

## **The BLUE Dot**

Does your 2008 NVRC membership card have a BLUE Dot on it? Are you a Qualified flyer (Have you passed the NVRC flight test)? A number of years ago, NVRC needed a system to identify students who had not qualified. Thus the BLUE Dot was conceived. Simply stated, if your membership card has a BLUE Dot on it, I have evidence (your application, instructor report, etc) that you are a competent flyer who has passed the NVRC flight test. If it doesn't, I don't have the necessary evidence. As members interested in SAFETY, we should all be observant of the BLUE Dot. If you see a member flying who does not have a BLUE Dot on their card, ask if they need assistance. To obtain a BLUE Dot you must pass the NVRC flight test. The test consists of the following:

- Must have current AMA license and be a Club member in good standing.

- Must be recommended for qualification flight by current instructor.

- Must know all Club by-laws, AMA, and Club safety rules.

- Complete preflight safety inspection, start engine and taxi aircraft safely to runway, unassisted.

- Demonstrate satisfactory takeoff and climb out.

- Execute 180-degree turn away from flight line after climb out and demonstrate control of straight-line fly-by.

- Perform, on request of tester:

  - Flat horizontal figure-eight in both directions.

  - Satisfactory inside loop while maintaining correct altitude and direction.

    - Two satisfactory Immelmann turns:

      - One going away from pilot

      - One coming toward pilot

  - Stall the aircraft and recover satisfactorily.

  - Satisfactory left and right fly-by approaches.

  - Resume altitude of 200 ft or more. Instructor will cut throttle to idle without warning to simulate dead stick condition. Pilot must land aircraft on runway satisfactorily without increasing throttle.

Any two NVRC qualified flyers can administer the test. After completion, call, e-mail or catch me at the field and I will put a BLUE Dot on your card. With a new field and new neighbors, we all need to ensure that flight operations are conducted safely.

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