

Yet Another Dethermalizer!

San Antonio scale flyer Al Shields sent the following clipping which appears to be from an old issue of the Windy Sock, newsletter of the Alamo Escadrille, Joe Joseph, Editor

Just as we thought we had seen it all in dethermalizers, here comes Lee Campbell with yet another. As you probably know, Lee travels all over the USA with his "Campbell's Custom Kits" on wheels, a mobile free-flight model shop. He picked this idea up from Randy Ryan during his present excursion. Your editor is one of those fellows who has so much trouble trimming his models that he's not about to mess with those tail surfaces by hooking a dethermalizer on to them. Besides, his scale heavies rarely go out of sight anyway. But here's a dethermalizer that utilizes the landing gear! As Lee describes it, "The landing gear is tethered to the rearmost tail with a strong string. When the rubber band is burned, the LG falls back, releasing the key plate from its position between the longerons and cross braces, and the tongue disengages, allowing the L/G to swing back on its string, causing gross tail heaviness." Neat, eh?

