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Short Form Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except private foundations)

OMB No 1545-1150

2014

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Department of the Treasury

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Α	A For the 2014 calendar year, or tax year beginning , 2014, and ending					, 20
В	Check if ap	opticable	C Name of organization	D Emplo	yer id	entification number
	Address change VERMONT ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY					3-0266847
	Name cha	inge		E Telepi		
닏	Initial retur		P.O. BOX 782			
H	City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code					mption
H	Amended return Application pending WILLISTON, VERMONT 05495					>
느		ung Method:				f the organization is not
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				•		D-EZ, or 990-PF).
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			☐ Corporation ☐ Trust ☐ Association ☐ Other PUBLIC CHAR			
			7b to line 9 to determine gross receipts. If gross receipts are \$200,000 or more, or if total a	assets		
			v) are \$500,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ	<u> </u>	\$	2901
Ŀ	art l		e, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances (see the in			stor Part I)
		Check if	the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part I			<u> </u>
	1	Contribution	ons, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received	[1	694
	2	Program s	ervice revenue including government fees and contracts	[2	. 0
	3	Membersh	ip dues and assessments	[3	1317
	4	Investmen	tincome	[4	0
	5a	Gross amo	ount from sale of assets other than inventory 5a	o		
	Ь		or other basis and sales expenses	0		
	C		ss) from sale of assets other than inventory (Subtract line 5b from line 5a)		5c	n
£ %		Gaming ar	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·			
<u> </u>	a	Gross inc	ł			
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_ Œ	1		aising events reported on line 1) (attach Schedule G if the ch gross income and contributions exceeds \$15,000) 6b			
ر ب	1			485	1	
	C		et expenses from gaming and fundraising events 6c	1032		
, ,	d		e or (loss) from gaming and fundraising events (add lines 6a and 6b and subt	tract		
در		line 6c)			6d	(547)
,	7a		s of inventory, less returns and allowances	407	- 1	
5	b		of goods sold	415	- 1	
5	C	-	it or (loss) from sales of inventory (Subtract line 7b from line 7a)	[7c	(8)
	8		nue (describe in Schedule O)	[8	0
_	9_	Total reve	nue. Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6d, 7c, and 8	. ▶	9	1456
	10	Grants and	d similar amounts paid (list in Schedule O)	[10	100
	11		aid to or for members	[11	0
Se	12	Salaries, o	ther compensation, and employee benefits MAY.	[12	0
ns.	13	Profession	al fees and other payments to independent contractors	[13	0
Expenses	14	Occupano		[14	247
ă	15	Printing, p	ublications, postage, and shipping	[15	0
	16		enses (describe in Schedule O)	1	16	2470
	17	•	enses. Add lines 10 through 16	. •	17	2817
	10		(deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9)		18	(1361)
et St	19		s or fund balances at beginning of year (from line 27, column (A)) (must agree	with		(1301)
SS	1		ar figure reported on prior year's return)		19	21010
Net Assets	20	· ·	nges in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)		20	21918
ž	21		or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 18 through 20		21	1104
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Pa	rt II Balance Sheets (see the instructions	•				
	Check if the organization used Schedule	O to respond to a	ny question in this	Part II		<u></u> 🗸
			ļ	(A) Beginning of year	L	(B) End of year
22	Cash, savings, and investments			4903		3542
23	Land and buildings			3150	_	2993
24	Other assets (describe in Schedule O)			13865		15126
25	Total assets			21918		21661
26	Total liabilities (describe in Schedule O)				26	0
27	Net assets or fund balances (line 27 of column			21918	27	21661
rai	Statement of Program Service Accom	•		•		Expenses
\A/ba	Check if the organization used Schedule t is the organization's primary exempt purpose?		ny question in this	Part III	(Rea	uired for section
		Educational				c)(3) and 501(c)(4)
as n	cribe the organization's program service accompline in the sure of the concise in the control of	nanner, describe the ach program title.	e services provide	d, the number of	orga othe	nizations; optional for
28	Bringing Amateur Astronomy to Vermont public, three			Educational pro-		
	grams, Telescope making, Solar observing, Astro im-	aging, and Dark Sky I	Preservation.			
	No direct Expenses occurred or Fees charged.					
~	(Grants \$) If this amount	includes foreign gra	ints, check here .	▶ 📋	28a	0
29						
	(Cranto \$) If this amount	unaludas favoias aus			~ ~-	
30		includes foreign gra			29a	
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	(Grants \$) If this amount	includes foreign gra	ents check here	>	30a	
31	Other program services (describe in Schedule O)				504	
	· · ·	includes foreign gra			31a	
32	Total program service expenses (add lines 28a	through 31a)		▶	32	1 0
Par						
	Check if the organization used Schedule					🗀
	(a) Name and title	(b) Average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Reportable compensation (Forms W-2/1099-MISC (if not paid, enter -0-)		0	Estimated amount of their compensation
Jack	St. Louis, President					
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Joe (Comeau, Vice President					
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Paul	Walker, Secretary					
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Doug	Williamson, Treasurer	-				
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Robe	rt Horton, Director					
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Gary	Nowak, Director]	İ	
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	instructions for Part V) Check if the organization used Schedule 0 to respond to any question in this	Part	v Yes	No
33	Did the organization engage in any significant activity not previously reported to the IRS? If "Yes," provide a detailed description of each activity in Schedule O	33	163	√
34	Were any significant changes made to the organizing or governing documents? If "Yes," attach a conformed copy of the amended documents if they reflect a change to the organization's name. Otherwise, explain the change on Schedule O (see instructions)	34		1
35a	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year from business activities (such as those reported on lines 2, 6a, and 7a, among others)?	35a		1
b	If "Yes," to line 35a, has the organization filed a Form 990-T for the year? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O	35b		1
C	Was the organization a section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6) organization subject to section 6033(e) notice, reporting, and proxy tax requirements during the year? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III	35c		1
36	Did the organization undergo a liquidation, dissolution, termination, or significant disposition of net assets during the year? If "Yes," complete applicable parts of Schedule N	36		1
37a	Enter amount of political expenditures, direct or indirect, as described in the instructions ▶ 37a 0			
b	Did the organization file Form 1120-POL for this year?	37b		✓
38a	Did the organization borrow from, or make any loans to, any officer, director, trustee, or key employee or were any such loans made in a prior year and still outstanding at the end of the tax year covered by this return?	200		,
b	If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II and enter the total amount involved 38b	38a		1
39	Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter:	1]
а	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on line 9	·		
b	Gross receipts, included on line 9, for public use of club facilities]	-	
40a	Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Enter amount of tax imposed on the organization during the year under: section 4911 ▶			
b	Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations. Did the organization engage in any section 4958 excess benefit transaction during the year, or did it engage in an excess benefit transaction in a prior year			
	that has not been reported on any of its prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I	40b		✓
С	Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations. Enter amount of tax imposed on organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under sections 4912, 4955, and 4958			
d	Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations. Enter amount of tax on line 40c reimbursed by the organization			
е	All organizations. At any time during the tax year, was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction? If "Yes," complete Form 8886-T	40e	-	- /
41	List the states with which a copy of this return is filed ► NONE			
42a		802 38		
ь	Located at ▶ PO Box 123, Middlebury, VT ZIP + 4 ▶ At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in or a signature or other authority over	05753	-0123 Yes	
_	a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)?	42b	163	140
	If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: ▶			
	See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for FinCEN Form 114, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts (FBAR).			
С	At any time during the calendar year, did the organization maintain an office outside the U.S.?	42c		✓
43	Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-EZ in lieu of Form 1041—Check here and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the tax year		. I	▶ □
44:			Yes	No
44a	Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds during the year? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ	44a		1
b	Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities during the year? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ	44b		
C	Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the year?	44c		└ ✓
d	If "Yes" to line 44c, has the organization filed a Form 720 to report these payments? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O	44.		
45a	Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?	44d 45a		1
b	Did the organization receive any payment from or engage in any transaction with a controlled entity within the	a		
	meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes," Form 990 and Schedule R may need to be completed instead of Form 990-EZ (see instructions)	45b		- /

