

**Form 1024 ~ Application for Recognition of Exemption
under section 501(c)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code**

Supplemental Answers to questions:

Part I #6 Yes, in January of 2009, the Club submitted an application for exemption under section 501(c)(3) but after reading the IRS' letter dated April 20, 2009 we have decided to change to a 501(c)(7) organization and have amended and re-stated our Articles of Incorporation with the Colorado Secretary of State to reflect this change, so therefore we re re-applying for exemption under this new section.

Part II #1

The National Park Travelers Club is organized to provide networking and recognition opportunities for visitors to the National Park System and collectors of Passport to Your National Parks stamp cancellations. The Club was informally organized under a Constitution in the summer of 2004, and has operated continually since then. The Club engages in the following activities:

- Maintaining a website, message board, and archived trip reports at www.parkstamps.org
- Dissemination on the exact locations of Cancellation Stations for the Passport to Your National Parks Program through the "Master List" and "Master Map"
- Providing recognition to our Members through "Lifetime Achievement Awards," annual "Master Traveler Awards," and other miscellaneous contests such as the "Mystery Park Award" and the "10 Most Wanted" contest.
- Organizing the Annual Stampers Convention at a National Park each year to provide fellowship among our members and other interested persons who enjoy collecting Passport to Your National Parks Cancellation Stamps and visiting the National Parks

The Passport to Your National Parks Program is run by Eastern National, Inc., a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to supporting the National Parks. The Passport Program provides one or more rubber stamps to every National Park, as well as to the Affiliated Areas, National Trails, and National Heritage Areas that act as extensions of the National Park System. Each rubber stamp bears the name of the Park, a location, and an adjustable date. Our members collect the cancellation impressions of these rubber stamps to commemorate their travels and visits through the National Park System. The Club is not affiliated with Eastern National, Inc.

Message Board

The Club maintains a website, message board, and archive of trip reports at www.parkstamps.org. The message board provides an open forum for members to post about their experiences in visiting National Parks or collecting Passport to Your National Parks Cancellations, or to ask questions to help them plan future trips or visits. Those posts that are deemed most valuable are archived in the trip reports section of our message board. The message board also offers opportunities for fellowship among the members through posts about personal matters in members' lives, and also through the popular "Mystery Photo" game, where a member posts a photo from their travels, and other members attempt to guess the Park where the photo was taken.

Most of the message board is open to members and non-members of the Club who register for a user account on the website. There is no fee for a user account. A small section of the message board is reserved as a Members-only Forum for discussing Club business. The trip report archives are also restricted to members only. There are no other fees associated with participation on the website.

The message board has operated continuously since the Club's formation in 2004. The website hosting the message board is maintained on a volunteer basis by Mike Brown, a member of the Club's Executive Committee, from his home in New Jersey. The trip report archives are collected and maintained on a volunteer basis by John Giorgis, also a member of the Club's Executive Committee, from his home in Maryland.

There are currently only minimal expenses associated with maintaining the website. The website is operated using open-source software. The server space is provided as a service over the Internet. Programming and maintenance of the website are all done on a volunteer basis. Expenses for the website include registration of our Internet domain name and rental of server space, for a total of approximately \$200 per year. Approximately 750 hours a year are spent on maintaining the website, which represents about 17% of the total time spent on Club activities by members of the Executive Committee. The website is a significant activity as it is accessible to our members and to the public 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Members who may not be able to attend the Convention or qualify for one of our special recognitions are still able to make use of our website and message board.

Master List & Master Map

The Club maintains information on the exact location of every known Passport cancellation stamp in the Master List and Master Map, both of which are made available on our website. The Master List is a Microsoft Excel spreadsheet containing the text of every stamp, each stamp's location, and often other helpful information for locating a cancellation stamp such as hours, directions, phone numbers, admission fees, etc. The Master List is owned and copyrighted by a club member, Nancy Bandlely who has licensed the Club to publish it on the Club's website. The Master Map is a Google Earth kmz file containing the location of each stamp, along with the locations of other important Park locations, and often other helpful information such as hours, directions, phone numbers, admission fees, and location websites, etc.. The Master Map is owned by the club. The Master List and Master Map further the Club's purposes by aiding our members in planning their trips to visit the National Parks and collect Passport cancellation stamps.

The underlying information in the Master List and Master Map is collated from trip reports provided by members of the Club, as well as from research of information available on publicly-available websites, such as those of the National Park Service. The Master Map is compiled on a volunteer basis by John Giorgis, a member of the Club's Executive Committee, from his home in Maryland. The Master Map is generally updated every 1-2 months throughout the year. The Master List is licensed from Nancy Bandlely at no cost to the Club. Nancy Bandlely does not receive any compensation or remuneration for maintaining the Master List, nor for licensing it to the Club.

The Master List and Master Map are only made available to members of the Club. There are no other fees associated with use of the Master List or Master Map. There are no expenses associated with maintaining the Master List and Master Map, other than those expended to maintain our message board and website (see above). The Master List and Master Map are only made available in electronic format. The website programming and maintenance are done on a volunteer basis by Mike Brown from his home in New Jersey. Also as noted above, the work of compiling the Master List and Master Map are also done on a volunteer basis. The number of hours spent on maintaining the Master List and Master Map are not currently tracked.

