Here's one we bet you won't recognize! This 1944-vintage control line biplane is credited with being the first to perform outside loops, is approved by PAMPA for Old Time Stunt competition, and was designed by none other than MB columnist Francis Reynolds!

Want to show up at the next old time stunt contest with something really different? Try an old time legal replica of the first control line model credited with flying inverted and doing outside maneuvers.

At the end of WWII, a group of us avid modelers would gather and fly CL models almost every evening at a local park in St. Paul, Minnesota. We flew sport type models with little aerobatic ability and were content doing so until the June 1946 issue of Air Trails hit the stands. It contained an article on CL aerobatics with sketches of inside, outside and square loops as well as horizontal and vertical eights, inverted flight, etc. The article described in detail the requirements for a model to be able to do what seemed to us to be magic. There was also a small drawing of the profile of "Moitie," which the author was flying. This article really helped us develop our models until we were able to do these maneuvers. We went on to fly in many local and national meets until the service, careers and families took priority and halted our hobby.

When I got back into control line in 1989 I got real enthused about old time stunt, because I could once again build the