

Crisp Point Light Historical Society

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Looking Back

2006 brought many good things to Crisp Point Lighthouse and the Historical Society, as well as a set back or two. Early in the year, Chuck Ross built new windows for the tower. The new windows were installed over the Memorial Holiday weekend.

Mid May brought another fierce spring storm that damaged the east ramp to the beach even more than the storms of November 2005. These storms also severely damaged the rock wall east of the tower.

In July, the C.P.L.H.S. took possession of a fourth order Fresnel lens on loan from the Valley Camp Museum in Sault Saint Marie Michigan. Inge and Chuck Spaulding worked for nearly five years to secure this loan

Also in July, C.P.L.H.S. celebrated its tenth conference. Once again this year, there was very good attendance and the weather could not have been better.

Mark your calendar now and plan on attending the eleventh annual conference to be held July 21, 2007 in Paradise.

After many attempts to get a contractor to submit a reasonable bid to rebuild the service building, one was found during the summer.

Early September, Trevor and Dave from Belanger Masonry in Newberry, Michigan, started construction on the new service building.

October brought a temporary repair to the sand bank below the boardwalk east of the lighthouse.



Al Robinson took the picture above shortly before the service building was destroyed in November of 1996.



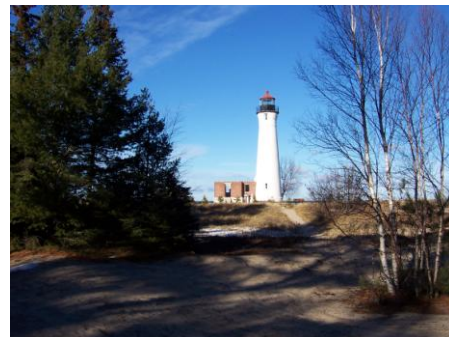
Service building after beach erosion washed out the foundation. This picture was taken in the spring of 1997.



The above picture is of the service building roof lost in November of 1996.



Above and below are pictures of the newly constructed service building, November 2006.



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Winter at Crisp Point

Crisp Point Lighthouse is a favorite destination for snowmobilers riding the trails in Luce and Chippewa Counties.

After ten years of snowmobiling to Crisp Point during the winter, a large group from southern Michigan, was very surprised when they arrived at the lighthouse one evening early March 2007 to find it open. It just so happened, that Rick Brockway had arrived a short time earlier to show off the lighthouse to Eliud Quijada visiting from Montemorelos, Mexico.

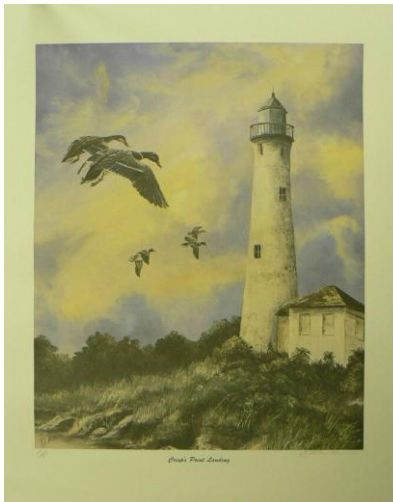


Eliud Quijada, Montemorelos Mexico.

Prints Still Available

Artist Ruth Ann Mersino lithograph prints of Crisp Point Lighthouse, titled Crisp's Point Landing, are still available. The prints are 18x24 and are numbered and signed by Ruth. If you would like to order one or more of the prints, please contact either Don Ross (1-906492-3206) or Dee Smith (1906-492-3496).

The prints are \$10.00 each with 100% of the proceeds going to help save and restore Crisp Point. A small shipping charge will be added to each order.



Print donated by Ruth Ann Mersino

Save The Boardwalk Program

Donations to the save the boardwalk fund are still coming in. If you would like to make a donation please fill out the form on page 7 and mail it to the address on the form.

Participants since the last newsletter:

Michigan:

Arlene & Damian Fredrick
Chuck & Inge Spaulding

Ohio:

John & Sherry Torrens

Eleventh Annual C.P.L.H.S. Summer Conference - 2007

The Eleventh Annual Crisp Point Lighthouse Conference will be held Saturday, July 21, 2007 in Paradise at the Whitefish Township Community School. The Conference will begin at 10:00a.m. with coffee, juice and baked goods available at 9:30am.

