

"I Like My Beacon Crisp"

Crisp Point Light Historical Society

Newsletter #40 August 2013

2013 Annual Conference

The annual conference was held on July 20 this year and we had a record-breaking crowd of 108 people. Rick Brockway updated us on all the latest news concerning the Light. Carl Jahn introduced Dee Smith and spoke of all the hard work and time she has given to Crisp Point since just after CPLHS began. We all learned about agates from our speaker, Karen Brzys. Karen gave a fascinating talk about how agates are formed and how to find them on the beach. The rest of the day was spent at the light. The weather was beautiful, the food was delicious and a good time was had by all those who attended.

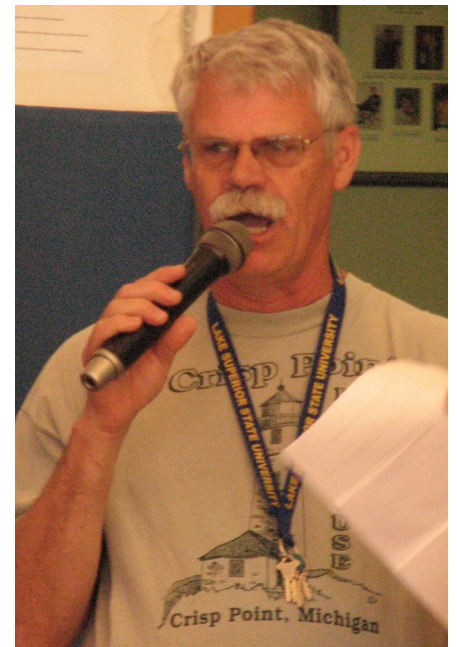
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Carl Jahn



Karen Brzys



Rick Brockway



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Welcome!

Thank you to all our members who continue to support Crisp Point by renewing their memberships. Welcome to all our new members listed here:

Christopher Blake—Gaylord, MI

Sally & Ian Bund—Ann Arbor, MI

David D. Dake—Newberry, MI

Del Les Resort, Len & Rita Lemanek—Newberry, MI

Cynthia Dvorsky—Riga, MI

IgKnight Photography—Coopersville, MI

Ronald Kemp—Alcoa, TN

Nikki & Tim Nass—Grand Haven, MI

Nathaniel Rose—Traverse City, MI

Daniel Schafer—Allen, TX

Vernon Storm—Superior, WI

Carol Thompson—Edina, MN

New Lifetime Members

Congratulations to new lifetime members of CPLHS!

Barry Jones & Kathy Crace—Carleton, MI

Karen Green & Leonora Forist—Mt. Pleasant, MI

Membership Matters

You will receive a reminder on your paper newsletter when your membership is about to expire. If you receive the electronic newsletter, you'll get an email message. Memberships that have already expired will receive another reminder before being dropped from the list. If you have any questions about your membership or expiration date, please contact Margaret by email: crisppoint1904@gmail.com or phone (734) 421-7512.

Conference Raffle

We had many wonderful prizes given away during the raffle at the conference in July. Every one of these items was donated to CPLHS by the generous businesses and individuals listed below. A huge THANK YOU to all of those who donated prizes.

Askwith's Lockview Motel

Barrett Camp 33, Inc.

Bay Mills Resort & Casinos

Berry Patch Gifts/Restaurant/Bakery

Call of the Wild, Inc.

Darrow's Family Restaurant

Garlyn Zoological Park

Gene's Tahquamenon Store

Great Lakes Shipwreck Museum

Icebreaker Mackinaw Maritime Museum, Inc.

Island Slice Pizzeria

Jason & Heather Klein

Kewadin Casinos

Little Falls Inn Restaurant

Magnuson Grand Hotel Lakefront

Oswald's Bear Ranch

Panera LLC

Pepsi Beverage Company

Pictured Rocks Cruises, Inc.

