

Michigan Hemingway SOCIETY



Michigan In Hemingway:
A Sense of Place
July 22 - 25, 1999

P.O. Box 953 • Petoskey, MI 49770

The July 21, 1999, centennial of Ernest Hemingway's birth provides an unusual opportunity to shed new light on the life and work of the Nobel Prize-winning author who spent his first 19 summers at Walloon Lake, near Petoskey in Northern Michigan. The Michigan Hemingway Society is working in conjunction with several other organizations, notably the Hemingway Foundation of Oak Park, Illinois, and the Little Traverse Historical Society (LTHS) to schedule social, cultural, and educational events to mark this important anniversary.

We will also be celebrating two other 100th birthdays in Petoskey. One is of our special member and friend, Irene Goldstein Gordon: "Irene was Ernest's date, a handsome girl exactly his age....." (*Ernest Hemingway, A Life Story*, Carlos Baker, p. 65) Irene and Ernie were good friends in Petoskey and Chicago in 1919-20, and, because her birthday is the day after his, he always wrote to her at least once a year to honor that occasion. The other is of the beautiful Perry Hotel where MHS members gather each October. (This year's dates: Oct. 16-18, 1999.)

"In Another Country" - Thursday, July 22

- MHS Motor coach leaves Oak Park, Illinois, 7:00 a.m.
- MHS Welcome Reception at museum on Little Traverse Bay, 7:30 p.m.
- Special guest: Irene Gordon, friend and lifelong correspondent of Hemingway
- Readings, performance by the "Beach Bards", 8:30 p.m.

"On Writing" - Friday, July 23

- MHS academic Papers at North Central Michigan College (NCMC), 8:30 - noon
- MHS Luncheon at City Park Grill (Hemingway ate and drank here); presentation by Hemingway nephews James and John Sanford on the republication of their mother Marcelline's book, *At The Hemingways*. John Sanford will also read his humorous parody, "To Knot or Not to Knot."
- MHS Writer's Panel at NCMC conference center featuring Michigan authors on "Michigan as Muse", 2:00 p.m., with Tom Carney, Mike Delp, Jerry Dennis, Judith Guest, Anne-Marie Oomen, and Gloria Whelan. Dr. Chris Picard of NCMC will be featured as panel moderator.
- Book signings, book fair at NCMC conference center, 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
- Traditional Lake Michigan fish boil dinner and musical entertainment at Petoskey's Waterfront, with bicycles, automobiles, and clothing from the era of Hemingway in Michigan to benefit LTHS. Beginning 6 p.m.
- Lovely Walloona*, a play by Hemingway researcher/scholar Morris Buske, will be presented as reader's theatre by Little Traverse Civic Theatre. Buske will show the background slides during the play, which deals with the conflict between Hemingway and his parents after WWI. 8:30 pm NCMC conference center.

"The Last Good Country" - Saturday, July 24

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- Breakfast on your own
- Box lunches provided for MHS conferees today
- Canoe trip option (discretionary fly fishing) on Bear River *e-mail for reservations/fishing guides*
- Walking tours of story settings and Hemingway haunts in Petoskey with local expert, Brad Leech
- Tours of Windemere, Hemingway's summer cottage (access by shuttle only)
- MHS tours and readings at the Indian Camp, Horton Bay, and the Horton Bay General Store
- Irene Gordon's birthday reception, Perry Hotel, 1:30-4:00 PM (MHS will honor Mrs. Gordon on Thurs. evening as well, since some conferees will have tours conflicting with this time slot.)
- MHS dinner at the historic Bay View Inn, 6:00 p.m., followed at 8:30 p.m. by author Constance Cappel [formerly Montgomery] who is issuing a new edition of her *Hemingway in Michigan*.

"The End of Something" - Sunday, July 25

- MHS breakfast at historic Terrace Inn in Bay View, 8:30 a.m.
Keynote speaker Dr. Joseph Waldmeir, charter president and founder of the Michigan Hemingway Society: "Why We Celebrate Hemingway."
- MHS bus departs for Chicago 10:30, ETA 6:30 p.m.

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The city of Petoskey's celebration is a week-long observance from July 18 through 25. Numerous events are planned in Oak Park from July 16 through their concluding gala birthday party July 21.

Museum Exhibits - July 19 - 24

Little Traverse History Museum will mount eight outstanding exhibits relating to the Hemingways: period clothing, furnishings from Windemere, family photographs, etc. The museum is normally open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday but will offer extended hours during Birthday Week. Admission: \$1 per person. The museum is located in Petoskey's waterfront park.

Windemere Tours - July 18 -24

With cooperation from the Hemingway family, tours of the cottage on Walloon Lake will be offered from Sunday, July 18 through Saturday, July 24 at 10 a.m., noon, 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. The cottage will be decorated circa 1915 and will exhibit furnishings and artifacts used by the Hemingway family during the first two decades of the century. Transportation and admission to the site must be made by authorized shuttle only; no parking is available for private vehicles. MHS conference participants will receive tickets and reservation times in their registration packets upon arriving in Petoskey. This tour opportunity is a rare one, as the cottage is a private home.

Hemingway in Michigan

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This well-known volume of research on Hemingway's activities in Michigan has long been out of print. LTHS has received a grant to assist in reprinting the book with permission and revisions by the author, Constance Cappel. An important resource for Hemingway historians, the book will be offered for sale at the museum.

Hemingway Friends - Tuesday, July 20

Hemingway family associates will share their stories and experiences at the museum.

Birthday Dinner - Wednesday, July 21

A French chef is preparing a \$50-a-plate gala to honor the author's debut. Proceeds benefit the LTHS.

