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My advise is anyone reading this is to find a "local" repair person and establish a good relationship with that person. Do NOT pick just anyone. Ask whether or not they belong to either of the following organizations:

AWCI (American Watchmakers-Clockmakers Institute), BHI (British Horological Institute), or NAWCC (National Association of Watch and Clock Collectors).

Hopefully that local person will belong to at least one (1) of the aforementioned organizations. This will NOT guarantee that the person is knowledgeable or reputable but it WILL tell you that most likely that person is a caring and serious repair person that strives to keep well informed and apprised of the "best" techniques concerning restoration.

Besides what I already mentioned a local repair person will keep the monies you spend within your community. This type of support will help keep professionals in your community and thereby guarantee that your community will prosper and flourish.

Both AWCI & BHI has a referral service.

American Watchmakers-Clockmakers Institute (AWCI)
701 Enterprise Drive
Harrison, OH 45030 USA
Phone 513-367-9800 or Fax 513-367-1414
AWCI has a referral service for both clock and watch repair.
AWCI's Web address: http://www.awci.com/
AWCI's referral Web address: http://www.watch-clock-makers.org/
My AWI Unofficial Web address: http://www.atmos-man.com/awi.shtml

British Horological Institute (BHI) Upton Hall Upton Newark. NG23 5TE. England, UK 011-44-6136-813795 BHI's Web address: http://www.bhi.co.uk

As a final thought, I perform basic clock repairs and for the most part can handle anything that comes my way. But since most of you are not in a driveable distance, I only take in the Atmos', 400-days, and other mantel type clocks. With any wall and grandfather (floor clock) you would be much better served locally.

I charge based on how many springs or winding arbors (key holes) there are on the clock. The Atmos is the exception to this and please d/l my file atmos.mcc or look at the following Web page:

"http://www.atmos-man.com/atmos.html".

For further information about my service charges please see the following Web page:

"http://www.atmos-man.com/basic.html".

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Mike Murray Founder of Clocksmiths

A specialist in Atmos and 400-day clock repair. Also, I overhaul most plug in electric clocks. In continuous horological service since 04/01/1982.

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Main FTP site is located at: "http://home.earthlink.net/~atmosman/earthftp.html"

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