Asymmetrical oddity: Tethered to the control line by its single wing, this projectile is said to have exceeded 150 m.p.h.

Modellers Take

IN the ranks of the models enthusiasts there are two schools of thought. One feels that flying a miniature aircraft on the end of a string is a negation of everything implied by the term "flight"; the other is certain that control-line flying is the be-all and end-all of mechanized hobbies and the most wildly exciting of sports—besides, they argue, a tethered machine cannot disappear into the blue, as free models have been known to do. The control-line school fly their models in a circle by means of a line which, being double, also serves to operate the elevators. The increasing power output of the miniature engines, mainly of

(Left) Before the speed contest: weighing-in a model which has secured records for its twelve-year-old designer. Fully faired-in engines are usual.

(Below) Radio control is successfully used to keep model sailplanes circling in thermals. This owner holds an amateur's licence for his transmitter.

(Below) Here a 1.1-oz radio unit—part of which is alongside the fin—controls pitch and yaw by a "ruddevator" and governs engine speed