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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF EAA CHAPTER 1551, INC.

The undersigned, acting as the incorporator of EAA CHAPTER 1551, INC. ("Corporation"), does hereby adopt the following Articles of Incorporation pursuant to the Florida Not For Profit Corporation Act, Chapter 617, *Florida Statutes*:

ARTICLE I NAME OF CORPORATION, MAILING ADDRESS AND ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL OFFICE

The name of this Corporation shall be EAA CHAPTER 1551, INC. The initial mailing address of the Corporation is Post Office Box 2809, Orlando, Florida 32802-2809, and its initial principal office shall be located at 215 N. Eola Drive, Orlando, Florida 32801.

ARTICLE II REGISTERED OFFICE AND AGENT

The street address of the initial registered office of this Corporation shall be 215 N. Eola Drive, Orlando, Florida 32801 and the name of the initial registered agent for the Corporation shall be James F. Heekin, Jr.

ARTICLE III PURPOSES

Section 1. The specific and primary purpose for which this Corporation is formed is for the support of educational, scientific and charitable endeavors, with a focus on: (a) promoting and encouraging the educational and scientific aspects of amateur built aircraft; (b) promoting general aviation safety and safety in the design, construction and operation of aircraft through educational and other services or programs in cooperation with governmental agencies and private organizations; (c) promoting and fostering research for the improvement and better understanding of aviation and the science of aeronautics with the assistance and support of individuals and communities of aviation education and safety; (d) operating as a local chapter of the Experimental Aircraft Association; and (e) assisting other similar organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Code, or the corresponding provisions of any future tax laws.

Support for the foregoing purposes may be provided by soliciting, receiving and administering gifts and bequests of funds and property, both restricted and unrestricted, for charitable purposes, and by taking and holding, absolutely or in trust, for any of such purposes funds and property of every kind, real, personal, tangible and intangible, subject only to any limitations and conditions imposed by law or by the instrument under which received; selling, leasing, conveying or otherwise disposing of any such property and investing and reinvesting the proceeds of and earnings from such property in accordance with investment policies established from time to time by the Corporation's Board of Directors; and exercising any, all and every power, including trust powers, which a corporation not for profit created under the laws of the State of Florida can be authorized to exercise.

<u>Section 2</u>. The general purposes for which this Corporation is organized are exclusively charitable, educational and scientific purposes within the meaning of the Code or the corresponding provisions of any future federal tax laws.

<u>Section 3.</u> Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, this Corporation shall not carry on any activities not permitted to be carried on by an organization exempt from federal income tax under the Code, or the corresponding provisions of any future federal tax laws.

<u>Section 4</u>. In the event this Corporation is in any year determined to be a "private foundation" as defined in Section 509(a) of the Code it shall:

- (a) Distribute its income for each tax year at such time and in such manner so that it will not become subject to the tax on undistributed income imposed by Section 4942 of the Code, or the corresponding provisions of any future federal tax laws.
- (b) Not engage in any act of self-dealing as defined in Section 4941(d) of the Code, or the corresponding provisions of any future federal tax laws.
- (c) Not retain any excess business holdings as defined in Section 4943(c) of the Code, or the corresponding provisions of any future federal tax laws.
- (d) Not make any taxable investments as defined in Section 4944 of the Code, or the corresponding provisions of any future federal tax laws.
- (e) Not make any taxable expenditures as defined in Section 4945(d) of the Code, or the corresponding provisions of any future federal tax laws.

ARTICLE IV POWERS

This Corporation shall be authorized to exercise the powers permitted corporations not for profit under Chapter 617, *Florida Statutes*; provided, however, that this Corporation, in exercising any one or more of such powers, shall do so in furtherance of the exempt purposes for which it has been organized within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Code.

ARTICLE V MEMBERSHIP

Membership in the Corporation shall be open to any individual person who is (a) of good moral character, and (b) at the time of application for membership and at all times thereafter, a member in good standing of the Experimental Aircraft Association or the spouse or child of a member in good standing.

