



Remember Those From Whom You Came

Newsletter Of The Clan MacAlpine Society

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Kenneth
McAlpine



William
McAlpin



Michael
McAlpin



Finn
Alpin



Sidney
McAlpin



Earl
McAlpine



Bruce
McAlpine

Commander's News

Attending the Inverness Games was quite exciting. Having the MacAlpine Banner raised for the first time at these ancient games was a memorable event, and we were very warmly greeted by the other clans and by the Chairman of the Association of Highland Clans and Societies, Graeme Mackenzie. MacAlpines from the Inverness area were delighted to see that we had a presence there.

We recently joined the Association of Highland Clans and Societies in Scotland. This rounds out our memberships. We now belong to the Associations in Australia, Canada, Scotland and the U.S.

While in Kilmartin, we received an update from David Bracken, Chair of the Community Enterprise Steering Group that is looking at what to do with the Kilmartin Church. They have a few ideas and are scraping up money to do a feasibility study. They need to come up with a plan that is self-sustaining and can have a positive impact on the Kilmartin community. I have had the opportunity to join their group and look forward to working with them. There are several discussions regarding potential uses of the church.

While in the graveyard in Kilmartin, we found the memorial to the five boys ages 8-11 that drowned in nearby Loch An-Corra in 1901. The oldest was Malcolm McAlpin. We also stopped by the Kilmartin Museum, once again they thanked us heartily for our donation. They are on plan to expand the museum. We explored more of the clearance villages, Arichonan, Kilmory Oib and others. I was struck by the feeling of isolation and solitude in these once bustling settlements. As we continue to compile the components of our history all these shards give a view of what life in the glen was once like. We continue to add to our history one story at a time.

The Pleasanton games were well run and it was grand to spend tie with Iain Gunn of Gunn, Chief of the Name and arms of Clan Gunn.

Carolyn and I look forward to spending some time in Australia, representing the family at the Royal Tattoo, and meeting some of our kinfolk there.

Yours Aye
Michael T McAlpin
Commander, Name of MacAlpin



President's News



It's going on twenty years that the Society has been working on the primary goal of obtaining a heraldic chief. Clan MacAlpin/e Society continues to follow the Lord Lyons Court guidance and has achieved 8 armigers and about 2500 worldwide members. At our Derbfine in 2016, we chose Michael T. McAlpin as our Commander. This year we hosted 12 Clan MacAlpin/e tents at Highland Games in USA, Canada, and Scotland and hope to grow that number in the years ahead. We have held twenty Annual General Meetings (AGM) throughout the world. Our work to educate members and enrich lives by creating a sense of family is paying off and we will continue this work so the next generation will be eager to learn more about where they came from.

Plans for a 2022 Scotland AGM

In 2022 we will return to Scotland for our AGM. It has always been our intention to someday have a Chief of the MacAlpin/es, so we hope we will also be celebrating that milestone while on Scotland soil

Please join me in thanking the hosts of Clan MacAlpin/e Society tents in 2019:

Mike T. McAlpin, Hosting Florida, Central Highland Games

Staci & Peter Alan, Hosting Florida, North East Highland Games

Mary Ann & Jeff Baker, hosting Michigan, Alma Highland Games

Bob McAlpine, hosting Michigan, Livonia Highland Games (Thanks to Mary Ann & Jeff Baker for showing Bob the ropes)

Michael McAlpin Jr; hosting North Carolina, Grandfather Mountain Highland Games

Gordon McAlpine, hosting Colorado Highland Games

Ian McAlpine, hosting Scotland Inverness Highland Games

Robin McAlpine, hosting California Pleasanton Highland Games and AGM

Bruce & Donna MacAlpine, hosting the Canadian Fergus Highland Games

Michael McAlpin Jr; hosting Georgia, Stone Mountain Highland Games

Without the help of these family members, we would not be able to educate the masses about our progress over the past twenty years.

With much appreciation:

Our Shenechie, Mark SC McAlpin, has been diligently working to find our family homelands and research what happened to them during the clearances. To date he has found Arichonan, Kilmory Oib and more. Be sure to read more about it in this Newsletter.

I would also like to recognize and thank Janet McAlpine, our treasurer. Besides her duties as treasurer, Janet produces and publishes our newsletter and manages our mailing list.

