

Crisp Point Light Historical Society

P.O. Box 229 Paradise, Michigan 49768

Newsletter #1

July, 1995

We are finally moving forward on preparations to restore and maintain Crisp Point Lighthouse. Our biggest problem is stopping shore erosion at Crisp Point.

We were all delighted last August when we received our lease for the lighthouse and property. It ended a four year process with the United States Coast Guard in Cleveland, Ohio. Our thanks and respect go out to Ann Grasso for her ongoing interest and help to acquire the lease.

Since August, 1994 we have had a certified survey done to determine that Luce County Road 412 runs to the property behind and west of the lighthouse. The McMillan township legal description found in the county road commission office in Newberry, Michigan agrees with the certified survey. Presently County Road 412 is not maintained past the parking area on 412, necessitating a half mile walk. It is not currently possible to drive to the lighthouse. We have spoken in person twice to Frank Spincich the county road crew foreman and twice to Mark Desotell the county Engineer Manager and have sent our written request that County road 412 be maintained. There is another meeting on August 14 at the Luce County Road Commission in Newberry which we will be attending. Restoring the section of County road 412 is not a high priority interest with the Road Commission at present. Therefore, we are looking for interest and support in this matter.

We will be attending a Lightkeepers Conference on July 29 at 9:00am at the Community Center in Paradise. From there we will be going to the lighthouse in the afternoon. There will be a benefit pancake breakfast for Crisp Point Lighthouse on July 30 at 8:00am until ? also held at the Community Center in Paradise.

We have several ideas for the shore line and for filling in the bank to prevent dirt bikes, 4 wheelers and walkers from breaking it down. Hopefully, we can mark a trail to the beach and back that will not further damage the low bluff.

One of our goals of the C.P.L.H.S. would be that we generate volunteer help this summer and fall. There is a need for assistance with tree hauling, planting, and painting among other tasks.

We realize this is short notice but if you can make it to Paradise or the lighthouse this week-end we'll see you then.

We can be reached at 216-647-7677 or leave a message. The answering machine will say ART Unlimited (that's us). We are in the middle of buying a residence in Paradise so we can be near the lighthouse year round.

Thank you for your interest,

Don and Nellie Ross