PlantMasters of Suttons Bay

Rahilly's IGA

Ric Mixer

Shepler's Mackinac Island Ferry

Snowflake Soft Serve

Tahquamenon Falls Riverboat Tours

The Fish House

United States Lighthouse Society

Visitor Center Fundraiser

Thank you to all who have supported the fundraiser for our new visitor center including the recent donors listed below:

Howard A. Buffington

Shelley Guy

Mike & Helen Cook

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Work Weekend

Several member families spent their Memorial Day weekend camping at the light and doing some work there. A new display case was built for the visitor center to protect the Fresnel lens we just had restored. Kurt Fosburg, who did the restoration, delivered the lens and saw it safely installed. The old steps to the service building, which had been crumbling, were removed and replaced. Many other tasks were also completed.

Thank you to all those who volunteered their time to help out: Chuck Nearhood, Stan & Mary Klein, Rick & Terri Brockway, the Beasley Family, the Piontek Family, Gene & Linda Cole, the Raths family, Jeremiah Hartwell, Chris Brockway and Kalei White.



Olivia Beasley painting a buoy.



Kurt Fosburg with the newly restored lens



Jeremiah Hartwell and Rick Brockway mixing concrete.



John Raths and David Piontek taking out the old steps.



Relaxing and enjoying the peace and quiet.



New steps to the service building.

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Safety Reminders

If you use a GPS to help you find your way to the lighthouse, please do not start it until you are already on County Road 500. This way, you will be assured of following the standard route. There have been recent incidents of vehicles getting stuck because they took alternate routes to the light.

Riding a road motorcycle to the lighthouse is NOT recommended. There are sand pits on CR-500 and CR-412 that can throw a motorcycle out of control in a second. Please don't try it! The nearest hospital is 40 miles away.

Great Lakes Lighthouse Festival

Crisp Point Light Historical Society will once again have a booth at the Great Lakes Lighthouse Festival to sell merchandise and distribute information. The festival this year takes place October 10-13 in Alpena. If you would like to help out during the festival, you can visit the booth when you arrive, or call Rick Brockway ahead of time at 517-230-6294. For more information about the festival, schedules, directions, etc... visit their website: [Http://lighthousefestival.org](http://lighthousefestival.org).

E-Mail Newsletter

CPLHS members can get the quarterly Crisp Point newsletter sent directly to their email. The electronic version is in color and any or all of the pages can be easily printed. You can also have it sent to all the email addresses in your household. 215 members have chosen the electronic newsletter, saving CPLHS approximately \$900 each year! Your address will be used only for Crisp Point business and will NEVER be shared. It's very easy to switch to e-mail, just email Margaret at crisppoint1904@gmail.com.

MEMBERSHIP AND DONATION 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
Would you like your quarterly newsletter sent to your Email? (Circle one)			Yes No

Annual Conference -Saturday, July 19, 2014	Number of people attending: _____
Attendance is free for all who register before July 12, 2014	

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)	

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO CPLHS

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

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Volunteer Keeper Program

Thanks to our fantastic volunteers, this program has once again been a huge success. Sign up for dates in 2014 will begin October 1, 2013. Sign up is on a first-come first-served basis. To reserve your days, email Rick Brockway at cplhs@sbcglobal.net or call him at 517-230-6294. (Email is preferable) No reservations will be taken before October 1. Please keep in mind the following information:

1. One family at a time may act as keepers. Two adults are required, but not more than four.
2. Maximum number of consecutive days that can be scheduled is five.
3. Keepers are required to read the current guidelines and return the last page with their signature and the names of people in their group.
4. Keepers must notify Rick if they are not going to be able to be there for their scheduled dates. If you do not cancel with Rick, you will be disqualified from serving as a keeper in the future.
5. We have high standards. Keepers are expected to keep the tower and visitor center open a minimum number of hours. They are also expected to maintain the grounds, buildings, boardwalk and merchandise displays.
6. Our goal is to have keepers on duty every day during the season. Please do not sign up unless you are sure you can make it. Cancellations disappoint our visitors who are expecting the visitor center and tower to be open.