The Master List has been licensed and maintained continuously since the formation of the Club in 2004. The Master Map was initially developed in 2006 when Google Earth technology became widely available and has been maintained continuously since then. The Master List and Master Map are a very significant activity for the Club. Many members cite the Master List and Master Map as among the most valuable benefits of Membership, since they play an important role in helping members plan their own travels. The Master List recognizes the last person to confirm each known stamp, and so is one of the most-accessible recognitions that we offer. The Master Map requires about 8 hours per month to maintain. This represents about 20% of the time spent on Club activities by the members of the Executive Committee.

Awards and Recognition

Our Club also provides fellowship and recognition to our Members through our awards programs. The awards program has operated continuously since the Club's founding in 2004.

Our most important awards program is the Lifetime Achievement Award Program, and the Club's highest award is the Platinum Lifetime Achievement Award, which is given to members and those approved by the Executive Committee, who have visited every Unit of the National Park System then in existence (currently 391, as of this writing) during his or her lifetime. The Club also awards Bronze, Silver, and Gold Lifetime Achievement Awards to any Member who visits 100, 200, or 300 Units of the National Park System, respectively, during his or her lifetime. Thus far, 11 persons (including three couples) have been recognized by the Club with the Platinum Lifetime Achievement Award. Lifetime Achievement awards may be requested electronically, and are awarded based on the word of the applicant that he or she has visited the requisite number of Units in the National Park System.

The Club additionally makes annual "Master Traveler" awards at the Bronze, Silver, and Gold level. These awards are granted for visiting a requisite number of areas in the National Park System, within certain requirements for geographic diversity, and for collecting a requisite number of cancellations in the Passport to Your National Parks Program. The specific details of each award level are made available on our website. Award applications are made in writing, using a form that may be printed from our website and photocopies of the collected cancellations.

The Club has other miscellaneous awards, including a "Mystery Park" award granted for visiting a specific Park each year that is selected by the President in recognition of some major anniversary being celebrated by that Park in that year. The identity of the Mystery Park is not revealed until the end of the year. Another award is the "10 Most Wanted Award," which is granted to a Member for collecting a cancellation from any one of 10 cancellations that have been identified by the Executive Committee as being particularly difficult to collect. An award is also given for collecting at least one cancellation from each of the nine geographical regions in the Passport Program within a calendar year.

All award applications are reviewed on a volunteer basis by Nancy Bandlely, a member of our Executive Committee, from her home in California. Awards are printed on a volunteer basis by Mike Brown, a member of our Executive Committee, from his home in New Jersey. The awards program consumes approximately 225 hours per year, which is about 20% of the hours spent by members of the

Executive Committee on Club business. The Platinum Lifetime Achievement Award is a plaque, all other awards are certificates. The cost of award supplies and postage is approximately \$500 per year.

The Platinum Lifetime Achievement Award is open to any person. All other awards are only open to Members of the Club. There are no additional fees associated with participation in the awards program.

Annual Convention

The Club hosts an annual convention at a National Park each year to provide opportunities for in-person fellowship and networking among National Park travelers and collectors of Passport Cancellations from all over the country. The Convention typically occurs on a Saturday afternoon, and includes special presentations from the personnel of the Park, a related guest speaker, and a brief session devoted to Club business. In addition, many of the Club's members typically meet for dinner on the Friday evening preceding the Convention, and also typically meet for a group excursion within the National Park on the following Sunday.

The Convention is organized by one of our Members, who acts as an informal "host" for the Convention, each year on a volunteer basis. For example, the 2009 Convention is being organized on a volunteer basis by Tristan Davis from his home in Arizona. The process of finding a suitable Convention site each year, including organizing the agenda, activities, and group discounts for travel arrangements typically takes approximately 75 hours. This represents about 5% of the time spent on Club activities by members of the Executive Committee.

The Convention is open to both Members and any interested non-Members. There are no additional fees associated with attendance at the Convention itself. Fees may be charged to cover costs for the group dinner on Friday night, or to cover costs associated with the excursion on Sunday. The fee for the Friday night group dinner at the 2009 Convention is \$10. There is no fee associated with the Sunday excursion at the 2009 Convention, which is a Ranger-guided hike. The Convention can cost up to \$1000 per year depending on the cost of meeting space. The dinners, if not ordered directly by those present from a menu and settled individually, are prepaid by the club and the exact cost is passed through to those attending, members and non-members alike. The Club has hosted the Convention each year since 2004.

Part II #2

The majority of the Club's financial support (typically 70-80%) comes in the form of membership dues. The Club's only formal solicitation of membership is through its website. Many people who are interested in traveling to the National Parks or collecting Passport to Your National Parks cancellations are drawn to our website because of our message board, and because of the presence of the Master List and Master Map. The Club provides a "free sample" of a portion of the Master List and Master Map to the general public, but restricts access to the full Master List and Master Map to Members. Members of the general public are welcome to participate on the message board, but are encouraged to become members. Access to our Trip Reports Archives is restricted to members. Otherwise, the Club relies upon word-of-mouth from our membership to solicit additional members.

