Tethered Trainer

Back in 1948, the author's original Cyclone sits ready to go with its Ohlsson .23 engine, modified for a "newfangled" glow plug.

advertised the same model as a kit, now called the Cyclone, for $4.95. My first contact with this model was in 1948 when I built one and powered it with an Ohlsson .23 with a glow plug in place of the spark plug. I had many fine flights until the Ohlsson blew up. The cylinder separated from the crankcase, because only a spot weld held them together. The engine was never designed to run with a glow plug using the available glow fuel. A modern .19 glow engine would be the way to power your model today.

But if you own a vintage spark ignition engine of .23 to .35 displacement you could power your model with it. This would make it easy to compete in the OT Ignition events that take place at vintage control-line competition contests around the country.

My model of the Cyclone was constructed from the original 1944 Air Trails plan. There