but I'd love to hear your thoughts on these. eric

The Future of the "Moonwatch"

I suspect and expect that the Moonwatch will continue to be made [once the c.1861 "limited edition" models have been produced] and that Omega isn't dumb enough to kill off the golden goose that has made it so much money over the years. If they do kill off the Lemania based Speedmaster they best live sin free lives and hit their knees every night that their new "High-Zoot" F. Piguet customers can make up for the lost sales as their established long-term customers abandon them in droves.

The possibility of Omega using other Lemania movements?

I also suspect we'll see a c.321 or other Lemania movement revival when? **NEVER**. Certainly, at least not while the current management @ Omega/Swatch/Hayek are in positions of power. That's not a proven fact, but it's likely a solid educated guess. Omega's going in a different direction, or at least, so it would seem.

Other Anniversary model musings:

I further suspect that hopes/pleas that Omega would do more than the minimum (c.321, straight lug case, Titanium cases, revival of c.910/911, c.1045, etc., CK2998 or 105.003 replicas) for an Anniversary model was too much to hope for.

As far as other anniversary models... With 2007 you have 1967/77/87/97 for "10-year interval" anniversary editions: Nothing much of note happened in 1967 ('cept the Apollo 1 fire) or those other years. 5th-year Interval Anniversaries of 1962/72/82/92/02 Nothing that they haven't already covered (Gene Cernan model) occurred of great import in those years. So I wouldn't expect any NASA Tie-in's this year.

As for next year... It would be the 40th Anniversary of Apollo 8, Lovell, Borman and Anders are all alive, well and probably willing to do public appearances and there are no

other major NASA manned space anniversaries. I wouldn't be surprised if there was a A8-40th model, and then we're into the A11-40th anniversary. Plan on Omega not passing up that opportunity.

That's all I really have to say about these models at this point. Perhaps there will be more to say during Basel.

Overall... I will say that Omega's continued turning of it's back on it's great heritage with regards to it's esteemed and established relationship with Lemania movements and it's drive towards models with movements of lesser credentials, abilities and worth/value makes it increasingly clear that they are not actively seeking my money in exchange for current models they offer. A new c.321 (c.2310/2320) based Speedmaster, a Titanium Moonwatch, a straight-lugged or 105.003 reissue, a GMT hand manual-wind, I and many others would be ALL OVER them and the fibre-optic cables between me and the AD would be WHITE-HOT.

As it is, I don't have big expectations for Basel this year, nor much expectation that I'll be buying any new Omegas this year if this is all the better they are planning to do.

Cheers and Good Hunting!

-- [Chuck](#)

[Chuck Maddox](#)



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Re: Luc: How are minutes incorrectly subdivided?

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On most Speedy Pro dials (i.e. not some of the Ltd Editions), minutes are subdivided into 5, although the watch movement, cal. 1861, beats 6 times (not 5) per minute (cal. 321 beats 5 times per minute.) The result is that the chrono seconds hand does not line up with these sub-markers. On the Moon-phase variants (and the 35th Anniversary), minutes are (properly) subdivided by 3 (6 is a multiple of 3).

You'll also note that on the new cal. 3201 Speedy's, minutes are subdivided by 4 (suggesting a movement which beats 8 times per second).

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Re: That's one helluva first post splash! [@ FRITA [Chuck Waves]]

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> Hand-winding, column wheel, Co-Axial Escapement, Chronometer
 > and a Power Reserve: 55 hours means a new variant of the
 > c.33xx F. Piguet movement sans Rotor and self-winding
 > mechanism [OK, this is not proven fact, but if you dot the
 > dots..., I wouldn't bet on it being anything other than a
 > F. Piguet based movement].

Note that on the new cal. 3201 Speedy's, minutes are subdivided by 4, suggesting a movement which beats 8 times per second!

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Downtown Mike



Thanks for that post, Chuck

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davidfdowning

very informative, as always. cheers!

The Downtown Mike universe.

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Re: Luc: How are minutes incorrectly subdivided?