And last, but certainly not least, my wife, companion, friend Robin L. McAlpine, clan secretary and more. I wouldn't be the happy-go-lucky boy that I am without her. ;-) (And she proofs my letters!)

In Kinship,
Dale McAlpine, President



JOINT PRESS RELEASE

DUNADD COMMUNITY ENTERPRISE AND KILMARTIN MUSEUM COMMUNITY CONSIDERS PURCHASE OF HISTORIC CHURCH

A newly established community initiative for Dunadd Community Council area called Dunadd Community Enterprise is considering purchasing the historic Kilmartin Church with a view to converting it into a new community facility.

Since the Church of Scotland moved to its new premises in Kilmartin, it has been their intention to sell Kilmartin Church and Glebe, as well as the churches in Ford, Kilmichael Glassary and Kilmichael of Inverlussa. Kilmartin Museum has been in discussions with the Church of Scotland about purchasing the Glebe Field to use for their education programs, and to develop overflow parking in a small area to accommodate the extra visitors expected when the redeveloped museum opens in 2021.

At its recent AGM, members of the Dunadd Community Enterprise supported the committee to go ahead with seeking funding to commission a full feasibility study that would explore sustainable community use of the building. Funds would be required to buy, renovate and convert the church. There have been lots of ideas and discussion, but careful business planning is required to ensure whatever the church is used for would attract grant funding and crucially, would be sustainable in the long term. This will take some time, and funding needs to be sought for a feasibility study in the first instance, so Dunadd Community Enterprise could not currently purchase Kilmartin Church.

Kilmartin Museum already has funding in place to purchase the Glebe Field, and they need to go ahead with this to keep to their Redevelopment Project timescales. However, the Church of Scotland Head Office have decided to dispose of the Church building together with the field and they wish to move quickly to reduce the cost of maintaining these buildings. This may have presented difficulties to all involved, not to mention risked the Church being sold into private hands for housing, however, a very good friend of the Museum stepped forward with an offer to purchase Kilmartin Church as a holding position. He has agreed to allow Dunadd Community Enterprise time to explore the possibility and make a final decision that any community use has the full support of its members and is sustainable. The benefactor, who wishes to remain anonymous at present, has also said that it will be possible to maintain public access to the historic stones housed in the Church and that the Museum could also use the building whilst the building work required during the Redevelopment Project is taking place.

Dr Sharon Webb, Museum Director said "it would have been a real shame if the Church and the historic stones had become inaccessible, and this decision by the Church head office could have presented real difficulties to both the Museum, and Community Enterprise, so it's great that a temporary solution has been found. Its wonderful that there are such generous and philanthropic people who want to make a difference to both the Museum and the local community."

Chair of the Dunadd Community Enterprise David Bracken added "this gives us the time we need to explore all the possibilities and make sure that if we do go ahead and raise funds to buy the church, it's the right thing for the community now, and for future generations."

Negotiations between the Church of Scotland Head Office and the anonymous buyer are ongoing.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT DAVID BRACKEN, chair@www.dunadd.scot

McAlpine Homesteads and the Homestead Project

submitted by Mark McAlpin Sennachie Elect

During my last visit to Scotland with the Commander between some official duties and some obligatory Scotch tasting, we spent our time doing something a little bit different. Michael came armed with a list of old McAlpine homesteads and the idea of trying to track some of the homestead down while we were in the Kilmartin area. Prior to our trip, by mainly reviewing the Hearth Tax and Land Roll Tax records, but also things like arrest records from when the McAlpine's tried to blow up Carnassersie Castle, and census records pieced together a list of about 111 homestead\places where McAlpine's had made their home. According to the records, their occupations included but were not limited to paupers, farmers, smiths, scholars, soldiers, and agents for the large estates.