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							Ye	s No
46	Did the organization engage, directly or in			behalf of or	in opposit		188	
	to candidates for public office? If "Yes," of	 	, Part I	· · · · ·	· · ·	<u>. </u>	46	✓
Part '	VI Section 501(c)(3) organizations All section 501(c)(3) organization 50 and 51. Check if the organization used Sci	is must answer que			mplete the	e table	es for li	nes
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47	Did the organization engage in lobbying year? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Par		section 501(h) election	n ın effect o	during the	- 1	47	1
48	Is the organization a school as described in		•			· -	48	/
49a								1
50 50	If "Yes," was the related organization a se Complete this table for the organization's						49b	nd key
50	employees) who each received more than							
<u></u>	(a) Name and title of each employee	(b) Average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Reportable compensation (Forms W-2/1099-MISC)	(d) Health contributions benefit plans, comper	benefits, to employee and deferred	(e) Esti	mated am	nount of
NONE								
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f	Total number of other employees paid ov	er \$100,000	. NONE					
51	Complete this table for the organization \$100,000 of compensation from the organization			contractors	who each	ı recei	ved mo	re than
	(a) Name and business address of each independ	dent contractor	(b) Type of serv	ice	(c)) Compe	nsation	
NONE								
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52	Total number of other independent contra Did the organization complete Schedu	•		nizations ~		ONE h a		
JZ	completed Schedule A	· · · · · · · · · · · · ·				.▶☑	Yes [] No
Under p	enalties of penury declare that have examined this rect, and complete Declaration of pregarer (other than	return, including accompan n officer) is based on all info	lying schedules and stateme ormation of which preparer h	ents, and to the las any knowle	best of my kr dge	nowledg	e and beli	ef, it is
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Sign	Signature of officer			Date	e			
Here	Doug Williamson, Treasurer Type or print name and title							
	y type of print harne and title							

