

Crisp Point Light Historical Society



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Volunteer Keepers Needed

Volunteer keepers are needed to spend time at the lighthouse, keeping the buildings open so visitors can climb the tower and go inside the new visitor center. This is a great opportunity to spend a lot of time relaxing at the lighthouse, walking on the beach, and enjoying the sunsets. You may be asked to help out in the visitor center a few hours each day and you are welcome to help with anything else that needs doing. This past year, we had many disappointed visitors who made the long drive out to the light, only to find the tower locked because there was no keeper. Please consider helping out by volunteering. You can stay for a weekend, a week, or whatever else fits your schedule. Keepers are needed from mid-May until October. Our goal is to have a keeper out there every day during that time period.

Duties of the Volunteer Keeper may include:

- Greet visitors
- Supply historical facts to visitors
- Ask visitors to sign guest book
- Keep the lighthouse, service building and visitor center clean
- Sweep buildings as needed
- Sweep, clean and re-supply restrooms
- Pick up debris or litter found on grounds
- Sweep or shovel boardwalk
- Sweep sidewalk around visitor center

The keeper will have the key to the lighthouse and visitor center and will keep them open during the day. Only one family or couple at a time will be allowed to participate in the program. You may camp in a camper or tent, or stay in a nearby motel and drive out each day. Keep in mind that we now have working bathrooms in the visitor center!

Due to liability issues, only members in good standing are eligible to act as volunteer keepers. The keys to the lighthouse and visitor center must be picked up from Dee Smith prior to you going to the lighthouse, unless you make other arrangements with Dee. The keys must remain in the possession of the family until they are returned to Dee.

Reservations for volunteer keepers are now being taken. Reservations must be made in advance. Please contact Dee Smith at (906) 492-3496. Call now for the best selection of available dates. Remember that your membership must be current to participate.

Memorial Day Work Weekend

On May 28 through 31 of this year, we will be having a work weekend at the light. Everyone is invited to camp out at the light and help out. There is a lot to do, and it will go quickly if many people work together. Some of the tasks that may be needed are listed below:

- Paint the visitor center
- Set up the inside of the visitor center
- Paint the inside of the lantern room
- Paint the ceiling of the lantern room
- Scrape the center post in the tower
- Work on the new viewing platform
- Install boardwalk boards with names

If you would like to come and help out, you must let Rick Brockway know ahead of time. He'll need to organize the camping space and we want to make sure there are enough materials and tools to keep everyone busy.

Email Rick at cplhs@sbcglobal.net
or call 517-230-6294

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2010 Summer Conference

The 14th Annual Crisp Point summer conference will take place this year on Saturday, July 17, 2010. It begins at the Whitefish Township School in Paradise at 10:00 a.m. Coffee will be available at 9:00 a.m. for those who want to arrive early. Coffee, juice and baked goods will be provided for breakfast. During the morning, we will hear of all the latest news regarding the lighthouse. There will be Crisp Point merchandise available, and our annual auction. Lunch is provided, to be eaten at the school, or taken out to the light. In the afternoon, the conference moves out to the lighthouse, to enjoy a relaxing afternoon, including a hot dog dinner.

Last year, we had about 60 people attend the conference. Please consider coming this year, it is a very enjoyable day. The cost is only \$10 per person, children 12 and under are free. All are welcome, you do not need to be a CPLHS member. Sign up using the back page of this newsletter, or pay at the door. You can also visit our website, www.crisppointlighthouse.org and print out a form. Any questions, please call Rick at (517) 230-6294 or Dee (906) 492-3496.

Visitor Statistics

Please make a point to sign the logbook every time you visit the light, even if you come more than once. Many people do not sign the logbook, but this is the only way we can estimate the total number of visitors.

2001 – 27,608	2006 – 21,160
2002 – 28,412	2007 – 19,224
2003 – 22,644	2008 – 19,980
2004 – 22,828	2009 – 21,484
2005 – 20,528	

Replicas Almost Gone

If you'd like one of the Harbor Lights replicas of Crisp Point Light, this may be your last chance. These are only available through CPLHS and there are not many left. If you'd like to buy one, they sell for \$26.95 each, which includes shipping. Send a **check made out to CPLHS** to:

CPLHS
Rick Brockway
450 W. Marr Rd.
Howell, MI 48855

Wanted

CPLHS is in need of a small enclosed trailer that can be pulled behind a truck. This would be used to store and transport merchandise and supplies to the lighthouse and other events that CPLHS participates in. If you or anyone you know has a trailer that you are willing to donate, or can sell for a low price, please contact Rick Brockway at 517-230-6294.

