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**FLORIDA NON-PROFIT CORPORATION**

**STEAM LOCOMOTIVE ASSOCIATION #253, INC.**

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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

OF

STEAM LOCOMOTIVE ASSOCIATION #253, INC.  
a Florida Not-for-profit corporation

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Notice is hereby given that the undersigned incorporators, all being of full age, have associated themselves together for the purpose of forming a corporation not for profit, without capital stock, under the provisions of Chapters 607 and 617, Florida Statutes and we do hereby accept all of the rights, privileges, benefits and obligations conferred and imposed by said law, and we do hereby make, subscribe, acknowledge and file these Articles of Incorporation.

ARTICLE I

Name

The name of the Corporation shall be STEAM LOCOMOTIVE ASSOCIATION #253, INC.

ARTICLE II

Principal Office; Registered Office and Agent

The street address of the principle office of the corporation is: 4920 S.W. 167th Avenue, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida 33331 and the name of the registered agent of this corporation and the address of the registered agent is: STEVEN SPRECKELMEIER, 4920 S.W. 167th Avenue, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida 33331. The Certificate of Designation of Registered Office/Registered Agent attached hereto is incorporated herein and made a part hereof.

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**ARTICLE III**

**Duration**

This corporation shall have a perpetual existence, unless dissolved according to law.

**ARTICLE IV**

**Purposes**

The purposes for which the corporation is organized are:

a. This corporation will be organized as a 501(c)(3) Charitable Organization and shall operate exclusively for charitable, civic, fraternal, educational and scientific purposes; including for such purposes, the making of distributions on a non-sectarian, non-denominational basis to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under Section 501(c)(3), 2055(a) and 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code") (or any corresponding provisions of succeeding law) or as a Non-Profit Corporation in good standing under Florida law, and this corporation may engage in only such activities permitted under the laws of the State of Florida and the United States of America as shall constitute activities in furtherance of such exempt educational, charitable, civic, fraternal and scientific purposes. In furtherance of such purposes, it may promote, establish, conduct and maintain activities on its own behalf and it may contribute to or otherwise assist other corporations, organizations and institutions carrying on such activities.

b. As a means and incidental to accomplishing the purposes for which this corporation is being organized, it shall have the following powers:

- (1) To accept, acquire, receive and hold by bequest, devise, grant, gift, purchase, exchange, lease, transfer, or otherwise, for any of its objects and purposes,

any property, both real and personal, of whatever nature or description and wherever situated; and

- (2) To sell, exchange, convey, mortgage, lease, transfer or otherwise dispose of any such property, both real and personal, as the objects and purposes of the corporation may require, subject to such limitations as may be prescribed by law; and
- (3) To borrow money and, from time to time, to make, accept, endorse, execute and issue bonds, debenture, promissory notes, bills of exchange and other obligations of the corporation for monies borrowed or in payment for property acquired or for any of the other purposes of the corporation, and to secure the payment of any such obligations by mortgage, pledge, deed, indenture, agreement or other instrument of trust, or by other lien upon, assignment of, or agreement in regard to all or any part of the property, rights or privileges of the corporation, wherever situated; and
- (4) To invest or reinvest its funds in such stocks, bonds, debentures, mortgages or other investments or securities and property as its Board of Directors shall deem advisable, subject to the limitations and conditions contained in any bequest, devise, grant or gift; and
- (5) To serve as trustee of any property, real or personal, wheresoever situated either within or without the State of Florida and also as Trustee of any Trust, endowment or portfolio; and
- (6) In general, to exercise such other powers which now are or which hereafter may be conferred by law upon a corporation organized for the purposes hereinabove set forth or necessary or incidental to the powers so conferred or conducive to the attainment of the purposes of the corporation, subject to such limitations as are or may be prescribed by law.

c. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, this corporation may exercise any and all, but no other, powers as are in furtherance of the exempt purposes of organizations set forth in Code Section 501(c)(3), 2055(a) and 170(c)(2) (or any corresponding provisions of succeeding law) and the Treasure Regulations thereunder as the same now exist, or as they may be hereafter amended for time to time.

d. No part of the income or principal of this corporation shall inure to the benefit of or

be distributed to any member, director or officer of the corporation or any other private individual in such a fashion as to constitute an application of funds not within the purpose of exempt organizations described in Code Sections 501(c)(3), 2055(a) and 170(c) (or any corresponding provisions of succeeding law). However, reimbursement for expenditures or the payment of reasonable compensation for services rendered shall not be deemed to be a distribution of income or principal.

e. No part of the activities of this corporation shall consist of carrying on propaganda, or otherwise attempting, to influence legislation, or of participating in, or intervening in (including the publishing or distributing of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

f. In the event of the complete or partial liquidation or dissolution of the corporation, whether voluntary or involuntary, no member, director or officer shall be entitled to any distribution or division of the corporation's property or its proceeds, and the balance of all money and other property received by the corporation from any source, after the payment of all debts and obligations of the corporation, shall be used or distributed, as provided by law and by the bylaws of the Corporation, exclusive to an organization or organizations which themselves are exempt as organizations described in Code Sections 501(c)(3), 2055(a) and 170(c) (or any corresponding provisions of succeeding law). Officers and Directors may be reasonably compensated for their services in winding up, liquidating and dissolving this corporation.