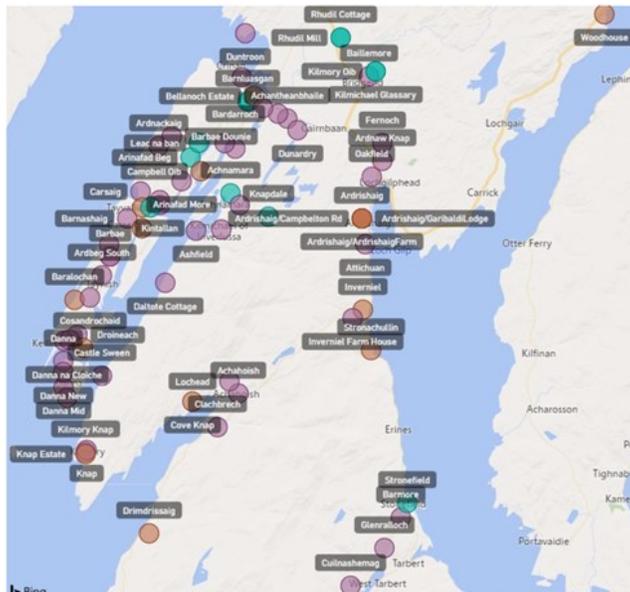
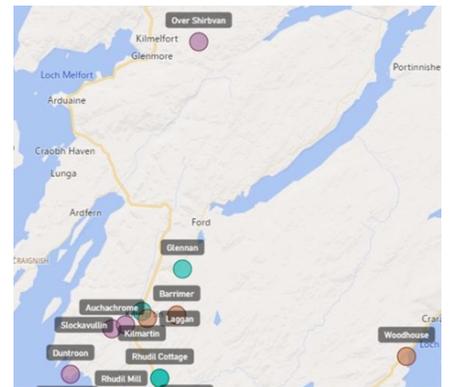
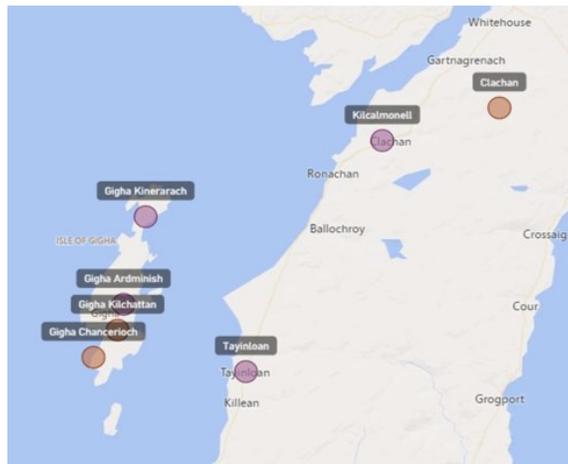
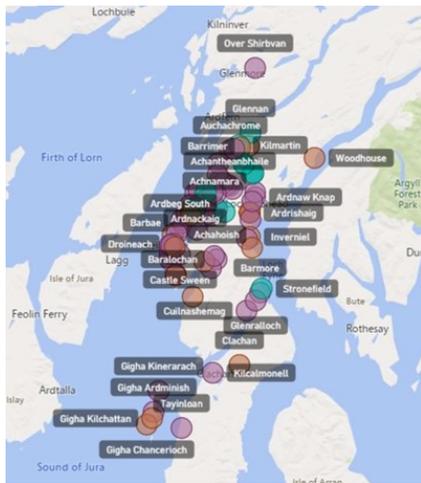
(Commander Michael T. McAlpin in front of one of homestead buildings at Kilmory Oib)

Armed with a few rough black and white maps of the area, a list of place names, and a sense of adventure we managed to track down and visit 14 sites. One place we couldn't miss was the well-known Kilmory Oib which has been largely researched and is the subject of an archaeological paper by the Kilmartin Museum. (In the accompanying maps those are marked in green that we found). The sites ranged from a plaque in a park to still standing buildings being used as homes or in a few cases art studios. We learned a few lessons about home to better track down locations and better record them.

Upon return we thought it would be great to find the others and share the information. We started to track down the other locations via old maps, records with vague descriptions of general direction from a town, a few online databases that had rough coordinates, and the National Record of the Historic Environment, which has records of sites that they have either found artifacts at or building locations that they have researched. Of the remaining place names, we have managed to track down with a certain amount of sureness, another 53 sites (those marked in purple), an additional 21 (those marked in red) that we have taken a best guess at, and the rest are still a work in progress for several reasons.

