



"I Like My Beacon Crisp"

# THE CRISPY BEACON

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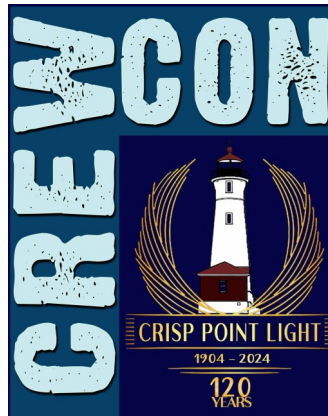
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by Heather Johnson

Crisp Point Light Historical Society celebrated the 120th Anniversary of the Crisp Point Light at the annual Summer Conference on July 19, 2024.

After the traditional review of Crisp Point activities, projects completed and a long list of thankfulness, guests indulged in an amazing luncheon provided by Kim Bean. Different types of cheeses, charcuterie meats, meatballs, pasta, breads...oh so many delectable delights spread out on "Grazing Tables"!

CrewCon got underway with an original, 1965 video tour of the Great Lakes Freighter, Ford. Amused Captains and Crew from a few beloved Great Lakes freighters described how technology evolved from those days and shaped the modern Great Lakes shipping industry.

Andrea Guerrieo, DRE Designs, moderated prepared questions and questions from guests throughout the two hours. The Captains shared stories about their lifelong Great Lakes seafaring careers and captivated everyone with their tales of sailing the inland seas. The camaraderie among them was obvious, the respect for each other palpable.



Photo courtesy James Achtenberg

CrewCon Panel, from left to right: Moderator Andrea Guerriero, First Mate M/V James R. Barker-Allan Bell, Captain M/V Joseph L. Block-Raymond Sheldon, Captain ATB Clyde S. VanEnkevort/Erie Trader-Mark Mather, Captain (retired) M/V Paul R. Tregurtha-Robert "Captain Bob" Thibaudeau, Captain M/V Honorable James L. Oberstar-Joe Ruch.

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## Prep Week 2024



From May 11 through May 19, volunteers worked to prepare the Crisp Point grounds, Visitor Center, and Tower for the 2024 season.

Bill Beasley planned on completing a long list of projects during Prep Week and received welcome help from a mid-Michigan Scout Troop.

A special thank-you to Hemlock's Scouts BSA Troop #337 and the family of John Rath for helping to complete Bill's to-do list. Diane Rath, wife of John Rath, summarized their much appreciated services:

Hemlock's Scouts BSA Troop #337 made the five hour trip to Crisp Point Lighthouse to assist with opening for the season. Troop member, JJ Rath, son of CPLHS Lifetime member John Rath, had been wanting his troop to experience the beauty of Crisp Point and saw it as a good opportunity to perform service.

The Troop had 10 scouts and 8 adults make the trip. They completed many items on the opening list, including cleaning the bathrooms, visitor center and tower; installing the solar batteries, putting the pump in the well, and shoveling loads and loads of sand off of the boardwalk. The Troop did have a little down time which included a hike in the woods, skipping stones and Yooperlite hunting at



Photos courtesy Diane Rath

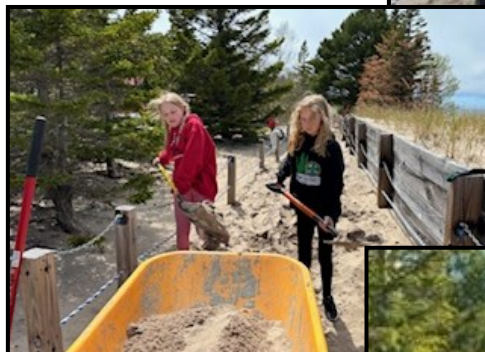
Left: Coleman replaces batteries in the very important bathroom lights!

Center: Lily, Mikel and Connor play in the sand waiting for the wheelbarrow.

Left Center: Lily and Maggie filling up the wheelbarrow emptied by Travis and Nathan (bottom center).

Bottom Right: Scoutmaster Steve installs a new boardwalk board.

Below: Lily and Maggie sweeping lots of dead flies out of the tower.



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by Cameron Lovett



Fall has arrived! Can you believe it? Another Crisp Point season came to a close on October 18<sup>th</sup>. Make sure to visit Crisp Point next year if you haven't in a while. The visitor center will tentatively re-open for the 2025 season on May 17; open daily from 10 am to 6 pm.