<u>ARTICLE VI</u> <u>TERM</u>

This Corporation shall have perpetual existence unless sooner dissolved according to law.

ARTICLE VII NAME AND ADDRESS OF INCORPORATOR

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

James F. Heekin, Jr.

215 N. Eola Drive Orlando, Florida 32801

ARTICLE VIII BOARD OF DIRECTORS

<u>Section 1</u>. Except for the initial Board of Directors of the Corporation, whose names are set forth in Section 2, below, the Board of Directors shall be as determined and fixed by the bylaws of the Corporation; provided, however, that there shall never be less than three (3) directors.

Section 2. The names and addresses of the initial Board of Directors of the Corporation are as follows:

David Kotick	1321 Apopka Airport Road Apopka, Florida 32712
Allen Brinckerhoff	1321 Apopka Airport Road Apopka, Florida 32712
Steven Schreiber	1321 Apopka Airport Road Apopka, Florida 32712
Amos Akerman	1321 Apopka Airport Road Apopka, Florida 32712
Ryan Schreiber	1321 Apopka Airport Road Apopka, Florida 32712

ARTICLE IX DEDICATION OF ASSETS AND DISSOLUTION

<u>Section 1</u>. The property of this Corporation is irrevocably dedicated to the purposes set forth herein and no part of the net earnings or assets of this Corporation shall inure to the benefit of any officer or director of the Corporation or to the benefit of any private individual. When appropriate, the Board of Directors may determine to reasonably compensate any officer or director of the Corporation in accordance with and commensurate with the services performed by such person.

Section 2. Upon the dissolution and winding up of this Corporation, its assets remaining after payment or provision for payment of its debts and liabilities shall be distributed to one or more organizations which themselves are exempt as organizations described in Sections 501(c)(3) of the Code, or the corresponding provisions of any future federal tax laws, having similar purposes to those of this Corporation, or to or among, the United States, the State of Florida or any local government(s) for exclusive public purposes.

ARTICLE X BYLAWS

Subject to any limitations at any time contained in the Bylaws of this Corporation and in Chapter 617, *Florida Statutes*, Bylaws of this Corporation may be adopted, altered, amended or rescinded, and new Bylaws adopted, either by resolution of the Board of Directors or in the manner at any time provided in the Bylaws.

ARTICLE XI AMENDMENT OF ARTICLES

These Articles of Incorporation may be amended or amended and restated pursuant to a resolution adopted by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE XII INDEMNIFICATION

To the greatest extent allowed by Florida law, the Corporation shall indemnify any person who was or is a party, or is threatened to be made a party, to any threatened, pending or contemplated action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative by reason of the fact that he is or was a director, employee, officer or agent of the Corporation, against expenses (including attorney's fees and appellate attorney's fees), judgments, fines and amounts paid in settlement actually and reasonably incurred by him in connection with the action, suit or proceeding if he acted in good faith and in a manner he reasonably believed to be in, or not opposed to, the best interest of the Corporation; and with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, if he had no reasonable cause to believe his conduct was unlawful; except that no indemnification shall be made in respect to any claim, issue or matter as to which such person shall have been adjudged to be liable for gross negligence or willful misfeasance or malfeasance in the performance of his duty to the Corporation, unless and only to the extent that the court in which the action or suit was brought shall determine, upon application, that despite the adjudication of liability, but in view of all the circumstances of the case, such person is fairly and reasonably entitled to indemnify for such expenses that the court shall deem proper.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned incorporator has hereto set his hand and seal on this the **2014** day of December, 2013, for the purpose of forming this not for profit corporation under the laws of the State of Florida.

James F. Heekin, Jr., Incorporator

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ACCEPTANCE OF REGISTERED AGENT

The undersigned hereby accepts the designation as Registered Agent of EAA CHAPTER 1551, INC. and agrees to act in this capacity. The undersigned further agrees to comply with the provisions of all statutes relating to the proper and complete performance of such duties, and is familiar with and accepts the obligations of the position as registered agent.

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