HOUSING

Those wishing to attend the Petoskey events are advised to book lodging well in advance.

Petoskey is a popular resort community, and July is considered peak season. The following properties have set aside blocks of rooms for Michigan Hemingway Society guests; you must mention the society to get the preferred rate. (note: Those taking the bus from Oak Park will have shuttle service provided to conference events *only* if they are housed in one of these properties.)

•PERRY HOTEL: (Historic host hotel for MHS annual October conferences.) \$75 per room or \$120 per room (price differentiates view from room, size of room, and fanciness of decor). Amenities include in-house dining, lounge, hot tub. Located downtown. Will hold until June 15. 800-456-1917. "Hemingway slept here."

•BEST WESTERN \$75 for room with two double beds, \$85 for room with two queen-sized beds. Will hold until July 1. 888-738-6753. Amenities include pool, hot tub, sauna, workout room. No in-house dining. Located three miles from downtown.

•TERRACE INN (historic property in Bay View) \$79 for room with one double bed, \$99 for room with air conditioning. Will hold until June 1. 800-530-9898. Amenities include private baths, in-house dining. Located three miles from downtown.

•NCMC Dorms: \$60 per room, per night, 2 per room, two rooms share bath. 616-348-6611. Will hold until May 31. Located two miles from downtown. The dorms are not air-conditioned.

(For other accommodations, please call Petoskey-Harbor Springs-Boyne Country Visitors Bureau at 800-845-2828, or see bureau's web page at <http://www.boynecountry.com>)



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Centennial motorcoach
tour retraces 1916
Hemingway family journey
to Michigan

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It was the summer of 1916, time for the Hemingway family to make their annual pilgrimage from Oak Park to their northern Michigan cottage.

The four girls, with Marcelline -- the eldest at 19 -- in charge, boarded the train as usual. But Grace and her "three boys", Clarence, Ernest, and Leicester, opted for a more rugged adventure. They packed their gear and "drove all the way to Walloon Lake in Tin Lizzy." It was the family's first road trip to their summer retreat.

Clarence's journal and Grace's photographs document the journey, which will be traced via motorcoach during the Hemingway centennial celebrations this July. With Hemingway researcher/scholar Morris Buske narrating, the coach will leave Oak Park July 22, heading for Petoskey, Michigan, and tours of the Hemingway cottage. Following two days of Hemingway-related activities, the bus will return to Oak Park on July 25.

Buske's research culminated in publication of an article about the trip, scheduled for print in the April issue of *Michigan History Magazine*. He notes it took five days to cover the 487 miles, allowing time to replace flat tires and correct missed turns. Clarence scribbles in his journal that next time, he will take a compass!

Sponsored by the Michigan Hemingway Society, the motorcoach tour is the first event of centennial observances in the setting which proved so influential in Hemingway's earliest work. The *Nick Adams Stories* are filled with references to the woods and waters of Ernest's youth, many of which still remain untouched by developers. Tours of these sites, readings from the stories, visits to the newly-renovated Windemere, and talks by contemporary Michigan writers comprise the remaining activities of the observance, which is being held in cooperation with the Little Traverse Historical Society and North Central Michigan College.

Fees for the motorcoach journey are \$75 per person, payable by June 15, 1999. To reserve space, e-mail mhs@freeway.net or phone 517-684-0753. Conference fees are \$185 per person, discounted to \$160 per person if paid by July 1. For a full itinerary, see <http://www.freeway.net/community/civic/hemingway> or request in writing from Michigan Hemingway Society, P.O. Box 953, Petoskey, MI 49770. Please enclose SASE.

MHS CONFERENCE FEES

Hemingway Centennial July 22-25, 1999 (Fees payable by personal check or money order.)

Roundtrip motorcoach from Oak Park to Petoskey: \$75 per person, *payable by June 15.*

Conference fee \$185 per person. If paid by July 1, the fee will be discounted to \$160 per person.

Conference fees include all meals and activities listed for Thurs., July 22 through Sun., July 25 breakfast, except those marked "optional" or "on your own."

Please mail the form below with your check or money order to register:

"MICHIGAN IN HEMINGWAY" PETOSKEY, MICHIGAN
JULY 22 - 25, 1999

Name(s) _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Telephone: _____ E-mail: _____

Conference fee is \$185 per person (\$160 before July 1).

Motorcoach transportation fee is \$75 per person (**payable by June 15**).

Lodging is not included in the conference fee. For accommodations, see page 3 or contact:
Petoskey-Harbor Springs-Boyne Country Visitors Bureau at 616 347-4150 or 1-800-845-2828.

I have enclosed my check for \$ _____ (conference fee for _____ people)

I have enclosed my check for \$ _____ (motorcoach fee for _____ people)

_____ I wish to join the Mich. Hemingway Society. Enclosed find \$10 annual dues for 1999

I cannot attend this year, but here is my tax deductible contribution of \$ _____ to help
with this worthy effort.

**Mail to: THE MICHIGAN HEMINGWAY SOCIETY
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For any assistance or questions, please feel free to call Charlotte Ponder 256-350-7745 or E-mail
at: C2ponder@aol.com

CALL FOR PAPERS

The Michigan Hemingway Society invites papers on the subjects "Michigan in Hemingway" and "Hemingway in Michigan" to be presented at its meeting in Petoskey, July 23-25, 1999. (Immediately following the Oak Park Centennial Conference.)

We invite submissions on Hemingway's life and work and on relevant history and culture of northern Michigan. We are hoping for papers that will appeal simultaneously to academic and general listeners. Send proposals or completed papers (preferred) to:

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