New Hat Logo

Crisp Point bucket hats and ball caps now have an updated logo on the front, as shown below. Ball caps come in one size, with an adjustable band. They are made of stonewashed denim in blue, green and burgundy. Bucket hats come in two sizes, S/M or L/XL and one color, khaki. Hats can be ordered with the form on the back page of this newsletter, or by printing out the form on the website. Bucket hats are priced at \$14 and ball caps are \$12.



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Membership

In an effort to update our membership records and make the process more efficient, we've made some changes. When your expiration date is getting near, you should receive a reminder letter with your newsletter. Members whose membership has expired will receive at least one reminder before they are dropped from our list.

New membership cards have been received, as shown below, and we are beginning to send them out to members as they renew. Because of the cost of postage, the cards will be included in other mailings. Those who have paid for their membership several years in advance will also receive membership cards sometime this year.

If you have any questions about your membership or expiration date, please contact Margaret Warren by email: crisppoint1904@yahoo.com or phone: 734-421-7512.



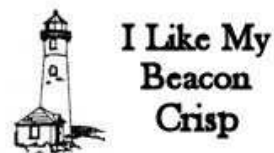
Hat Pins Still Available

Crisp Point hat pins are one inch in diameter and have a military style pin on the back. They are brass colored, and the center image is brightly colored. Inge Spaulding and her daughter, Karen, designed these pins and they have been selling fast! These high quality pins are only available through CPLHS.

The price for the pins is \$3.50 each. Postage is \$2.00 for the first pin, and 50¢ for each additional pin. To order pins, make your check out to CPLHS, and send your request to:

CPLHS
Rick Brockway
450 W. Marr Road
Howell, MI 48855

Don't forget to include appropriate postage. Any questions, call Rick 517-546-5283.



GPS

If you use a GPS to guide you to the lighthouse, please do not start it up until you are already on CR-500. Then, you are assured of following the standard route. Otherwise, you may find yourself taking an unpleasant trip down logging roads or snowmobile trails.

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Great Lakes Lighthouse Festival

The 15th Annual Great Lakes Lighthouse Festival will be held in Alpena this year on October 7-10. Crisp Point will have a booth there, selling merchandise and informing visitors about the light. For more information, visit their website at lighthousefestival.org.

CP in the Beacon

The Beacon is a quarterly magazine published by the Great Lakes Lighthouse Keepers Association. In their recent issue, Winter 2009/2010, Crisp Point is featured in two articles. One is the article about Don Ross that appeared in our last newsletter. The other is about Crisp Point and all that has been accomplished by Don & Nellie Ross and the CPLHS. We appreciate Crisp Point being included in this issue. The Beacon is available to members of GLLKA, for more information, please visit gllka.com.

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Make sure to visit the Crisp Point website to find all the latest news. The website includes loads of information, many pictures, every issue of this newsletter, and much more. Our hardworking webmaster, Cameron Lovett, recently found a movie from 1958 that shows Vermillion Point and Crisp Point, which can now be viewed on the website. If you'd rather keep this newsletter intact, you will also find fundraiser forms and order forms that can be printed.

Thank You

The Family of Don Ross asked us to share this card with you:



As morning breaks autumnal gray
Another night has passed away
And in that darkness o'er the deep
A single light was in my keep,
A candle in a tempest wind
A lantern's light for me to tend,
A lamp against a restless sea,
A beacon's flame eternally
But now as morning breaks anew
My vigil for a time is through,
Another lighthouse keeper though
Has set a guiding light aglow,
Against the time when we are lost
And on an angry sea are tossed,
That all upon this ship might know
The Way to Him who loves us so.
-unknown

The Ross Family would like to extend a grateful thanks for everyone's thoughtfulness, support and attendance in the loss of our son, father, father-in-law, grandfather and great-grandfather, Donnie E. Ross.