Preparer's signature

Print/Type preparer's name

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? See instructions

Firm's name

Firm's address ▶

Paid Preparer Use Only

► ☐ Yes ☐ No

PTIN

Check I if self-employed

Firm's EIN ▶

Phone no

Date

SCHEDULE A (Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Name of the organization

Public Charity Status and Public Support

Complete if the organization is a section 501(c)(3) organization or a section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust.

► Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.

Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service ▶ Information about Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

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Name	e of the organization	Employer identification number							
	MONT ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY	** ** ** **	,			03-0266847			
_	rt I Reason for Public Ch						ons.		
1 ne	organization is not a private foun A church, convention of chu			•	-	•			
2	A school described in section			ibed in S	ecuon n	υ(b)(1)(A)(i).			
3	☐ A hospital or a cooperative h			in section	n 170(b)(1)(A)(iii).			
4	A medical research organization hospital's name, city, and st	ition operated in c					(iii). Enter the		
5	An organization operated for section 170(b)(1)(A)(iv). (Co		college or university	owned o	or operate	ed by a government	al unit described in		
6 7	=								
8	☐ A community trust described		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	Part II.)					
9									
10 11	 An organization organized and operated exclusively to test for public safety. See section 509(a)(4). An organization organized and operated exclusively for the benefit of, to perform the functions of, or to carry out the purposes of one or more publicly supported organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or section 509(a)(2). See section 509(a)(3). Check the box in lines 11a through 11d that describes the type of supporting organization and complete lines 11e, 11f, and 11g. 								
а	Type I. A supporting organization organization. You must co	n(s) the power to re	egularly appoint or ele						
b	Type II. A supporting orga control or management of organization(s). You must	the supporting ore	ganızatıon vested in th						
С	ts supported organization						y integrated with,		
d	Type III non-functionally that is not functionally inte requirement (see instructional see instruction	grated. The organi	zation generally must	satisfy a	distributi	on requirement and			
е		nization received a	written determination	from the	IRS that	it is a Type I, Type I	II, Type III		
f	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		• •						
g				•			<u> </u>		
	(i) Name of supported organization	(ii) EIN	(iii) Type of organization (described on lines 1–9 above or IRC section (see instructions))	listed in you	organization ur governing ment?	(v) Amount of monetary support (see instructions)	(vi) Amount of other support (see instructions)		
			(300 1100 20110110))	Yes	No				
(A)									
(B)									
(C)									
(D)									
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Part							
	(Complete only if you checked the						alify under
	Part III. If the organization fails to	qualify unde	er the tests lis	sted below, p	lease comple	ete Part III.)	
	on A. Public Support		r 	,	, ·· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		,
	dar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2010	(b) 2011	(c) 2012	(d) 2013	(e) 2014	(f) Total
1	Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.")						
2	Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
3	The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
4	Total. Add lines 1 through 3			_			
5	The portion of total contributions by each person (other than a governmental unit or publicly supported organization) included on line 1 that exceeds 2% of the amount shown on line 11, column (f)						
6	Public support. Subtract line 5 from line 4.					l	<u> </u>
	on B. Total Support	(=) 2010	(b) 0011	(a) 2012	(40,0012	(-) 0014	(0 Tata)
Calen	dar year (or fiscal year beginning in) Amounts from line 4	(a) 2010	(b) 2011	(c) 2012	(d) 2013	(e) 2014	(f) Total
8	Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources						
9	Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
10	Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part VI.)						
11 12 1 3	Total support. Add lines 7 through 10 Gross receipts from related activities, etc. First five years. If the Form 990 is for the	ne organization	n's first, secon	d, third, fourth	, or fifth tax y		
	organization, check this box and stop he			<u></u>	<u> </u>	· · · · ·	> 🗆
	on C. Computation of Public Suppor						
14	Public support percentage for 2014 (line 6		-			14	<u>%</u>
15 16a	Public support percentage from 2013 Sch 331/3% support test—2014. If the organization qual box and stop here. The organization qual	zation did not	check the box	on line 13, and	d line 14 is 33 ¹		
b	331/3% support test—2013. If the organicheck this box and stop here. The organic	nization did no	t check a box	k on line 13 or	r 16a, and line		or more,
17a	10%-facts-and-circumstances test—20 10% or more, and if the organization mee Part VI how the organization meets the "forganization	ets the "facts- acts-and-circu	and-circumsta imstances" tes	inces" test, che st. The organiz	eck this box ar	nd stop here. I as a publicly s	Explain in
b	10%-facts-and-circumstances test—20 15 is 10% or more, and if the organizate Explain in Part VI how the organization m supported organization	ion meets the eets the	e "facts-and-ci s-and-circums	rcumstances" tances" test. T	test, check th he organizatio	nis box and st in qualifies as a	i, and line t op here . a publicly
18	Private foundation. If the organization durinstructions	d not check a	box on line 13	, 16a, 16b, 17a	a, or 17b, chec	k this box and	see

Part III Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Section 509(a)(2)

(Complete only if you checked the box on line 9 of Part I or if the organization failed to qualify under Part II.)

