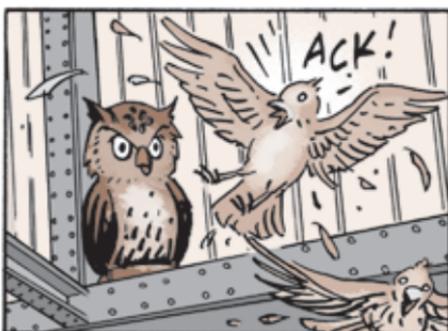


BIRDS OF A FEATHER FLOCK TOGETHER



As in the Alfred Hitchcock movie, “The Birds,” birds have descended on aircraft hangars to hang out, to nest, and to breed. The resulting droppings cause problems.

As the battle of the birds continues, one way to scare birds away and keep them out of the hangar is to use fake owls or hawks placed in high places where birds like to settle.

Bird nests have been found in the opening of the AH-64 tail rotor and nestled underneath the cambered fairing of a Black Hawk just above the stabilator.

Inspect all bird hangouts and keep birds out of helicopters to protect against FOD.

Birds nesting in the rafters of your hangar can damage helicopters. Bird droppings are highly corrosive and messy. Wear gloves when cleaning off droppings. Bird waste can eat through paint, wiring, and insulation.

Always wash your helicopter if it has been hit by bird droppings while inside or outside of a hangar.