*Sincerely,
Edith Ross*

*Mark, Lynn and Gabrielle Ross
Steve, Bonnie, Jarid, Katelynn and Tyler Ross
Todd, Melissa and Sierra Ross
Megan and Dylan Gallagher*

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New Members

Thank you to all of the current members who have renewed their memberships, and a warm welcome to the following new members:

New Lifetime Members

Larry & Elaine Watson

New Family Members

Robert & Nancy Bach – Stanton, MI
John & Pam Bartlett – Presque Isle, MI
Jeff & Wendy Benya – Ypsilanti, MI
Jim Burlen Family – Erie, MI
Jack & Mary C. Byers – Fruitport, MI
Randy Carroll Family – Woodstock, IL
Michael & Kat Ditrapani – Bokeelia, FL
Chris & Jan Egeland – Sautee Nacoochee, GA
Arthur Fish Family – Stevens Point, WI
Ron & Libby Ford – Ann Arbor, MI
Jim & Stephanie Gulledege – Harbor Springs, MI
Ron & Sue Haas – Saginaw, MI
Tina Joy – Granger, IN
John & Candice Kemp – Edinboro, PA
Michael & Kristine Kramer – Clinton Twp, MI
John & Yvonne Leidel – Merton, WI
Ken & Deborah Lenz – Hudsonville, MI
Jane Marshall – Grayling, MI
Jeff & Cynthia McQuade – Charlotte, MI
Peter & Cindy Motzenbecker, Royal Oak, MI
Bill & Vicky Oglesby – Cadillac, MI
Guy & Cyndi Orseno – Lorain, OH
Allen & Maxine Rickwalt – Taylor, MI
Mary Rogacki Family – Chelsea, MI
Stan & Kay Shier – Paradise, MI
Kevin & Lisa Smith – Goodrich, MI
John & Vickey Stalmack – Manistee, MI
Mr. & Mrs. Dale Swarzlander – Toledo, OH
Larry Tebo Family – East Leroy, MI
James & Mary Ann Theisen – Memphis, MI
Dallas & Pauline Thimlar – Grabill, IN
Steve & Grace Truman – Grand Rapids, MI
James & Antoinette Wadsworth – Woodhaven, MI
Eldon & Gail Will – Eckerman, MI

New Single Members

Kip Cameron – Newberry, MI
Mark Davis – Hoffman Estates, IL
Ronald Doke – Elkhart, IN
Carol Fadness – Apple Valley, MN
Jacqueline Kathary – Mount Vernon, OH
Jeff Lefevre – Pinckney, MI
Terry Niederlander – Galena, OH
Andrew Overmire – Ann Arbor, MI
Gary Pettyjohn – South Lyon, MI
Glenn Roberts – Laporte, IN
Karen Shultz – Saint Johns, MI
Cecil Streeter – Oshkosh, WI
Deb Sumpter – Lincoln, NE
Joe Sweeter – Jonesville, MI
Wade Trombley – Caledonia, MI
Michele Whitaker – Bay City, MI
Judy Wilson – Cincinnati, OH
Carl Wroubel – Williamsburg, MI

Thank you!

Thank you to Joe Sweeter, who was a big help at the summer conference, but was left off our list in the last newsletter.

Thank you to Mary & Stan Klein, for picking up the newsletters at the printer, folding hundreds of them, and delivering them to Paradise.

Thank you to Stan Klein, for treating the lighthouse and visitor center for bugs. Last year, there were loads of bugs and this year there are none!

We would also like to give a BIG thank you to everyone who sent in donations this past summer when we were running short on money for the new visitor center. We couldn't do it without you!

Tower Hours

Last year, we got a lot of comments from people who were disappointed that the tower was not open for them to climb. Just a reminder that we rely on volunteer keepers to open the tower. There are no fixed hours of operation. Though we would like to, it's not always possible to accommodate all visitors.

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CPLHS Board Meeting

A meeting of the Crisp Point Light Historical Society Board of Directors was held on December 19, 2009 in Bay City. At this meeting, many issues were discussed and some items resolved. Because Don Ross handled most of the administrative tasks before now, the board is working hard to make sure they have all the available information needed to make everything run smoothly. Also at this meeting, John Rath was nominated and voted in as a board member. The complete list of Board members is below.