We will be reviewing past projects and upcoming projects, as well as having guest speaker(s) and our fifth annual Crisp Point auction. Additionally, a box lunch will be provided.

After the day's events at the school, we will be venturing to the lighthouse to enjoy hotdogs with all the fixings. With the weather permitting, a beautiful evening sunset is a sure bet.

The cost of the conference is \$10.00 per person (there will be no charge for children under 12). You can register by mail, using the order form that is in this newsletter or by calling:

(906) 492-3206 or 492-3496

LOST AND FOUND

If you have lost an item while visiting Crisp Point Lighthouse, you can call or e-mail Don Ross to see if your item has been found. Don has collected a large variety of items over the past couple of years.

New Service Building

The new service building will be painted this summer. If you are interested in helping, please contact Don so we can let you know when a date is scheduled.

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Porta-Potty



Again in 2007 we plan on having a porta-potty placed near the parking lot south of the lighthouse. If you are interested in sponsoring a month's rent for the potty, please contact Don Ross at 1-906-492-3206 for more information.

Visitor Statistics

Visitor statistics are compiled from the visitor logbook posted at the lighthouse. When visiting the lighthouse please sign the logbook and be counted.

2000 - 25,032

2001 - 27,608

2002 - 28,412

2003 - 22,644

2004 - 22,828

2005 - 20,528

2006 - 21,160

2007 - 884 through mid Feb.

When visiting the lighthouse or web site, please sign the guest book even if you have done so before. This is the only way we have of tracking our visitors.

Lighthouse Keepers Program 2007

Active C.P.L.H.S. members interested in participating in the 2007 Keepers program, please contact Dee Smith at 1-906-492-3496.

You will get the key for the lighthouse so you can keep it open during the day and greet visitors to Crisp Point Lighthouse.

We ask that only one family or couple at a time participate in the program so that you can spend the evenings alone. You can set up a camper, tent or stay in a motel and drive out each day.

Please remember that due to liability issues, only members in good standing will be given the key. The member who takes possession of the key must remain in possession of the key until it is returned.

C.P.L.H.S. Gets a Buoy Light

Once again we want to thank Inge and Chuck Spaulding for their efforts.

After the loan was secured for the Fresnel lens, Inge went to work securing the five year loan of a buoy light. The light was picked up on January 2, 2007. The buoy

light will be on display at our summer conference July 21, 2007.

Thanks to Marc Svatora from the Valley Camp Museum in Sault St. Marie Michigan for all your support.



The buoy light is in need of a lot of cleaning. We are planning a cleaning session on Friday July 20, 2007. If you are in Paradise early for the summer conference and you would like to help clean the buoy light, please contact Don at **1-906-492-3206** or donross@lighthouse.net for the time and place.



Don, Marc & Inge prepare buoy light for it's trip to Paradise. Dee Smith and Chuck Spaulding (not shown) also helped with the move.

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Membership List: We cannot thank all of you enough for supporting **Crisp Point Light Historical Society**. Your memberships and membership renewals are so encouraging. Listed below are the new members to Crisp Point Light Historical Society since the last newsletter. **Thank you to all who have joined or renewed their memberships. We could not achieve what we do without you!**

