

Brian Binnie

As a test pilot for Burt Rutan's SpaceShipOne, Binnie flew the first and last powered flights of the vehicle. In the process he opened up the vehicle's envelope to supersonic flight, beat the longstanding altitude record of the X-15 and clenched the \$10 million Ansari X PRIZE in 2004.

His background includes 20 years as a naval aviator in the strike-fighter community. He has logged more than 4,700 hours and has more than 20 years of experience in flight-test.

Binnie earned a B.S. in Aerospace Engineering, an M.S. in Fluid Mechanics and Thermodynamics, an M.S. in Aeronautical Engineering and was awarded an honorary doctorate. He is a graduate of the U.S. Navy's Test Pilot School, the Naval Aviation Safety School and the Defense Acquisition University.

A Fellow of the Explorers Club and an Associate Fellow of the Society of Experimental Test Pilots, Binnie's technical reports and personal accounts have been published in numerous professional journals and proceedings as well as trade publications. He currently is a program manager at Scaled Composites, an aerospace company founded by Burt Rutan in 1982.