

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!



First of all, please forgive the lateness of this newsletter. We put it off until now for two reasons. First, we've been busy trying everything possible to save Crisp Point Lighthouse. Secondly, we wanted to be able to tell you all of you some very positive news.

The past two months have found Don & others out at Crisp Point physically working on our erosion problems. The Crisp Point Light Historical Society purchased 5' by 10' sand bags at a cost of \$50.00 a bag from Lee Bobiak at Wertheimer Packaging Company, PO Box 33428, Charlotte, NC 28233. We found out about the extra large bags by contacting folks at Cape Hatteras, N.C. Lighthouse. We used Bill Apel's semi-trash pump to fill the sand bags with lake sand.

This effort started the process of positively attacking the erosion. Along with this, other measures included cutting pine trees and with the help of a jeep and large wench trees were cabled out through the water to the remains of the groin pilings and anchored from them to the shore. Don has been fortunate to get some help with this from Bernie Hellstrom and son Andy Hellstrom from Boyne City. They came up for five weekends in a row! Also helping us was John Rath from Saginaw and Tom Faes from Lansing.

Summer Activities

First, a big THANK YOU to Dee Smith who sold our tees and sweatshirts at the Beaver Island Conference for us and Bill Apel who spoke about C.P.L.H.S. for us at the G.L.L.K.A. Lake Michigan Conference.

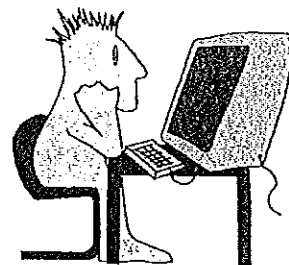
Also, another THANK YOU to Stella Shisler, Cathy Harmon, Kay Du Bois and Rita Lemanek for selling shirts this summer. Kay displayed Crisp Point Light House tees at the Blueberry Festival here in Paradise. She also sold original paintings and sculptures of Crisp Point Lighthouse.

Don & I took time out to attend the Great Lakes Light Keepers Association Lake Superior Conference at Copper Harbor, MI. We had a great time and were able to put some faces to names of members and friends of C.P.L.H.S. Thank you to Dee Smith for being my friend and helper.

Dee Smith and Bill Apel represented C.P.L.H.S. at the Luce County Historical Museum in Newberry, MI. This resulted in many new friends for Crisp Point.

We held our first annual C.P.L.H.S. conference this year! We realize not many can come at the same time. We thank all of you who did make it and appreciate your effort. We learned from this and hope to do it again in 1998. Any input would be helpful.

We had many photographers up to the lighthouse this year. A camera lens and case were retrieved in good shape that someone left at C.P. Please call us if it is yours.



New Web Site

Crisp Point Light Historical Society's Internet Web Site
<http://www.geocities.com/Yosemite/Trails/7568>

In The News



We need to thank many people in the news media who have helped us greatly to get the story out about the "Most Endangered Lighthouse in the United States."

The Lighthouse Digest Magazine (PO Box 1690 Wells, Maine 04090) has been so faithful by writing articles every month about us. This resulted in many donations and memberships. If I owe anyone a coffee mug please let me know!

The Great Lakes Pilot has written much to help let folks know about our lighthouse and the erosion problems. Thank you very much Mary Capagrossa, Mary Dempsey, and Celeste Bailey!

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Welcome to all new members of Crisp Point Light Historical Society

Glenn Muhr
 Mel & Elaine Wright Family
 Gavin & Mary Smith Family
 Michael & Margaret Walbridge Family
 Daniel, Lynda & Nicky Pearl
 Rick & Brenda Crisp Family
 Tom Fauth
 Richard Becker
 David & Kati Walls Family
 Diane Adams

*Harold & Janet Siron Family
 Mike Odenweller
 Geraldine Harrison
 Keith & Wendy Polk Family
 Michael & Nancy Gillotte Family
 **Kevin White
 Erik & Sheryl Holmberg Family
 Walt DeRyke
 Donald Oelke
 Lawrence & Martha Vanbelle Family

Anthony DeAngelis & Lois Dahke Family
 Sherman & Ruby Bennett Family
 Jan Robison
 Roy J. Singleton
 Rich Katuzin
 Myles Hillary
 James & Patricia Spinazzola Family
 John Raths
 Brenda Phreed
 Ken & Billie Hermanson Family

*Don Blair
 Bruce Trudgen
 Tom & Jean "Crisp" Bowen Family
 Jamie Lynn Smith
 Wanda Ames
 *Jane Gertz
 *Jean Gertz
 Joyce Trinkle
 Bill Bennett
 Robert Horn

Rev. Cameron & Laurie Malcolm Family
 **John & Elizabeth Hyde Family
 Christian & Phyllis Jones Family
 Christiana Leggett
 Ellen Vangemert
 Anna Hoge
 Chris Cecil & Margaret King Family

*Membership Renewal

Warren, Michigan
 Edwardsburg, Michigan
 Lansing, Michigan
 Walled Lake, Michigan
 Los Angeles, California
 Holland, Michigan
 Burbank, Illinois
 Mundelein, Illinois
 Cedar Springs, Michigan
 Dafter, Michigan

Wakeman, Ohio
 Delphos, Ohio
 Burton, Michigan
 Troy, Michigan
 Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan
 Hicksville, Ohio
 Ionia, Michigan
 Kalamazoo, Michigan
 Vanderbilt, Michigan
 Chesterfield, Michigan

Boulder, Colorado
 Lansing, Michigan
 Farwell, Michigan
 Lantana, Florida
 Romulus, Michigan
 Cranbury, New Jersey
 Centerline, Michigan
 Saginaw, Michigan
 Lansing, Michigan
 Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan

St. Clair, Michigan
 Williamsburg, Michigan
 Elyria, Ohio
 Harrisville, Michigan
 Newton, New Jersey
 Appleton, Wisconsin
 Appleton, Wisconsin
 Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan
 Iahpeming, Michigan
 St. Ignace, Michigan

Natrona Hts., Pennsylvania
 North Woodstock, New Hampshire
 East Lansing, Michigan
 Carrollton, Georgia
 Kalamazoo, Michigan
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 Almont, Michigan

**Lifetime Membership

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Chris Snow from Newberry, MI wrote a wonderful article about C.P.L. and it appeared in the Newberry newspaper.