New Family Members

Jonathan & Kathleen Beeton
Washington, DC

Donald & Sandra Libby
Onaway, Michigan

Robert & Karen Richardson
& Samantha & Phillip
Hastings, Michigan

Dewayne & Joan Cox
Harbor Springs, Michigan

James & Barbara Nicholson
Dearborn, Michigan

Ken Mulder & Diane Taeckens
Flint, Michigan

Maryann Stoddard & Family
Flint, Michigan

Jon & Andrea Dajnowicz
Lakeville, Minnesota

Jim & Carolyn Barnett
East Jordan, Michigan

Nate & Shari Benyousky
Warsaw, Indiana

New Single Membership

David Lee Hillard
Toledo, Ohio

Lark Ludlow
Newberry, Michigan

Carol Korf
Hudsonville, Michigan

Don Porritt
Grand Rapids, Michigan

Brooke Harmsen
Classic Corners Fine Arts
Hudsonville, Michigan

Bob Leighner
Paradise, Michigan

Jim Porritt
Caledonia, Michigan

Ed Nyberg
Ann Arbor, Michigan

Jim Huff
Alma, Michigan

Sandra K. Greig
Westland, Michigan

Doug Vander Hoff
Rockford, Michigan

Mark Keech
Stillwater, Minnesota

Reverend Monsignor
Anthony S. Spinosa
North Jackson, Ohio

Edward J. Reining
Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan

Jane Wilke
Johannesburg, Michigan

Suzanne K. Veyer
Grand Rapids, Michigan

Bill & Terri Young
Grand Junction, Michigan

Rita Koch
Hancock, Michigan

Thomas Mendez
Brooklyn, New York

Crisp Point Light Historical Society's Web
Site!

If you haven't been to the CPLHS WEB SITE lately, be sure to make a visit. Cameron has been doing some very nice updates to it. A new and improved guest book has been added. Thanks to a suggestion from a frequent visitor to the web site, Cameron added the date when an update was done. To see the date of the update, just place your mouse pointer on the word update and the date will display. Cameron has also added a link to Visitor's Pictures. There are some very nice pictures of the lighthouse at these visitor's web sites. Thanks Cameron for all the improvements.

<http://www.crisppointlighthouse.org>
or
<http://www.crisppointlight.org>

Notes from the new guest book

Ray Erspamer, Wauwatosa WI

We visited Crisp Point in July 2006. It is wonderful what you are doing to preserve this historical site. THANK YOU!

Robin Kuhles-Hill, Harrison MI

You do a great job on the web site. Thank you! It is one of our favorite places to visit...I lived in Newberry a while ago and miss it. We lost our youngest son this January he was 17. This was his favorite place to visit when we went north.

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Listed below are the current lifetime members

Bob & Becky Anderson Family
Vernon & Judy Becker
Patrick & Delores Blohm Family
Cynthia M. Boyd
Eric L. Boyd
Gary D. Boyd
Rick & Terri Brockway Family
Dave & Julie Buckmaster Family
Paul & Melissa Burns Family
Jamie Lynn Clark
Al & Marge Colagross
Bay Mills Indian Community
Ryan & Miriam Conner Family
Frank & Carol Crisp
Doug & Stacie Crouch
Michael & Diana Dalton
Craig, Kari, Malachi & Gunnar David
Bob & Kay Dubois
Sally Edwards
Smokey Mountain Flame Keepers
Lynn Forrest
Paul Freedman
Marilyn J. Frietag
Jane Gertz
Jean Gertz
Bob & Margaret Goldthorpe
Ann Grasso
Dennis & Pamela Hale Family
Tim Harrison
Bernie Hellstrom Family
Ken & Karen Holleman
John & Elizabeth Hyde
Richard S. Jackson Jr.
Cal Karr Family
Great Lakes Lighthouse Keepers
Newberry Lions Club
Cameron Lovett
Mark Mather
Paul & Barbra Mason
John Allen & Edith Maynard
John M. McCleary
Ruth Ann Mersino
Jim & Carolyn Michael Family
Al & Rosella Mickus
Dick & Margaret Moehl
Spencer L. Murfey, Jr.
Gregg Nanson
Chuck & Cindie Nearhood
Mike & Jan Odenweller
Sault Tribe of the Chippewa
John & Diane Rath
Rob & Jeannie Robbins
Richard & Kathy Robinson Family
Charles & Sharon Ross
Craig & Kim Ross

Don Ross
Mark Ross Family
Steve Ross Family
Todd & Melissa Ross Family
Virble & Edith Ross
Harvey & Kathy Sherman Family
Stella Shisler
Steve, Karen, Ryan & Kas Smith
Dee Smith & Bill Apel
Chuck & Inge Spaulding & Mary Cowles
Bruce & Yvonne Summey Sr.
Michael & Christine Supinger
Gerard & Lynette Szydlowski Family
Tony & Melanie Tatarowicz
Bucko Teeple
Marvin & Joy Theut
W. Bruce & Phyllis Thomas Family
Edward G. Voss
Mike, Margaret, Lindsey, Marissa Warren
Stewart & Noreen Warren
Kevin White

1899 U.S. Life-Saving Service Uniform Regulations

From Regulations for the
Government of the Life-Saving
Service of the United States, 1899,
Washington, D.C.: Government
Printing Office, 1899.