As we were looking for the places, we realized a few things. That not only would it be great to share the locations that we found but it would be great to make this information a little more accessible, maybe attach pictures of the sites, and link history and family trees to the homesteads where possible, and that 1 or 2 people working on this in their free time could take a long time to complete. Thus, we are thinking about starting a crowd sourced homestead project and sharing the workload with individuals who are interested in helping on this project. It could be as simple as tracking down a few of the place names that are missing or detailed and complex as helping provide a history and family tree for a homestead that you may be associated with. If there is enough interest in the project itself and enough interest in possibly helping, we will spin up something a little more official. Please feel free to post interest on the Facebook page, or contact me directly at m_mcalpin@hotmail.com and put homestead project in the title.

MacAlpine Homesteads and the Homestead Project . . . Continued



Resources:

Taxation Records

<https://www.nrscotland.gov.uk/research/guides/taxation-records>

Knapdale People (Documents and searchable database.

<http://www.knapdalepeople.com>

National Library of Scotland

<https://maps.nls.uk/>

Scotland Places

<https://scotlandspplaces.gov.uk/>

Look for the Clan MacAlpine Society tent at these events.

Clan MacAlpine Society will be visible at many Highland Games during 2019. When attending the games, be sure to take time to look for the MacAlpine tent and meet some of your fellow clan members.



Join us at the Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo

October 18, 2019
ANZ Stadium, Sydney
Australia

Tickets are available for the Clan Seating



Join us at the Stone Mountain Highland Games

October 19 + 20, 2019

Look for the MacAlpine Tent

Stone Mountain Park,
Atlanta, Georgia

Flowers of the Forest



Jonathan Hensley died late Wednesday evening, September 11, 2019 in Fairfield, CA. He was born and raised in Southern California, the son of Kenneth Hensley, a carpenter and WWII Navy veteran. He was proud of the Scottish heritage from his mother, Beatrice McAlpin, and never tired of hearing the bagpipes.

Jonathan served in the US Navy on LST-1101 at the end of the Korean War. He then continued a life of service in the US Coast Guard, the Navy Reserve, the Army Reserve, and the Merchant Marine. He graduated from Cal State Hayward with a degree in Outdoor Recreation. He ran recreation programs at NAS Whidbey Island in Washington State, then at Robinson Barracks in Stuttgart, West Germany. Upon returning he ended his recreation career at Naval Supply Center in Oakland.

Jonathan He is preceded in death by his wife of 50 years, Mary, and survived by his son Jonathan and his daughter Renee Brasher, both of Vacaville. The old sailor will stand his final watch at Sacramento Valley National Cemetery on Wednesday, September 25. Full military honors will begin at 3 bells of the Afternoon Watch. For civilians, that is 1:30 pm. And for those in the Army, Mickey's little hand is on the one and his big hand is on the 6. A celebration of life service took place at New Hope Christian Fellowship in Vacaville on Wednesday, September 25 at 2:30pm with a wake reception to follow.



Kenneth McAlpine died on August 26th, his birthday, on a hike on a difficult trail on Mount Gimli, in the mountainous Valhalla Provincial Park in the Slokan Valley in British Columbia. Search and Rescue officials say McAlpine fell about 260 metres (820 feet) after failing to scale a difficult section of terrain on the mountain. About 30 searchers and two helicopters discovered McAlpine quickly, but it took several hours for long-line crews to recover his remains from the difficult terrain.

Kenneth's father, Malcolm, said his son "packed a ton into his 28 years." His father said, "Kenneth was an amazing man, strong in his faith. He loved the outdoors, he was an amazing cook, he was a chef in a restaurant. He lived his motto in life, which was 'Give 'er.' And he did.

"He gave so much in so many ways. He was a star, an absolute star." McAlpine said Kenneth's death is a "huge loss" for him and his wife, Kathy.

Kenneth appeared as a member of Team GIVE 'R in Season Five of The Amazing Race Canada. He and his travelling partner, Ryan Lachapelle, came in second in the race.



Commander: Michael T. McAlpin

Society Officers:

President: Earl Dale McAlpine

Vice President: Mark McAlpin

Treasurer: Janet McAlpine

Secretary: Robin McAlpine

Member at Large: Finn Stavsbo Alpin

Newsletter Editor: Janet McAlpine

Fergus Scottish Festival

Hosted by Bruce and Donna MacAlpine

Over 20,000 people attended the Fergus Scottish Festival August 9th thru 11th. The Rev Canon Dr Joseph John Morrow CBE KStJ QC DL LLD (pictured at right) was the Chieftain of the 74th Fergus Games. MacAlpines were well represented at the Games.