Please visit the volunteer keeper page on our website for more details about this program:
crisppointlighthouse.org/volunteerkeepers.html.

We have had several cancellations this season. If you'd like to be on a list of backup keepers, please email Rick at cplhs@sbcglobal.net.

Check the online calendar to see available dates.
<http://www.localendar.com/public/crisppointlighthouse>

Thank You!

Thank you to all those who helped make the conference such a big success. We appreciate everyone who made food, cleaned, set up, took down or helped out in any way.

Thank you to Metro Fabricating of Bay City, MI. They donated all the labor and materials needed to sand-blast the brass trim from inside the lantern room and also to powder coat both the inside and outside trim.

Thank you to Charlie Raths, one of our members, who spent many hours cleaning the brass trim from outside the lantern room so it could be powder coated.

Rock Fundraiser

The need for rocks to protect the shore is never-ending. Thank you to all who have contributed to the rock fund, especially these recent donors:

Jack Doke

Stephanie Gullede

Larry & Lou Gustman

Julian Lachendro

Diane Skop

Bruce & Yvonne Summey

Vandalism

A visitor to the light this summer chose to carve his name into the wall near the top of the stairs. He was identified and visited by the Michigan State Police. An agreement was worked out, resulting in a letter of apology being written and money being received by CPLHS to compensate for the damage. The spot has been repaired and looks just like new.

Visit our web site:

crisppointlighthouse.org

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Meet The Members

Cameron Lovett has been a member of CPLHS since 1996 and a lifetime member since about 2003. If you've ever visited the Crisp Point website, you've seen his work. He started working on the site in 1997 and has been maintaining and improving it ever since. We asked Cameron to share some of his thoughts and memories about the light.

Cameron: I first visited Crisp Point in July, 1996 with Mike Simon. We had gotten lost and ended up at Rainbow Lodge and asked for directions. We finally found it after worrying numerous times that we would get stuck in the sand on the two track roads. We came back again in August and helped paint the entrance building door a reddish color. You can see the painted door in pictures where only that south wall of the entrance building remains, after it was washed away.

We saw Crisp Point on a map when we were planning a trip to Whitefish Point and thought it would be fun to try to find it since the roads looked really small on the map. Mike and I have always found deserted places interesting and this looked like one of those places to us. We asked about it at Whitefish Point and they had a brochure that Don & Nellie had made with a map on the back.

It wasn't until the entrance building washed away in November, 1996 that I realized a website was needed to help get the word out about the state of Crisp Point. I knew that it would help Don & Nellie raise the funds needed to get more stone hauled in to protect the lighthouse. In December, 1996, I began learning about HTML while I was at Central Michigan University. The website first went online in July of 1997. You can still read the first guestbook entries from that year on our current website, crisppointlighthouse.org.

My favorite memory of Crisp Point was relighting the light on May 4, 2013 with John Rath and Rick Brockway and seeing the light come on for the first time. We put my jacket over the light to trick the photocell into thinking it was dark so we could see if it was working.

My least favorite memory was visiting the lighthouse after the November, 1996 storm that washed away the entrance building. I honestly thought that the lighthouse would not survive after that because the sand was washed away in front of the tower and you could see the foundation.

In 1999, Don & Nellie said it would be okay if I researched what would need to be done to get the lighthouse relit and if it was even feasible. I contacted the U.S. Coast Guard and they were very helpful. They sent me forms to fill out, information about lights and the options for Crisp Point. I learned that a fixed red light in the tower would not be possible under current standards because it is not an option for landfall lights. I contacted marine lantern manufacturers and found out prices for lights, solar panels and batteries. Unfortunately, Don & Nellie decided not to go ahead with the relighting at that time. They were worried about the maintenance and wanted to focus on the erosion problems.

In February, 2012, I once again started the process of relighting the light. We asked the State Historic Preservation Office for their approval to install a new light and it was granted in April 2012. This time, when getting pricing for the lights, another option was available, LED lights. These are low maintenance and use less energy, perfect for a remote location like Crisp Point which relies on solar power and volunteer help.