ARTICLE VII UNIFORM

Sec. 264.

Keepers and surfmen will provide themselves with the uniform prescribed below and wear it as herein after directed.

Sec. 265.

All crews are required to present a neat and proper appearance. Keepers will enforce discipline in this respect. Keepers and surfmen will wear their uniforms at all times when on duty.

Sec. 266.
Keepers will direct at the breakfast table what uniform is to be worn that day, and no deviation will be permitted without his authority. Any dereliction must be promptly reported to the assistant inspector, or if there be none, to the district superintendent.

Sec. 267.

When on leave the uniform may be worn or not, but in no case shall portions of the uniform be worn with citizens' clothes. The working suits

will be worn at boat and apparatus drill, except on unusual occasions when the keeper or inspecting officer may direct differently. Sec. 268. Trousers rolled up or tucked into boots other than hip rubber boots is positively forbidden.

UNIFORM FOR KEEPERS.
Sec. 273.

1. Coat--To be of dark indigo-blue kersey or flannel, sack pattern, double-breasted, rolling collar; five large regulation gilt buttons on each side, the top buttons placed close to the collar, the lower ones about 6 inches from the bottom, and the others regularly spaced between. The bottom of the coat should not extend below the second joint of the thumb when the arms hang naturally by the side. There will be two inside breast pockets, and two outside pockets, without flaps, at the hips. Cuffs to be plain, with two small regulation gilt buttons on outside seam. All buttons to be attached with rings.

2. Vest--To be of same material, single-breasted, without collar, with three pockets, and seven small regulation gilt buttons equally spaced from within 4 inches of the shirt-collar button to within 1 inch of the lower edge of the vest. Buttons to be attached with rings.

3. Trousers--To be of same material, cut in the prevailing style.

4. Overcoat--To be of heavy dark navy-blue cloth, peajacket pattern, lined with dark-gray repellent. The bottom of the skirt must reach the tips of the fingers when the arms hang naturally by the side. To be double-breasted, buttoning to the neck, with narrow rolling collar. To have live large-size gilt buttons on each breast, the lower ones placed on a line with the Opening of the horizontal pocket, the others equally spaced up to the collar. There will be an outside pocket in each breast with opening up and down, the lower part of the opening to be on a level with

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Uniform Regulations

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the elbow, and in front, on each side below the line of the waist, there will be a horizontal pocket with fiat cover. The overcoat will be worn completely buttoned.

5. Cap--To be of dark-blue cloth, top 3/4 inch larger in diameter than the base, the quarters to be so shaped that the height in front will not be less than 14 inches nor more than 2 inches, and behind not less than 1 inch nor more than 14 inches, respectively. The band will be 14 inches wide, formed of stout pasteboard, with a welt 1/8 inch in diameter at top and bottom. The visor will be of black patent-leather, its under side green, greatest width 2 inches, rounded, to slope downward from base of cap at an angle not to exceed 20 degrees. On the front of the band there will be worn an ornament embroidered in gold, consisting of a life buoy (inside diameter 3/4 inch, outside diameter 1 1/4 inches), crossed and interlocked with an oar and a boat hook, each 2 inches long. Above the device there will be embroidered, also in gold, the letters "U. S." and below it "L. S. S." The cap will also have a chin strap, made of a double loop of gold cord 4 inch in diameter, looped at each side over a small regulation gilt button.

6. Buttons--the buttons used on the keeper's uniform are to be gilt, convex, and of two sizes; larger size 4 inch, smaller size 1 inch in diameter. They are to have a device similar to that on the cap.

7. Suits--Keepers may provide themselves with suits like those hereafter described for surfmen should they so desire.

8. Storm hat--to be of southwester pattern, painted black, a device like that on the cap to be painted in white on the front.

Great Lakes

Lighthouse Festival

Mark your calendar now for the GLLF in Alpena, MI. October 12, 13, 14 2007.