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schmitt

Chuck,

As always a superlative post and really hits the nail on the head. Come back here more often! I too was looking forward to something exciting but also feared the worst. The lack of a GMT or even simply improving the WR is more than bizarre. Having a Speedy that I could jump into the pool with would have been nice. To me, the simple "answer" to the anniversary was similar to yours:

1. A retro looking model with styling cues similar to older .321 variants.
2. A "twist" model, maybe with a divers bezel or a gmt function.
3. An updated model - looks exactly as the current model but stick in the new movement, display back, sapphire glass and give it a functional WR.

Sigh

cheers

Dave

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Re: Luc: How are minutes incorrectly subdivided?

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FRITA

According to this link the WR *is* improved to 100M. That oughta be good enough for the pool, eh?

www.omega.ch/index.php?id=1025&details=1&ref=31133425001001&no_cache=1

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Good To hear from you Chuck!

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As always a very good post (no news here ;-))

A (very) small correction, and I'm still not quite able to give my last thought on these models, the 311.33.42.50.01.001 is a steel model.

Reading back my posts perhaps they were not clear...

Mixed feelings here.

And we did discuss this **a lot** on some threads.

On one side I believe if Omega did make a 'new' 105.003 I would be 'the first' (oh no, not again) to be on the line to buy one - Why' because it would probably be my only chance to buy one.
On the other side its not quite the 'real' thing as it would never pass our 'criteria' of being worn 'near the moon' it would always be a 'substitute' for us 'Die-hard' Speedy fans.

I'm - for now - not very happy with the looks as the old Omega logo does not fit a Speedmaster IMHO, an applied does (as in my 35th), and the commemorative logo I fully agree is too busy **but** a new movement - as much as I would prefer a joint design with Lemania - is a good thing. And I still think the 33xx has potential and, problems solved, fights some

other higher priced calibers.

I fully agree we will be seeing some more 'tuned up' LE's in the future - Omega will not miss the opportunity, as a matter of fact since 1965 it has not missed it at all...

(too long again)
best

WIS? "All are lunatics, but he who can analyze his delusion is called a philosopher." Ambrose Bierce (1842-1914)

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Always a pleasure to converse with you Frita!

Mar 26, 2007 - 05:18 PM

FRITA Posts: Good To hear from you Chuck! [Mar 26, 2007 - 02:58 PM]

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As always a very good post (no news here ;-))

I do try...

A (very) small correction, and I'm still not quite able to give my last thought on these models, the 311.33.42.50.01.001 is a steel model.

12 digit Reference numbers... Zounds and Yikes!

That would be [this one](#)...



Yes, that's the Steel 1957 piece Numbered Limited Edition. I am fairly certain there is little doubt that eventually this will be come an un-numbered un-limited edition in Omega's product line.

Reading back my posts perhaps they were not clear...

Don't know... I was mainly wanting to get my thoughts into the æther without looking too closely at other folks posts, I had noticed you had involked my name though so I responded to your "shout out" with a wave.

Mixed feelings here.

And we did discuss this a lot on some threads.

Ok, I'll take your word on that.

On one side I believe if Omega did make a 'new' 105.003 I would be 'the first' (oh no, not again) to be on the line to buy one - Why' because it would probably be my only chance to buy one.

It would seem that any hopes for „new,, 105.003's are not going to be fulfilled any time

soon. Certainly not ever with the current regime.

On the other side its not quite the 'real' thing as it would never pass our 'criteria' of being worn 'near the moon' it would always be a 'substitute' for us 'Die-hard' Speedy fans.

Regarding the c.32xx model[s]:

With me it is **not** even that the c.32xx (or it's base movement) hasn't been near the moon or even in earth orbit. I own many Omega models which have never made the ride, powered by movements which haven't flown out of the atmosphere or were flown in watches made by other brands. I'm not bothered personally in the least that Omega offers models with non-NASA flown or non-Lemania movements. I'll admit that I know folks say "When someone puts a Valjoux or ETA, etc. into a Speedmaster case and behind an Speedmaster dial you can hear Albert Piguet and Claude Meylan scream", and I agree to a point. But I feel the Valjoux 7750 it a good solid [if commonplace] movement, in fact I own a Speedmaster powered by a Valjoux 7750 base movement. The ETA-DD, while it's not to my tastes, garners few complaints or problem reports.

