



The World's Forum for Aerospace Leadership
Antelope Valley Section

presents

"GETTING TO FIRST FLIGHT"

with

Ben Diachun

Vice President/Engineering, Scaled Composites



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Ben Diachun is the Vice President of Engineering at Scaled Composites, LLC in Mojave, California. He joined Scaled in 2003 as a Design Engineer. Since that time, he has performed as Project Engineer, Flight Test Engineer, Business Development Manager and Director of Engineering. He has worked on a variety of rapid prototype and research flight test projects at Scaled. Prior to joining Scaled, he worked as a System Architect and Computer Programmer in the Management Consulting Industry.

Ben holds a Master of Science Degree in Aeronautics and Astronautics from Stanford University and a Bachelor of Science Degree in Mechanical Engineering from Purdue University. He also holds a Certificate in Technical Management from the University of California, Los Angeles. He is a Commercial Pilot with Instrument and Multi-Engine Ratings.

Ben was part of the team that was awarded the Robert J. Collier Trophy in 2005 for the development of SpaceShipOne.

Date/Time: **Thursday, 4 October 2012, 6:00-8:00pm**

Location: Sakura Chinese Buffet, 44840 Valley Central Way #109, Lancaster, CA

Social: 6:00 PM

Dinner: 6:30 PM

Speaker: 7:00 PM

Price: AIAA members, \$13. Non-members, \$15. Students, \$10. Cash at the restaurant.
(Includes dinner, soft drinks, tax and tip)

An RSVP to aiaa.av@gmail.com by Tuesday, 2 October is greatly appreciated!