ICE BREAKERS

More information can be found at nightbeacon.com

The origin of icebreaking in the United States came in the 1830s, with the advent of steam propulsion. It was found that side-wheel steamers with reinforced bows were an excellent means of dealing with harbor ice, a problem common to East Coast ports as far south as the Chesapeake Bay. These seasonal tasks were common, but were strictly local efforts with no need to involve the Coast Guard (then called the Revenue Marine or Revenue Cutter Service). The service's first serious encounter with operations in ice came after the purchase of Alaska in 1867. The Revenue Cutter Lincoln became the first of many cutters to operate in Alaskan waters. Though the vessel was a conventional wooden steamer, she made three cruises in Alaskan waters before 1870.



Mackinaw WAGB-83

Photo by Rick Brockway

The design of the Mackinaw was based on the Wind Class but was wider and longer, modifications that decreased her draft, a necessary precondition for service on the Great Lakes. Additionally, her hull was made of mild steel. She was to have been named Manitowoc but the Navy had already assigned that name to a frigate.

The Mackinaw was purposely built too large to pass through the Saint Lawrence Seaway to prevent her from leaving the Great Lakes.

Ice breaker Mackinaw WAGB-83 was decommissioned in 2006 and is now on display in Mackinaw Michigan.



New Ice Breaker Mackinaw
WLBB 30

Photo by: Chelsea Socha

Commissioned June 10, 2006 Mackinaw (WLBB 30) assumed the "Mackinaw" name and heritage and now stands as the largest United States Coast Guard Cutter on the Great Lakes. WLBB 30 is configured to better handle a variety of roles including buoy maintenance, and handling of environmental spills.



The 228 ft. Canadian Coast
Guard cutter (ice breaker)
Samuel Risley

Photo courtesy of Duane Upton



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Teaching Michigan History at Paint Creek Elementary School Lake Orion, Michigan

All of the 4th graders attending Paint Creek Elementary School in Lake Orion, Michigan as part of their Michigan History curriculum, must research a Michigan Lighthouse. One of Mrs. Barbara Adams' students, Maddie Ham, chose to research Crisp Point Lighthouse because she liked the name.

Maddie's mother, Jill, said she could not tell you how much she enjoyed searching the CPLHS web site gathering information with her daughter.

Maddie was very excited to find out during her research that the service building was being rebuilt. She was just as excited that she could donate money to help the cause. Maddie's mother said she would match any amount that Maddie wanted to donate of

her own money.



Maddie Ham and her model of Crisp Point Lighthouse

My Crisp Point Lighthouse Project by: Maddie Ham

I did this lighthouse project because my teacher thought researching and making Michigan lighthouses would be a fun project and great way to learn about Michigan history. I chose Crisp Point Lighthouse because I

thought it had a cool name. The lighthouses even included a science project because they actually light up. We made a circuit using a Christmas light, battery, wires, brass fasteners and a paper clip for the switch. I chose a blue light because I like the color! I also added a little red dog figurine so the lighthouse would have someone to take care of it.

I made the lighthouse from a bottle carrier, a clear plastic top so the light would shine through, a Styrofoam cone painted red, a red glitter ball, and a red pin for the tippy top. For the ground I used real sand, real moss for bushes, Popsicle sticks to make the boardwalk, and gray sponges I cut up to make the partly built service building. I got the idea for the service building from an October 2006 picture that was on your website. Thanks for a great website. I used it a lot!

I was going to go see Crisp Point Lighthouse last winter but the snow was too deep. So instead, we are going to see it this summer.

C.P.L.H.S. SAVE THE BOARDWALK PROGRAM

The Crisp Point Light Historical Society is asking for your help to save the boardwalk. Please send in a monetary donation* (make checks out to **Crisp Point Light Historical Society**) to the:

“C.P.L.H.S. Boardwalk Fund” C/O Rick Brockway 450 W. Marr Rd. Howell, Michigan 48855

- Donations of \$100.00 or more will receive a Crisp Point Tee Shirt (specify color & size up to XXL).
- Donations of \$250.00 or more will receive a Crisp Point Tee Shirt (specify color & size up to XXL) and a one-year family membership.
- Donations of \$500.00 or more will receive a lifetime membership to the Crisp Point Historical Society.

___\$25.00 ___\$50.00 ___\$75.00 ___\$100.00 ___\$200.00 ___\$250.00 ___\$500.00 (Other) \$_____

All participants in the “Save The Boardwalk Program” will be recognized in an up coming newsletter.

- Donations may be tax deductible, please consult your tax advisor