The water level for Lake Superior was below normal in September and The Army Corps of Engineers is forecasting it to be below average through February 2025. Our stone around the lighthouse is holding up well and, currently, we do not see any issues that need to be addressed. We will keep monitoring the levels and the stone and take action when needed.

We completed our fourth season of Adopt-A-Highway on our three-mile stretch of M-123 between Luce County Road 500 and Newberry. Our next clean-up is May 10, 2025. If you can help out with any of the litter clean-up events, please see the CPLHS web site Calendar of Events at <https://www.crisppointlighthouse.org/calendar.html> or visit the CPLHS Facebook Events listings for more details. CPLHS Board Member Duke Guy is coordinating the next pickup, so please let him know if you are planning to attend. New clean-up volunteers will get a free high visibility Crisp Point Adopt A Highway shirt. The litter pick-ups are always in May, July, and September, weather permitting. Since the first clean-up on May 8, 2021, we have picked up approximately 81 bags worth of trash!

Please make it a point to thank our volunteers for all that they do to make your visit to Crisp Point a special one! Everyone involved with day-to-day operations are volunteers - Crisp Point does not have paid staff. We know that without our volunteers Crisp Point would not be the special place it is today.

Also, remember your memberships, donations, and purchase of gift shop fundraising items allow us to operate and make restorations to the site. We could not do this work without all of you and your support! Our online gift shop is open 24 hours a day, and is accessible at <https://crisppointlight.square.site/>. We still have a lot of 120<sup>th</sup> Anniversary items left, order while they are still in stock! Have a great autumn and winter!

## PREP WEEK 2024, continued

night. Other than the Rath family, none of the other group members had been to CPLHS before and everyone was impressed with our beautiful lighthouse!



Above: Connor, Coleman and Holli clean the visitor center.



Above: JJ Rath flushes out the well.

*Thank you,  
Scouts!*

## CRISP KEEPERS: THE NEXT GENERATION

Judy Haupt shares this photo of her 7 year old granddaughter, Madelyn. Prepping the next generation of Keepers, Madelyn has been a volunteer at Crisp for the past two summers!





## CrewCon, continued



Left, below, and right: Bill Beasley describes Crisp Point maintenance projects. Linda McKinney updates CPLHS members about other Crisp Point projects and gives gratitude to the long list of volunteers.



Photos courtesy Heather Johnson

Right: Connie, Connie, Jim and Agate Achtenberg pose "on deck" as they virtually sail the Superior side of the Crisp Point!



Photo courtesy James Achtenberg



Above: Kim's incredible Grazing Tables.

Visitors to Crisp Point and most CPLHS members know, all too well, the awestruck feeling of rounding the "clubhouse turn" on the last stretch of County Road 412 and seeing the long swells of Superior's waves...the skip of a heartbeat and the sense of returning home at the sight of the Crisp Tower.

"We" all know how special Crisp is from the land side! But it was especially heartwarming to listen as the freighter Captains fondly recounted sighting the Crisp Point Light as they sailed downbound through the Graveyard of the Great Lakes. Hearing how much Crisp meant to them from the lake side was a Conference highlight!



Below and left: The Captains and Crew engaged each other in friendly banter; connections forged after years of sailing the inland seas together. Stories of braving dangerous, angry Lake Superior or navigating a thousand foot ship through narrow, rocky passages enthralled the audience all afternoon.

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Photos courtesy Heather Johnson



## Crisp Point Memorial and Honorary Plaque Program

Memorialize or honor your loved one with a special plaque at Crisp Point while helping to raise funds for the preservation and restoration of Crisp Point Lighthouse! For a donation of \$450, an image of Crisp Point Lighthouse shines atop of the name of your loved one. The precision tooled bronze plaques are ¼" thick, 3.5" wide, and 6" tall with an exterior grade clear coat. You can pick from two wording options preceding the person's name: 1) "In Memory of" or 2) "In Honor of". Plaques are mounted on existing posts along the walkways at Crisp Point. Plaques are only installed from May to October each year; please allow at least six months for installation to occur.

\*CPLHS is not responsible for theft, vandalism, acts of nature, natural deterioration, or any other issues beyond our control to the plaques once installed at Crisp Point. CPLHS reserves the right to remove plaques for any reason.

There are two ways to donate:

### 1.) Fill out the following form completely and enclose payment.

Make check or money order payable to: Crisp Point Light Historical Society

Mail to: 1337 Highland Street, Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Please specify one of the following (list first and last name only as space is limited on the plaque):

☐ In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ In Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

### 2.) Pay online at PayPal using a credit card, debit card, or your PayPal account.

Go online and visit <https://www.crisppointlighthouse.org/memorial.html> or scan the QR Code.