The 170th St. Andrew's Society of Detroit Highland Games at Livonia Michigan

Hosted by Bob McAlpine

August 3rd at Greenmead Historical Park Livonia, Michigan
 Founded in 1849 are the oldest continuous games in North America. Many thanks to all who helped with this event.



A great looking Clan tent



Laura McAlpine, Kenneth G McAlpine, Bob McAlpine, Mary Ann McAlpine Baker and Jeff Baker at the Clan tent



Mark Young and Jeff Baker enjoying a dram



Laura, Kenneth and Bob enjoying the moment

Inverness Highland Games July 2019

By Michael McAlpin Jr.

This summer I had the pleasure to once again return “home” to Bonnie Scotland. We started the trip by attending the Inverness Highland Games on Saturday July 20th at Bught Park. The Inverness Highland Games have been held for nearly 200 years, dating back to 1822. The games in Inverness were modeled after games that were held a few years earlier in 1815 in Perthshire. As with most games, the Inverness Games celebrates 4 distinct areas of Scottish culture: Highland dancing, pipe bands, solo piping competitions, and heavy athletics.

The games were well attended and the spectator support for the heavy athletics, dancing, and piping was amazing. We watched both amateur and professional Highland athletes compete. I was also amazed at how these games fostered youth participation. From track and field events to kilted wrestling, our next generation were active and participating....I don't know how many youth participated, but it seemed like a couple hundred! Another highlight of these games is the Stonemason's Stone Challenge. The Stonemason's Stone is a 252 pound round stone that is lifted over a 5 foot bar suspended in the air. Less than a dozen heavy athletes have successfully performed this significant show of strength.

In addition to enjoying the sights and sounds, we also hosted our first ever Clan MacAlpine tent/table. We were well represented with our Clan Commander, Michael McAlpin present. It was great meeting other clans, enjoying the comradery of our common heritage, and perhaps a wee dram! Special thanks to Ian and Margaret McAlpine (and Chloe!) for driving up from Newtongrange to help set up the tent and being gracious hosts as well.



Ian, Michael, & Michael Jr setting up. Ian, Michael, Michael Jr, and Chloe! Clan Currie / our Clan Tent neighbor.



The weather was magnificent and the games were well run. We look forward to seeing the MacAlpines at these games again.

How did they do that!
Wow!

Grandfather Mountain Highland Games

Hosted by Michael McAlpin, Jr.

The 65th annual Grandfather Mountain Highland games held in July were met by excellent weather and great festivities. The MacAlpines were well represented at the event. Our tent was optimally located with a great view of the parade field and athletic field. A big thanks to all who turned out.



154th Pleasanton Highland Games Site of 2019 Clan MacAlpine Society Annual Meeting

Hosted by Earl and Robin McAlpines

The Caledonian Club of San Francisco's Scottish Highland Gathering and Games have taken place every year 1866. Attendance is in the vicinity of 50,000 people—taking place on Labor Day weekend.. This was the site of the 2019 Clan MacAlpine Society where a meeting was held at the tent and an after event dinner was enjoyed by many of those in attendance on Saturday.



It was an honor to share the title of "Honored Clan" with Clan Gunn.



Estes Park's Longs Peak Scottish-Irish Highland Festival

Hosted by Gordon and Barbara MacAlpine

Held annually the weekend after Labor Day, Estes Park's Longs Peak Scottish-Irish Highland Festival is the largest gathering of its kind between the Mississippi River and California. Gordon and Marbara MacAlpine do a great job of hosting the tent. Thank you.



The Tartan

A Scottish Folk Song

*There are hundreds of tartans so lovely to see
And many a famous has graced the bare knee
And the sett that I wear is both ancient and braw
It's the pride o' my heart and the dearest of a'*

*Then it's hey ! for the tartan and Ho ! for the tartan !
The stamp O' the hielands from Skye to Dundee
And it's proud I am bearing the tartan I'm wearing
The pride O' my clan and the tartan for me*

*The Mackenzie is noted the Lindsay is grand,
The Gordon's familiar in many a land
And the Cameron men have a right to be proud
With the Campbells and Stewarts, MacLeod of MacLeod*