For me the point is that the continued installation into what is the widely considered to be the magna cum laude if not **egregia cum laude** ["with great honor", "with hysterical praise,"] of tool watches (certainly of Tool Chronographs in any instance) of a watch movement which has more problems than a Ford Pinto shod with Firestone 500 tires, driven with an 1980's Audi transmission (and driver's controls). Frankly, the Piguets aren't qualified to hold on to a Moonwatch's case clamp's and screws while the moonwatch is being serviced.

If this is the first step down a path by Omega to eliminate their use of Lemania movements, it is at the very least yet another nail by Omega to bury it's tool watch heritage in favor of Boutique watches typically sold by snooty-er brands... **For the time being**, it looks like **maybe** Omega **isn't** stupid enough to kill it's golden goose: the moonwatch. The moment that Omega does kill the current Lemania powered moonwatch is the day that last nail is driven into the Tool Watch legacy which has put bread and butter on Omega's table for the past 50 years and the last sad sign that the heretofore Omega faithful have nothing left to look forward to from Bienne [save for a Coup or revolution] and it's time to move to another brand, probably Sinn. For Omega/Swatch/Hayek & Co. will have lowered the coffin into the Swiss earth, thrown the first handful of soil upon it and started mumbling last rights.

I'm - for now - not very happy with the looks as the old Omega logo does not fit a Speedmaster IMHO,

I think that look is fine on Vintage pocket chronographs, it doesn't look right [my opinion folks] on a Speedmaster. It's yet another example of Omega of trying to pass off faux design elements as a return to their esteemed previous efforts.

an applied [metal logo] does (as in my 35th), and the commemorative logo I fully agree is too busy

I mean, I can not absolutely rule out my passing on purchase of one of those if that is in fact the 50th Anniversary edition, but I'm not really impressed to even check my finances in preparation of considering a purchase. I would tend to doubt I'll pick one up.

but a new movement - as much as I would prefer a joint design with Lemania - is a good thing.

It's not really a new movement though, Frita... It's the c.33xx sans it's rotor and self-winding mechanism. It's no more a new movement then unscrewing the rotor on a 7750 or ETA/DD.

And I still think the 33xx has potential and, problems solved, fights some other higher priced calibers.

The c.33xx has potential... So does the Sterling motor, progress seems to be slow on that one too.

As for fights to some other higher priced calibres... Honestly, if I was really interested in a Blancpain, AP or Bruguét tier chronograph I would have bought one long ago. I'm not [interested in one] so I haven't [bought one of those].

I fully agree we will be seeing some more 'tuned up' LE's in the future - Omega will not miss the opportunity, as a matter of fact since 1965 it has not missed it at all...

Omega can't resist an opportunity to make money for the most dyed in the wool completist collector. So we will likely see all sorts of LE opportunities from Bienne in the future.

(too long again)

I went on in one passage myself...

best

And to you too everyone!

-- [Chuck](#)

[Chuck Maddox](#)



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fstshr

Yawn

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I know Moon to Mars has few fans on this forum, but I think it is a better looking watch than any listed here.

Come to think of it, the latest Apollo 11 and the Gemini IV watches were also better looking than these.

I guess it is time to order that Speedmaster Professional Moonphase soon.

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dnpina

I dont have the technical knowledge to weigh in on the innerworkings of the 50th Ann Speedies..

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but Ill vote with my wallet and the pile of dough I was sitting on for the new Omega purchase will go in the direction of IWC. They just didnt "smile at me" I like the Red gold, but I can not part with what I anticipate that may cost. Then again, I am one of the three people who bought the "MOON to MARS" Speedy.

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Moon to Mars

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Hey

That makes the two of us :-) I own one too.

I think when all is said done in 10 years this will be one of rarer Speedies out there.

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