If the organization fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part II.)

Secti	on A. Public Support						
Calen	dar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2010	(b) 2011	(c) 2012	(d) 2013	(e) 2014	(f) Total
1	Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees					_	
	received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.")	1405	1430	1219	1461	2011	7526
2	Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise						
	sold or services performed, or facilities furnished in any activity that is related to the						
	organization's tax-exempt purpose	713	713	1684	668	892	4670
3	Gross receipts from activities that are not an						
	unrelated trade or business under section 513	o	o	0	0	o	0
4	Tax revenues levied for the						<u>-</u>
•	organization's benefit and either paid	ì		·			
	to or expended on its behalf	o	o	o	o	o	0
5	The value of services or facilities						
	furnished by a governmental unit to the					1	
	organization without charge	اه	0	0	o	أه	0
6	Total. Add lines 1 through 5	2118	2143	2903	2129	2903	12196
7a	Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3		2140	2000		2000	72.100
	received from disqualified persons						
b	Amounts included on lines 2 and 3						····
_	received from other than disqualified	i					
	persons that exceed the greater of \$5,000						
	or 1% of the amount on line 13 for the year						
С	Add lines 7a and 7b						
8	Public support (Subtract line 7c from						····
	line 6.)						
Secti	on B. Total Support				,		
Calen	dar year (or fiscal year beginning in) 🕨	(a) 2010	(b) 2011	(c) 2012	(d) 2013	(e) 2014	(f) Total
9	Amounts from line 6	2118	2143	2903	2129	2903	12196
10a	Gross income from interest, dividends,						
	payments received on securities loans, rents,						
	royalties and income from similar sources .	123	110	0	0	0	233
b	Unrelated business taxable income (less						
	section 511 taxes) from businesses						
	acquired after June 30, 1975	0	0	0	0	0	
С	Add lines 10a and 10b	123	110	0	0	0	233
11	Net income from unrelated business						
	activities not included in line 10b, whether						
	or not the business is regularly carried on	0	0	0	0	0	0
12	Other income. Do not include gain or						
	loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part VI.)						
42	Total support. (Add lines 9, 10c, 11,	0	0	0	. 0	0	0
13	and 12.)		2250				
14	First five years. If the Form 990 is for the	2241	2253		or fifth tax ve	2903	12429
17	organization, check this box and stop he	-			_		
Secti	on C. Computation of Public Suppor			· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		·····	
15	Public support percentage for 2014 (line 8			3. column (f))		15	98 %
16	Public support percentage from 2013 Sch						submitted %
	Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage						
17	Investment income percentage for 2014 (y line 13, colur	nn (f))	17	2 %
18	Investment income percentage from 2013			-		18 no	submitted %
19a	331/3% support tests-2014. If the organization did not check the box on line 14, and line 15 is more than 331/3%, and line						
	17 is not more than 331/3%, check this box	and stop here.	The organization	on qualifies as a	a publicly supp	orted organizati	on . 🕨 📝
b	331/3% support tests-2013. If the organiz						131/3%, and
	line 18 is not more than 331/3%, check this t		-	-			
20	Private foundation. If the organization di	d not check a l	oox on line 14,	, 19a, or 19b, c	heck this box	and see instru	ctions 🕨 🔲

SCHEDULE O' (Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ

Complete to provide information for responses to specific questions on Form 990 or 990-EZ or to provide any additional information.

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Name of the organization	Employer identification number
VERMONT ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY	03-0266847
LINE 10: Grants and similar amounts paid:	
International Dark Sky Association membership dues \$100	
LINE 16: Other Expenses:	
Insurance costs, P.O. Box rental, Bank checks and paper statements. \$515	
Equipment Purchases; Solar battery charger, Shearer Telescope collection, \$1833	
Cost of 51 unsold 50th anniversary patches \$122	
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LINE 20: Other changes in net assets:	
Depreciation of Assets (\$851)	
Depreciation of Assets (\$651)	
Additions to Assets \$1955	
LINE 24: Other assets:	
LINE 24: Other assets:	
Telescopes And Equipment for Green Mountain Observatory and use at public events around	northern Vermont \$15126
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