Once at the PayPal site, you can pay by using a credit card, debit card, or your PayPal account. You do not need a PayPal account to use this service. Where it says "(Optional) Use this donation for", make sure to choose "In Memory of Plaque" or "In Honor of Plaque" from the pull-down menu. You will also have the option to add more to the donation to help offset the processing fees. On the next page, also tell us the name you want on the plaque where it says "Write a note (Optional)".

The Crisp Point Light Historical Society is a 501 (c) (3) nonprofit. Your donations may be tax deductible, please consult your tax advisor for deductibility. All donors will receive a donation thank you letter from the Crisp Point Light Historical Society. Thank you very much for participating in this very special fundraiser!

Friendly Reminder: Please inform us of any address changes; resending to new addresses takes time and requires additional funds. Your attention to this is greatly appreciated! Please email updates to Teri Beasley at [crisppoint@gmail.com](mailto:crisppoint@gmail.com).



**SUPPORT  
OPPORTUNITIES  
FOR CRISP POINT  
LIGHTHOUSE**

Find out more ways at:  
[www.crisppointlighthouse.org/how.html](http://www.crisppointlighthouse.org/how.html)





May 11, 2024

July 21, 2024

# MDOT ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY



From photographer to right: Mike Simon, Cameron Lovett, Duke Guy, Mallarie Koetsier (back), Cathy Chenard, Judy Haupt, Jack Messer (back), Amanda Monroe, Angela Lutz. Nine volunteers participated in the first MDOT Adopt-A-Highway clean up of 2024. Over the course of one and a half hours, they were able to fill 6 bags with litter. Thank you for keeping Crisp's adopted portion of the highway beautiful!



Photos courtesy Cameron Lovett

(From left to right) Front row: Darien Cox, Alexis Royer, Cheyenne Kline. Middle row: Jamie Cox, Shelley Guy, Genavieve Cox. Back row: Duke Guy, Judy Haupt, James Lyon, Jack Messer, Bill Beasley. Photographer (not pictured): Cathy Chenard.

Twelve volunteers participated in the MDOT Adopt-A-Highway clean up in July. Over the course of one and a half hours, they filled 4 bags with litter. As always, thank you for keeping Crisp's adopted portion of the highway beautiful!

*Thank you*

Thank you to everyone who supports, and has supported, Crisp Point in any way!

CPLHS is so grateful for the members and Keepers who volunteer their valuable time to fulfill the Mission of preserving the Light

and who make our Visitors feel welcome.

Thank you to the thousands of Visitors for visiting and treasuring Crisp Point.

Utmost appreciation to Donors who continue to financially support the Crisp Point Light Historical Society in carrying out the Crisp mission.

Deepest gratitude to Cathy Chenard and Judy Haupt for their help procuring donations for the Summer Conference and all of their hours of volunteering.

CPLHS continues to gratefully recognize John Rath for his steadfast work on the Crisp Point solar power system.



**CPLHS ANNUAL  
BOARD MEETING**

January 18, 2025 - 9:30am  
via ZOOM

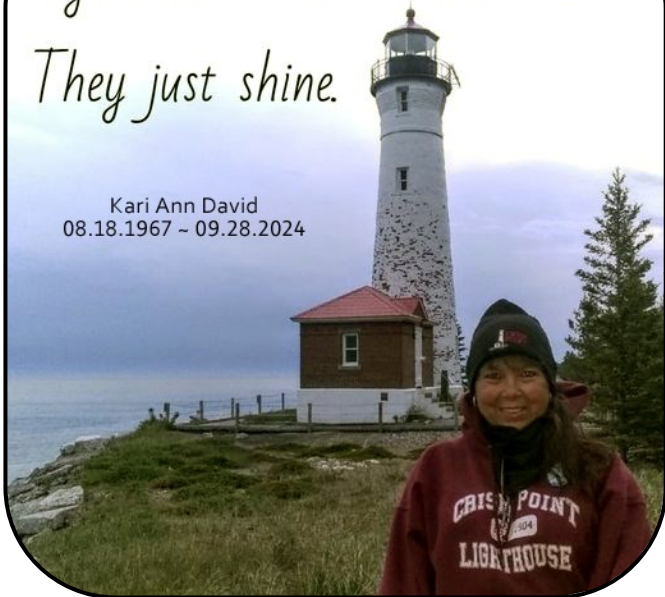
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# Condolences

*Lighthouses blow no horns...  
They just shine.*

Kari Ann David  
08.18.1967 ~ 09.28.2024



Julie Buckmaster, beloved wife of "Buck" Buckmaster and longtime CPLHS member emailed: "I believe we, Dave & Julie Buckmaster, were some of the very first members of Crisp Point Light Historical Society and later became life members. Therefore, it's with deep sadness I pass along this obituary for my beloved husband.

