

Sable Points e-news

Greetings all,

We are surviving the Sable Points area winter weather quite well, thank you. We have had quite a bit of snow but it all went away in early January. Before you get too excited, the winter weather came back soon after that thaw. While walking in a field on the Buttersville Peninsula (just south of Ludington) on Sunday the 26th the snow was a bit over knee high. Much of that snow has disappeared with our 40+ temps yesterday and today. Don't worry though, it is supposed to go to 10 degrees tonight, and snow. Those of you that don't live around Sable Points area are missing A LOT of snow. Hopefully all of you are enjoying safe, healthy, and happy winter months.

Now for the newsy bits:

First, thanks to Bill Mitchell, we have a new website for you to enjoy and share with your lighthouse enthusiast friends. Please check out www.splka.org. While the site is mostly complete and accurate, you can be an editor and look for anything confusing or wrong. If you find anything (other than crown for crowd in the 140th photo caption) please e-mail Bill Mitchell at twsjm@verizon.net with your concerns. Please identify your information source. Also, we are planning to add an online member directory, so that you can more easily contact other members and keepers you have met. To protect your privacy, you must be a member, you must opt in yearly, and you must access the directory with a password that we will supply. If you want to be a part of this directory, please e-mail Bill at twsjm@verizon.net.

Second, the annual meeting will be held on the Badger the evening of May 17th. Frederick Stonehouse will be presenting a program on the lives of Great Lakes Lighthouse Keepers

The evenings delectable morsels will be "heavy snacks" which was described as a meal by 2006 attendees. More details (price, subject of program, specific time) and an invitation will be in the regular newsletter, which you will receive by mid March.

Third, the cd roms covering the 140th Anniversary Celebration contain 133 pictures with captions. There was earlier talk of music, but that didn't quite work out. The cdr's are now available and you will receive them next week. If you ordered a cd and have yet to pay, now is the time to send your \$5, which covers the postage and handling. The cd is a fantastic reminder of the BSP 140th celebration for those who attended, and a reasonable facsimile of the day for those who couldn't attend. There really is no way to present the climatic foibles of the day electronically, you had to be there.

Next, we thank all who have paid their 2008 membership dues, as the organization could not survive without your support. If you have yet to renew please do so soon.

Finally, some housekeeping items. If you lost a camera memory stick at the 140th celebration, we have your stick and its nice case. It could be yours if you can tell us what's on the stick. Additionally, the organization could really use a 90 inch long table and chairs to facilitate board meetings at the LSP house. If you have such a table and would like to donate it, or sell it cheaply, please contact us at bsplka@t-one.net or craigrenny@t-one.net.

Thank you sincerely for your continued interest and support of the lighthouses under our care,

Craig Renny