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First Student Completes AWCI Home Study Course in Clock Repair

In September 2002, AWCI announced the availability of the new Home Study Course in Clock Repair. The course is based on the original correspondence course written and administered by Laurie Penman, AWCI's resident clock instructor.

On July 16, 2003, Mark E. Lamb, Indianapolis, Indiana became a home study course student. After a year of hard work and dedication. Mr. Lamb successfully earned his certificate of completion on July 19, 2004. He is the first of the Home Study Course's 73 students to complete the 12 projects.

Mark Lamb is a man of many dimensions. He was born and raised in Indiana, holding many jobs throughout his 40 years. He has worked in a junkyard, cleaned swine barns, been a computer technician, and played in a country western band. These are just a few of the occupations that Mark dabbled in along the way.



In 1988 he met his first clock. It was an Ingraham kitchen clock that had belonged to his great-great grandmother. It had been discarded, in pieces after going through a house fire several years before. Mark refinished the case and replaced the glass and dial. It looked so good, he decided it should run, so he went to the library and started reading books on clock repair. He was hooked.

He had married Brenda in 1982, and daughter Monica was born in 1986, and although there were other jobs along the way, his love of clocks and working with them never was far from his mind. In 2000, he and Brenda purchased the Speedway Trophy and Clock Repair. With

hard work and dedication, they have turned it into a thriving trophy and clock business, repairing between 450-500 clocks per year. Daughter Monica is serious about getting into the clock business, and is looking forward to starting the home study course herself.

Mark Lamb, along with the 72 other students of AWCI's home study course in clock repair, have made the decision to build a strong foundation for their horological career. In Mark's own words: *I found it (the course) very challenging. It is definitely for someone who is serious about learning the trade... the course has added to my confidence level as a clock repairman.*

If you are interested in learning more about clock repair and more about the Home Study Course in Clock Repair, contact Nancy Wellmann, Education Coordinator at AWCI. Nancy can be reached at (866) 367-2924, Ext. 303 or nwellmann@awi-net.org