#### ARTICLE V

##### Board of Directors

This corporation shall have Four (4) Directors. The number of Directors may be increased

or decreased from time to time by the By-laws, but shall never be less than Three (3). The manner in which the Directors shall be elected shall be set forth in the By-laws of this corporation. The names and addresses of the initial Directors of this corporation are:

	<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>
(1)	Steven Spreckelmeier	4920 S.W. 167th Avenue Ft. Lauderdale, Florida 33331
(2)	Rebecca Spreckelmeier	4920 S.W. 167th Avenue Ft. Lauderdale, Florida 33331
(3)	Robert Bates	106 East Beverly Rd. Jupiter, Florida
(4)	Allen C. Harper	1360 S. Dixie Highway Coral Gables, Florida 33146

#### ARTICLE VI

##### Non-Stock Basis and Qualification of Members

This corporation is organized under a non-stock basis. The qualifications for members and the manner of their admission to the subject corporation shall be regulated by the corporate bylaws.

#### ARTICLE VII

##### Disposition of Assets on Dissolution

In the event of dissolution, the residual assets of this corporation shall be turned over to the charitable organizations as set forth herein or in the alternative, the interest therefrom to the charitable organizations if the principal should be invested in an endowment or any other such investment vehicle.

## ARTICLE VIII

### Exempt Status; Prohibited Transactions

Reference in this Article to a Code Section shall also include any corresponding provisions of succeeding law and the Treasure Regulations thereunder.

a. This corporation shall not exercise in any manner, or for any purpose, any power of authority granted herein which may jeopardize the status of this corporation as an exempt organization under Code Section 501(c)(3).

b. This corporation, during the period it is a "private foundation" as defined in Code Section 509(a), shall not:

- (1) Engage in any act of "self-dealing" as defined in Code Section 4941(d) which would give rise to any liability for the tax imposed by Code Section 4941;
- (2) Retain any "excess business holdings" as defined in Code Section 4943(c) which would give rise to any liability for the tax imposed by Code Section 4943;
- (3) Make any investment which would jeopardize the carrying out of any of its exempt purposes, within the meaning of Code Section 4944, so as to give rise to any liability for the tax imposed by Code Section 4944; and
- (4) Make any "taxable expenditures" as defined in Code Section 4945(d) which would give rise to any liability for the tax imposed by Code Section 4945.

c. This corporation, during the period it is a "private foundation" as defined in Code Section 509(a) shall distribute, for the purposes specified in these Articles of Incorporation, for each taxable year, amounts at least sufficient to avoid liability for the tax imposed by Code Section 4942.

## ARTICLE IX

### Bylaws

Subject to the limitations contained in the Bylaws, and any limitations set forth in the

Corporations Not for Profit law of Florida, concerning corporate action that must be authorized or approved by the members of the Corporation, Bylaws of this Corporation may be made, altered, rescinded, added to, or new Bylaws may be adopted, by a resolution of the Board of Directors by following the procedure set forth therefor in the Bylaws.

**ARTICLE X**

**Incorporator**

The name and street address of the incorporator of this corporation is as follows:

STEVEN SPRECKELMEIER  
4920 S.W. 167th Avenue  
Ft. Lauderdale, Florida 33331

**ARTICLE XI**

**Amendment of Articles**

Amendments to these Articles of Incorporation may be proposed by a resolution adopted by the Officers of the Board & presented to the Board of Directors for their vote. Amendments may be adopted by the affirmative vote of three (3) of the four (4) members of the Board of Directors of the Corporation and as further set out in the Bylaws of the Corporation.



**ARTICLE XII**

**Indemnification**

The Corporation shall indemnify any officer, Trustee, or employee of the Corporation, or any former officer or employee of the Corporation, to the full extent permitted by and as set forth in the Florida General Corporation Act.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned incorporator has executed these Articles of Incorporation on this 9th day of November, 2001.

  
STEVEN SPRECKELMEIER, Incorporator

STATE OF FLORIDA            )  
  SS:  
COUNTY OF BROWARD        )

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 9<sup>th</sup> day of NOV., 2001, by STEVEN SPRECKELMEIER who is personally known to me or has produced FLORIDA DRIVERS LICENCE as identification, and who did not take an oath.

  
NOTARY PUBLIC

Adam Goldberg  
Print Name

MY COMMISSION EXPIRES:

**CERTIFICATE DESIGNATING PLACE OF BUSINESS OR DOMICILE FOR THE SERVICE OF PROCESS WITHIN THIS STATE, NAMING AGENT UPON WHOM SERVICE OF PROCESS MAY BE MADE.**

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Pursuant to the provisions of section 617.0501, Florida Statutes, the undersigned corporation, organization under the laws of the State of Florida, submits the following statement in designating the registered office/registered agent, in the State of Florida.

- 1. The name of the corporation is:  
  
STEAM LOCOMOTIVE ASSOCIATION #253, INC.
- 2. The name and address of the registered agent and office is:

STEVEN SPRECKELMEIER  
4920 S.W. 167th Avenue  
Ft. Lauderdale, Florida 33331

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

Having been named as registered agent and to accept Service of Process for the above named Corporation, at the place designated in this Certificate, I hereby accept to act in this capacity. I agree to comply with the performance of said duties, and I am familiar with and accept the obligation of such position as registered agent.

  
STEVEN SPRECKELMEIER  
REGISTERED AGENT

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