The Club also receives proceeds from advertisement space on its website, typically 20-30% of our income. All advertisements are solicited and placed entirely through Google AdSense, a widely-used commercial advertising hosting service for websites. The Club does not individually solicit or accept advertisements from specific advertisers. The Club does not have any relationships with any retailers. The Club does not endorse any products for its members, and does not receive any commissions or other considerations on the basis of any sales. The Club does encourage sites in the National Park System to participate in Eastern National's Passport to Your National Parks Program, but does not receive any commission or consideration from Eastern National. Eastern National is a 501(c)(3) dedicated to supporting the National Park System, and charges sites in the National Park System for participation in the Passport to Your National Parks Program only to the extent necessary to reimburse their costs for administering the Program. The Club does not engage in any commercial activities. The Club does not engage in the sale of merchandise at this time. We are considering offering merchandise bearing our logo to our members as a means of furthering our exempt purposes of encouraging fellowship and networking among our members, and may do so in the future.

The only income received (pass through only) from members or non-members is on those occasions when a member or non-member participates in the group dinner at the annual Convention, and when the group dinner is paid for by the Club, rather than by individuals ordering off the menu. Records of these payments are kept as part of the registration process for each year's Convention, when those fees apply. The Club does not solicit donations from non-members, and does not employ a third party to solicit donations. The Club occasionally accepts donations from existing members, and always informs members making a donation that these gifts are not tax-deductible. The Club does not receive any income from similar clubs of a like nature.

Part II #7

The Club has five classes of membership (data as of May 7, 2009).

Regular Membership – The Club currently has 169 active regular members. A regular member refers to one individual, and is \$10 for the first year of membership and \$5 for each successive year.

Joint Membership – The Club currently has 78 joint members. A joint member refers to two persons in the same household functioning as a single member of the Club, eligible for one vote in Club business and for a single award in the awards program. Joint membership is \$10 for the first year of membership and \$5 for each successive year.

Junior Membership – The Club has 11 junior members. Junior membership is only open to those under the age of 18 at the time of receipt of their initial and/or renewal application; once the age of 18 has been reached, a junior member is automatically changed to a regular member. Junior membership is \$5 per year. A junior member is eligible to participate in all Club activities, including the awards program, but is not eligible to vote in Club business.

Charter Membership – A Charter Membership is a special class of Regular, Joint, or Junior Membership, and is open to any Member who joined the Club before December 31, 2004. The only benefit conferred to charter members is that they are identified as charter members on their membership card. The club has 40 active Charter Members (4 Joint and 36 Regular).

Honorary Membership – The Club has 2 active Honorary Members. An Honorary Membership is a special class of membership and is conferred upon persons who the Executive Committee has deemed eligible by virtue of their extraordinary contributions to the club and/or its activities. Honorary Members are not required to pay dues and are allowed to vote in club business and participate in Club activities (including awards).

Inactive Members – An inactive member is any previous member that is not current with their dues. Inactive members may not vote, receive awards, or participate in activities reserved for members, but may be reinstated to any membership class for the renewal fee, rather than the new member fee. The Club has 73 inactive members.

Part III #A Statement of Revenues & Expenses

2. *Gross Contributions, gifts, etc.*

The amounts listed were free-will donations to the club and were not tax-deductible contributions as the club is not a 501(c)(3) non-profit.
3. *Gross amounts derived from activities related to the organization's exempt purpose:*

In 2007, at the annual convention, Attendees paid the club for their lunch and then the Club paid the total bill for the lunch. In 2006 & 2008 during the annual convention, all meals were paid by attendees privately.
7. *Other Revenue*

The Other revenue listed is revenue received by allowing advertisements on the club's website.
9. *Expenses attributed to activities related to the organization's exempt purposes:*
 - Membership Supplies (cards) & Postage –
\$458.40 ~ 2006, \$448.36 ~ 2007, \$232.58 ~ 2008, \$0.00 ~ 2009
 - Award Program Supplies (certificates) –
\$103.59 ~ 2006, \$95 ~ 2007, \$517.09 ~ 2008, \$185.78 ~ 2009
 - Postage for a Letter to all National Park Service Superintendents about the club
\$126.75 ~ 2006 only
 - Post Office Box Rental
\$50 ~ 2006, \$40 ~ 2007, \$42 ~ 2008, \$0.00 ~ 2009
 - Website Fees
\$0 ~ 2006, \$166.80 ~ 2007, \$190.89 ~ 2008, \$0.00 ~ 2009
 - Convention Expenses (rental of space, speaker fees, meals for 2007 see above, etc.)
\$45 ~ 2006, \$712.58 ~ 2007, \$0 ~ 2008, \$538.75 ~ 2009
 - Incorporation & Non-Profit Application Fees & Postage
\$50 ~ 2008, \$318.67 2009

Part III #B Balance Sheet Figures are shown as of April 30, 2009. Current Assets (Checking Account) are \$3,353.68 with No Liabilities.