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Cal Poly Alum Honored as an Experimental Flight Test Pilot

SAN LUIS OBISPO – Cal Poly aerospace engineering alumnus Peter Siebold brought home high honors from the Society of Experimental Test Pilots (SETP). Siebold, an avid test pilot, was awarded the prestigious 2009 Iven C. Kincheloe award for his accomplishments as a flight tester. The award was presented at the 53rd annual SETP banquet in Anaheim earlier this fall.

The 2001 Cal Poly graduate has 17 years of flight experience, logging 2,000 hours in 35 different fixed-wing aircraft.

He is the director of flight operations at Scaled Composites in Mojave, Calif., where he has worked since 1996. A design engineer and flight test engineer, Siebold was responsible for the development of the simulator, avionics/navigation system, and ground control system for the SpaceShipOne Program.

In December, Siebold helped pilot and direct the flight of the “White Knight Two” Model 348 aircraft, which can fly at zero-G and will operate as a “high-altitude mothership” to the passenger carrier SpaceShipTwo spacecraft.

The Society of Experimental Test Pilots is an international organization that seeks to promote air safety and contributes to aeronautical advancement by promoting sound aeronautical design and development; interchanging ideas, thoughts and suggestions of the members; assisting in the professional development of experimental pilots; and providing [scholarships](#) and aid to members and the families of deceased members.

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