President Rick Brockway
Vice President..... Mike Warren
Board Member..... Bernie Hellstrom
Board Member..... Dee Smith
Board Member.....John Rath
Secretary to the Board.... Margaret Warren



Pictured, L to R: Bernie Hellstrom, Rick Brockway, Dee Smith, Mike Warren, John Rath

Fundraiser Update

We are happy to announce that as of the end of January, donations to our fundraiser have totaled \$11, 761. For all those who have helped out, we cannot thank you enough! The new visitor center was paid for solely through private contributions of time and money, without any government assistance.

The following generous donations were received since the last newsletter.

THANK YOU!

Sponsor a Board

Roland & Marcella Ford
Wes Gerber
Greg & Kittie Johnson
Mark Miles

\$100 Donation

Gary D Boyd
Howard Buffington
Gary & Margaret Forster
Jim Gundersen
Barb & Greg Poel
Jeff Ratcliffe
Neal & Carolyn Scheffler
John R. Torrens
Dan & Sandy Trolz

\$50 Donation

Jeff Lefevre
Mike & Jan Odenweller
Jane & Jeff Puvogel
Daniel Weiler
Richard A. Wiles

County Roads

Just a reminder that CPLHS has no control over any County roads, including CR-500 and CR-412 leading to the lighthouse. If you would like to contact the Luce County Road Commission with your concerns, please call (906) 293-5741.

CPLHS Membership & Merchandise Order Form

Name _____ Phone # _____
 Address _____ E-Mail _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Membership	New _____	1 year Single \$20.00 _____	2 year single \$35.00 _____
	Renewal _____	1 year family \$30.00 _____	2 year family \$50.00 _____
Donation	I would like to make a donation in the amount of \$ _____		
A lifetime family membership comes with a donation of \$500 (may be tax deductible, consult your tax adviser)			
Conference July 17, 2010	\$10 per person, 12 & under are free		# of people _____ X \$10 = \$ _____

Item	Size	Color	Quantity	Price Ea.	Total
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Crisp Point T-Shirt "I Like My Beacon Crisp" on back, silk-screen lighthouse artwork on front

S-M-L-XL	gray-white-navy-stone blue-dk orange-sage green			\$15.00	
XXL	gray-white-navy-stone blue-dk orange-sage green			\$17.50	
XXXL	white-navy			\$19.50	

Crisp Point Sweatshirt Heavy duty 50/50 Lee top quality, embroidered letters plus silkscreened artwork of light

S-M-L-XL	navy			\$42.00	
XXL	navy			\$45.00	
XXXL	navy			\$48.00	

Crisp Point Long Sleeve T-Shirt Heavy duty, with embroidered lettering

S-M-L	gray-bright orange-blue (blue S-M only)			\$29.00	
XL	gray-bright orange			\$29.00	
XXL	gray-bright orange-blue			\$32.50	

Crisp Point Denim Long Sleeve Shirt Top quality, embroidery at front pocket

S-M-L-XL	denim			\$37.50	
XXL	denim			\$39.50	
XXXL	denim			\$45.00	

Crisp Point Windshirt

S-M-L-XL	black			\$42.00	
XXL	black			\$45.00	
XXXL	navy			\$50.00	

Crisp Point Embroidered Bucket Hat

S/M or L/XL	khaki			\$14.00	
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Crisp Point Denim Cap embroidered, made of stonewashed denim

one size	blue- green- burgundy			\$12.00	
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MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO CPLHS

MAIL TO: CPLHS
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 450 W. Marr Rd
 Howell, MI 48855

517-230-6294 or 517-546-5283
 e-mail: cplhs@sbcglobal.net

	Napkin Holder	\$10.00	
	Architectural Survey Book	\$22.00	
	Coffee Mug	\$10.00	
	Black Metal Silhouette 15" x 20"	\$25.00	
	Black Metal Silhouette 21" x 28.5"	\$35.00	
	"Crisp Point Landing" print by R. Mersino	\$10.00	
MICHIGAN RESIDENTS, ADD 6% SALES TAX			
ADD \$5.50 SHIPPING FOR EACH ITEM			
TOTAL			X \$5.50