CPLHS received notice that Marilyn Workman, Wisconsin, passed away in 2020. Marilyn was a Lifetime member since 2016.

CPLHS also received notice that longtime member and Keeper, Kari David, passed away on September 25, 2024.

A full article about Kari and her Crisp Point connection is planned to be published in the Winter issue of the Crispy Beacon.

Deepest condolences to family and friends.



**David Richard "Buck"  
Buckmaster**

**03.04.1949 - 08.02.2024**



**Marilyn Workman**

**07.28.1932 - 12.06.2020**

## CrewCon, continued

Thank you to each Captain, and First Mate Allan Bell, for taking the time to chat with guests from as far as Indiana, Ohio and even Pennsylvania. It was very exciting to welcome and introduce Crisp Point (and 'our' beloved lighthouse) to "boatnerds" and "freighter chasers".

Deepest gratitude to everyone who donated items for the silent auction and to Judy Haupt for her amazing quilting skills in making and donating the incredibly beautiful quilt to auction off.



The Captains and First Mate took time after the

Conference to hang out with the "boatnerds"; autographing "Know Your Ships" books and posing for pictures.

# Exclusive Crisp Point merchandise are great gifts!



From the classic Crisp Point stoneware to t-shirts and jackets to unique hats. New ornaments, hoodies, beanie caps, patches, challenge coins, puzzles, books, denim shirts, mugs and so much more are great to give during the holidays or all year 'round!

All Crisp Point merchandise can be found online at

<https://crisppointlight.square.site/>

## A NEW KIND OF KEEPER NEEDED

Crisp Point Light Historical Society is delighted to see the upward trend of people who visit the Light and cherish it like the Society and its members do. All of these new connections create greatly appreciated volunteerism, financial donations, sales and long lasting friendships.

The Society is at a point which requires contracting a Bookkeeper to manage the books. Potential interest should be sent to [treasurer@crisppointlighthouse.org](mailto:treasurer@crisppointlighthouse.org) by January 15, 2025.

Crisp's continued success depends on combining the diverse skills, talents and visions of a diverse Board. Please remember that Board applications are always accepted and reviewed as positions become available.

Potential candidates must be a lifetime member of the Crisp Point Light Historical Society. Memberships can be purchased or upgraded at [crisppointlighthouse.org/member.html](https://crisppointlighthouse.org/member.html); Board applications can be found at <https://www.crisppointlighthouse.org/boardmemberapplicationform11-11-21.pdf>

## BOARD APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED

### 2025 KEEPER DATES

The Keeper Application period for the 2025 season opens November 1, 2024.

Please review the General Information and Duties. Follow the instructions on the Sign Up Procedure found on the CPLHS website at this link:

[www.crisppointlighthouse.org/volunteerkeepers.html](https://www.crisppointlighthouse.org/volunteerkeepers.html)  
or Email Bill Beasley, Keeper Coordinator at [keepercoordinator@crisppointlighthouse.org](mailto:keepercoordinator@crisppointlighthouse.org)

Don't forget to order Anniversary items to commemorate 120 years of the Crisp Tower!

ALL SALES ARE FINAL  
No returns, no exchanges.

REMINDER

Welcome

### New Members

(through August 15, 2024)

Welcome

Brad, Kali, Mallorie, Morgan, Logan Koetsier - Hamilton, MI

Sherlyn Longjohn - Galesburg, MI

Robert McGahan - Ellsworth, MI

Gina Olson - Gwinn, MI

Eric, Maria, Samantha & Olivia Stoddard - Linden, MI

Ryan Wood - Sanford, MI

Margaret York - Clinton Township, MI

### Lifetime Members

Craig Hupy & Marie Lemmer - Ypsilanti, MI

Ronald & Christine Cunningham - Lake Odessa, MI

Judith & Stephen Haupt - Newberry, MI

Tyler Korfhage - Grand Rapids, MI

Andy & Rebekah Martin - Sobieski, WI

RECOMMENDED

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Deadline for the next Newsletter submissions is

**November 15, 2024**

PLEASE CONSIDER SHARING YOUR  
CRISP POINT ADVENTURES !