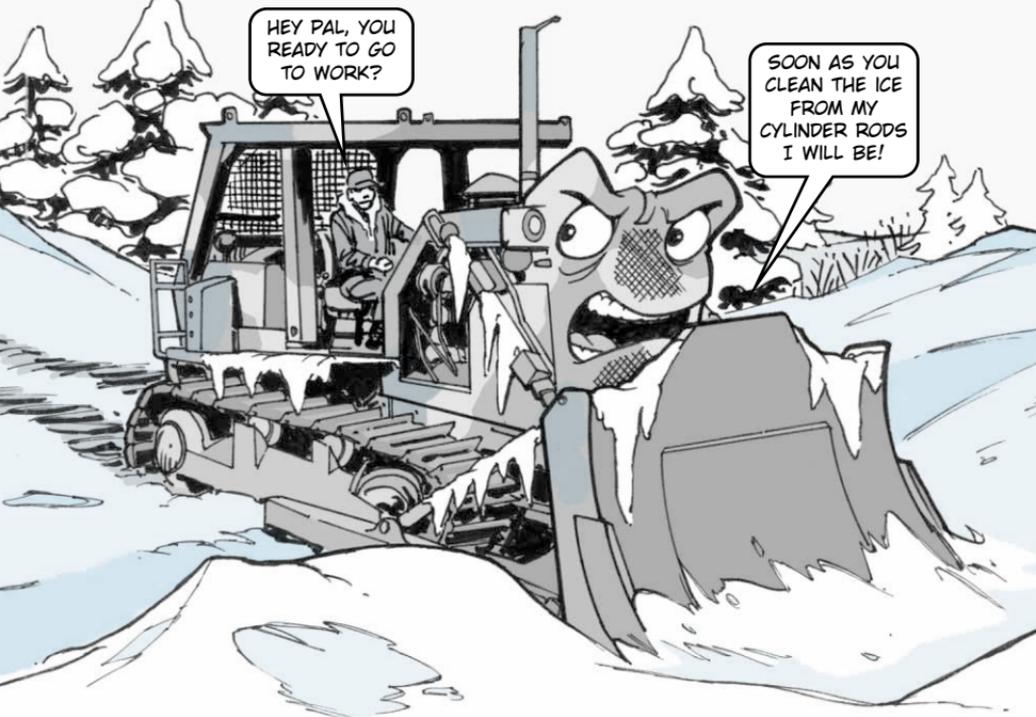


HYDRAULIC CYLINDER REMINDER



Cold weather plays havoc with cylinder rods on construction equipment.

Before the day's run, eyeball the cylinder rods for ice build-up. Ice on the rods will scrape or cut seals when the rod is moved. Damaged seals lead to fluid leaks, which lead to NMC equipment. If you find any ice, get rid of it.

Another rod saver, no matter what the weather, is to exercise the cylinders weekly. This fights rust by spreading a thin coat of oil on the rod. Rust, like ice build-up, will scrape and cut the rod's seal.

If the equipment sits longer than a month, coat the polished cylinder rod with a light coat of GAA.