A permit to operate a Private Aid to Navigation from May 1 to November 1 was approved in July, 2012 by the U.S. Coast Guard. The CPLHS Board of Directors authorized a fundraising campaign that began in July 2012. Within a month, we had raised enough money to purchase the equipment which was installed in the tower in late 2012. The light became operation on May 4, 2013.



I think the present state of Crisp Point is just right. I don't think we need anything else added to the site unless it is a replica of the keeper's house. I wouldn't want the site to start looking cluttered, it would really take away from the natural and remote feeling you get when you are there.

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Crisp Point Project

Crisp Point Light was the site of a recent ceremony to celebrate the acquisition of 3,810 acres of land by the State of Michigan. This parcel of land is adjacent to the Lighthouse property and includes more than 2 miles of shoreline on Lake Superior. The purchase was made possible by a federal grant of \$4.5 million from the Forest Legacy Program of the U.S. Forest Service along with \$1.5 million from a private donor.

The public will be able to access the property and use it for recreation now that the State is the owner.

The ceremony was held at Crisp Point Light on Thursday, August 15th. Several dignitaries were present and spoke to the crowd of more than 50 people.



Dennis McDougall, Forest Legacy Program, U.S. Forest Service, St. Paul, MN



Tom Bailey, Executive Director, Little Traverse Conservancy



Bill Moritz, Natural Resources Deputy Director, Michigan Department of Natural Resources



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

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

Youth S-M		gray-denim blue-gold		\$10.50	
S-M-L-XL		gray-denim blue-dk orange-sage-gold		\$12.00	
XXL		gray-denim blue-dk orange-sage-gold		\$15.50	
XXXL		gray-orange		\$17.50	

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

S-M-L-XL		navy		\$38.00	
XXL		navy		\$40.00	
XXXL		navy		\$43.00	

Crisp Point Long Sleeve T-Shirt Heavy duty, silk screen of lighthouse, with embroidered lettering

S-M-L-XL		dark red-gray-dark green		\$29.00	
XXL		dark red-gray-dark green		\$32.50	

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

S-M-L-XL		denim		\$35.50	
XXL		denim		\$37.50	
XXXL		denim		\$40.50	

CPLHS Jacket Crisp Point Light Historical Society and lighthouse logo embroidered on front *SPECIAL ORDER*

S-M-L-XL-XXL		red-green-black-khaki-royal blue-navy blue		\$75.00	
Tall L-XL		red-forest green-black-khaki-royal blue-navy blue		\$75.00	

Crisp Point Hoodie Screen print CRISP POINT on front in white

S-M-L-XL		gray - maroon - navy blue		\$27.00	
XXL		gray - maroon - navy blue		\$29.00	
XXXL		gray - maroon - navy blue		\$31.00	

Crisp Point Embroidered Bucket Hat

S/M or L/XL		khaki		\$12.00	
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Crisp Point Denim Cap embroidered, made of stonewashed denim

one size		blue- green- burgundy		\$10.00	
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Harbour Lights Miniature - Fall at Crisp Point

		LED Flashlight & Keychain		\$3.00	
		Crisp Point Lighthouse Ink Pen (black ink)		\$0.94	
		Napkin Holder		\$9.00	
		Crisp Point Light Hat Pin		\$3.00	
		Coffee Mug 14 oz.		\$8.00	
		Black Metal Silhouette 15" x 20"		\$25.00	
		Black Metal Silhouette 21" x 28.5"		\$35.00	
		2013 Lighthouse Calendar		\$10.00	

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Shipping/Handling to U.S.	
Merchandise	Shipping
0-\$5.00	\$2.95
\$5.01-\$25.00	\$7.95
\$25.01-\$50.00	\$10.95
\$50.01-\$75.00	\$14.95
\$75.01 and up	\$17.95

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 call: 517-230-6294 or 517-546-5283

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