*Then it's hey ! for the tartan and Ho ! for the tartan !
The stamp O' the hielands from Skye to Dundee
And it's proud I am bearing the tartan I'm wearing
The pride O' my clan and the tartan for me*

*There's the Bruce, the Buchanan, the Frazer and MacBean
MacDonald, MacMillan, MacPherson and MacLean
But I can't name them all and it's no use to try
So I'll give you "The Tartan from Solway to Skye"*

*Then it's hey ! for the tartan and Ho ! for the tartan !
The stamp O' the hielands from Skye to Dundee
And it's proud I am bearing the tartan I'm wearing
The pride O' my clan and the tartan for me*

*Aye The children of Scotia may roam the world o'er
But their thoughts aye return to the land they adore
And the skirl o' the pipes sends the heart beating high
And the tartans of home bring a tear to the eye*

*Then it's hey ! for the tartan and Ho ! for the tartan !
The stamp O' the hielands from Skye to Dundee
And it's proud I am bearing the tartan I'm wearing
The pride O' my clan and the tartan for me*

Hosting a Clan Tent

Are you thinking about how to host a MacAlpine Society tent at one of the Highland games? Here is information to help you with what is needed. The Society will provide a start up kit and pay the festival fees for the first year. If you plan on hosting the following year, or at other games, hold on to the kit, if you are looking at a one time use, we ask that you return the kit. Many games require you to bring your own popup tent, while others require the use of their tents. Details of what specific games provide and sponsor applications are available on the games' website.

Here is a list of what you will find in the Clan MacAlpine Society startup kit:

- MacAlpine banner
- MacAlpine poster
- Sign in sheets
- Informational trifolds
- Boars head stamp
- Copies of Clan Encyclopedia
- Nametags
- Copies of last two newsletters

In addition to what the society provides, you will need the following:

- PVC pipes or other poles to hold banner above tent
- Assorted bungies to hold pvc pipes or other poles to tent poles as in pictures above
- Zip ties, side-cutter to remove zip ties, duct tape, scissors,
- Table cloth and table decorations
- Netting to hold pictures at side of tent and fasteners to hold pictures

Each host will have their own ideas about other items they will want at their tent to make it welcoming to visitors. Hosting a tent is a great experience and you have the opportunity of getting to meet and introduce fellow MacAlpines to the Society as well as get acquainted with others who share your Scottish heritage. Let us know if you have an interest in hosting a tent at a Highland games event in your area.

Clan MacAlpine Information

We invite you to learn more about Clan MacAlpine Society by going to our website www.macalpineclan.com and reviewing the wealth of information found there.

We hope you enjoy receiving your quarterly issues of this newsletter, *Remember Those From Whom You Claim*, that contains articles of interest and activities our members participate in.

For those of you on Facebook, check us out. We have many contributors to that site.

On our website you will find the store where you can order the clan items shown on this page, get membership information, find information on the Clan MacAlpine DNA project, and a variety of other sections about MacAlpine history and the history of Clan MacAlpine Society.

Also on the website you have the opportunity to support your Society by checking out the page on "Funding Projects" to discover ways you can make a donation to Clan MacAlpine Society. It is through your donations that we are able to participate in or support heritage activities. You can earmark your donation for:

- ◆ General Society Operations
- ◆ Society Clan Tent Fund
- ◆ Kilmartin Museum Fund
- ◆ Pipe and Drum Band Fund
- ◆ Scottish Dancing Fund

Be sure to watch for Highland Games in your locale. Look for a Clan MacAlpine Society tent and celebrate your heritage by getting acquainted with fellow MacAlpines.



Clan MacAlpine Challenge Coin



\$20.00 + 4.95 Shipping
Available in store on Society website at www.macalpineclan.com
Contact drscotmac@yahoo.com for further information

Clan MacAlpine Lapel Pin



\$10.00 + 4.95 Shipping
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Contact drscotmac@yahoo.com for further information

Clan MacAlpine Society Kilt Pin



Custom designed by Mark McAlpin, incorporating elements of the boar's head, pine tree, crown, and sword, all of which are linked to the MacAlpines, and appear prominently in MacAlpine Heraldry.

The pins are made of silver weighing approximately 1 ounce -
Dimensions are 4"x 1 1/8"

\$75 USD payable by PayPal or check
Please contact

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