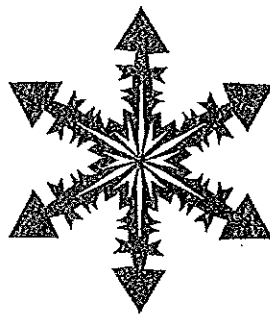
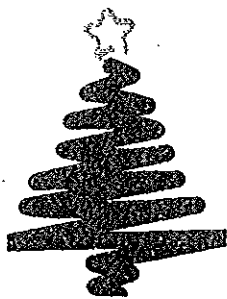
The Mining Journal continues to keep its readers informed as to our plight and need for help. John Pepin wrote these articles.

Lillian Weaver, editor of The Eagle here in Paradise has also kept its readers aware of C.P.L.

A gentleman named Paul Freedman from Sault Ste. Marie, MI has taken on the task of putting C.P.L. before the media. Many thanks to him for all his help.

We spent time this fall with Dell Vaughan and Barry Stutesman of "The Michigan Magazine" TV show. They came out to the lighthouse and shot video and spent a lot of time with us. The show aired November 30, 1997. Videos are available by sending check or money order for \$25.95 to Michigan Magazine Box 503, Rose City, MI 48654. Ask for show #852.

Barry and Dell also talked about C.P.L. to folks during the Great Lakes Lighthouse Festival in Alpena, MI in October.



Great Lakes Lighthouse Festival

C.P.L.H.S. was invited to participate in the Alpena Great Lakes Lighthouse Festival this year by Marvin and Joy Theut. These are some of the nicest folks we've had the pleasure to work with. Don stayed home to work on the lighthouse. I went with Dee Smith and Kay DuBois to the festival. Dee sold tees and sweatshirts and Kay sold original artwork and laser art of Crisp Point. Pat and Chuck Eckenstahler, members of C.P.L.H.S. stayed all weekend and worked for the festival for Crisp Point. Mike Simon and Cameron Lovett spent their time and energy helping in our name too. THANK YOU!!

We talked to many people who have been to the lighthouse and many who have not, but hopefully we'll see you there in 1998.

Sharon and Fred Zurcher stopped to lend a hand and give moral support as did Pat and Jerry Biggs.

We believe this effort will have long lasting effects on Crisp Point Lighthouse in a very positive way. Thank you Marvin for asking us to come. Your efforts may have helped save Crisp Point Lighthouse!

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News You've Been Waiting For!!!

Al Kamuda from the Detroit Free Press and his friend Dwight "Bucko" Teeple visited us together at the lighthouse. Al wrote a story with colored pictures coverage of our efforts to save the lighthouse for the newspaper. Bucko Teeple asked me to send the info. packets that I'd previously sent to the Sault tribes and the Bay Mills tribes to him. We received a phone call from Al and one from Bucko about a week later letting us know that the tribes will help financially. What a great day!

At the same time another call came into us from a foundation telling us that an individual wanted to make a contribution to help save the lighthouse (More about this next time).

These have been answers to our prayers and yours. Crisp Point is getting its "miracle."

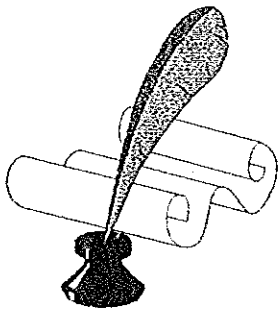
Every article, every person talked to, every work effort made, each donation, and membership have added up to saving the most endangered lighthouse in the USA

Our contractor, John Lechner from Dafer, MI will haul stone from a quarry in Newberry. He will do a complete contract job of \$42,000 now instead of coming back later. We will be able to pay out what we have and owe him the rest. Each truck load of rock will cost \$800.00. We anticipate approximately 50 loads.

We want you to know that the Road Commission of Luce County will be working with us to complete the last 1/4 mile of County Road 412 to the lighthouse. Please write the road commission and let them know you appreciate their work. Ask them for more county road signs to the lighthouse. Also, letters to the Luce Co. Bd. of Commissioners would be helpful to maintain 412 access to the Luce Co. lighthouse. Please send C.P.L.H.S. a copy of your letters for our records.

Luce County Road Commission
423 West McMillan Ave.
Newberry, MI 49868

Luce County Bd. of Commissioners
401 W. Harrie Street
Newberry, MI 49868



The stone is just the first stage of work. Rebuilding the entrance building and repairs to the tower will follow. Also, we need a parking area and a restroom.

WANTED!!

A weather proof see through box to hold newsletters and a log book for visitors to sign.

We Now Have...

Embroidered long sleeve heavy tees and sweatshirts **without** the logo on the back.

NEW!!!

Coffee mugs with C.P.L. artwork and slogans! 12 oz. large handle.
\$10.00 + \$3.00 S&H.

Looking For...

Any old pictures of Crisp Point Lighthouse, people, and life saving stations.

Thank you

Thanks to Cathy Harmon and Dee Smith for helping with all the newsletter mailings!

Have a Wonderful Christmas!!



Welcome All New Members of C.P.L.H.S.!!!

It's That Time!!

Please renew your C.P.L.H.S. membership. Your involvement is greatly appreciated!