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Press Release

Mark “Forger” Stucky Receives 2013 Iven C. Kincheloe Award

Mojave, CA, September 30, 2013:

Mark “Forger” Stucky, Scaled Composites’ Test Pilot, was the recipient of the Society of Experimental Pilot’s prestigious Iven C. Kincheloe award on Saturday, September 28, 2013. Stucky has been a significant asset to the SpaceShipTwo development program as an engineering test pilot in both SpaceShipTwo and WhiteKnightTwo. He has served in numerous capacities on the program including technical adviser, design engineer, instructor pilot, project pilot and mentor in addition to his primary role as test pilot on the program. Over the last year, he has flown the majority of the envelope expansion flights of SpaceShipTwo as pilot. He has been responsible for the rocket propulsion normal and emergency procedure development including POH updates leading to the first powered flight. As pilot in command on the first rocket powered flight, SpaceShipTwo flew to a maximum Mach of 1.3, bringing the program to its long awaited rocket powered flight test phase. This was all accomplished while serving as project pilot and instructor during customer pilot transition and integration on WhiteKnightTwo. In addition to his contributions on the SpaceShipTwo program, he has concurrently participated on other programs as project and instructor pilot, including maintaining currency in two additional unique experimental aircraft.

The Iven C. Kincheloe Award recognizes outstanding professional accomplishment in the conduct of flight testing. It was established in 1958 by the Society of Experimental Test Pilots, and honors the memory of test pilot and Korean War ace Iven C. Kincheloe, United States Air Force, who died during flight testing.

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