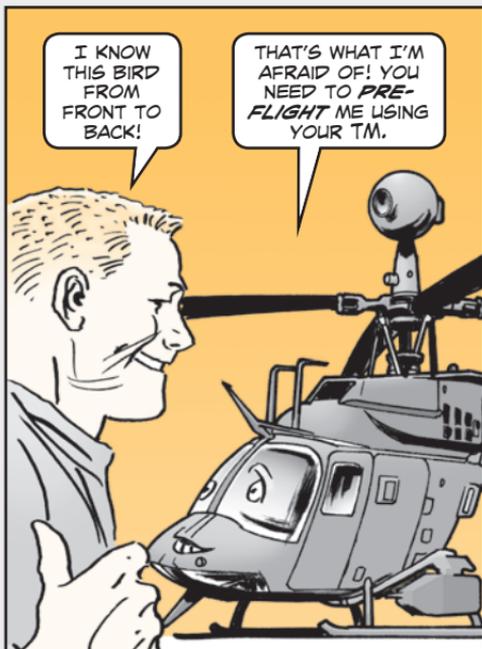
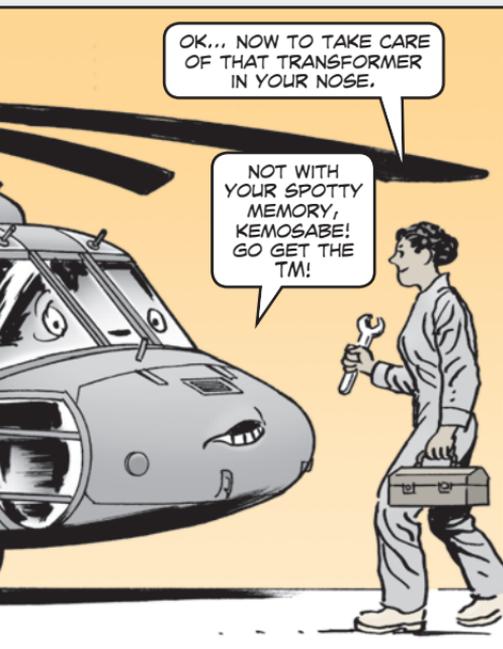


# MAINTENANCE BY MEMORY



**M**echanics, have you gotten so familiar with aircraft that you now think maintenance is a job best done by memory?

Maybe you said, “HM-MMM... If I remember right, this wrench will do the trick.”

That’s not the way to go! Just because you think your way works doesn’t mean it’s OK to troubleshoot, repair, perform maintenance and inspect your bird without a TM.

It’s easy to forget what the TM says or get things wrong. Your memory may be powerful, but it is not your best PM option because procedures change. That means you could damage the bird or components if the maintenance steps have changed or if a new warning, caution or note gets added to the task.

Operating and maintaining aircraft by the book—the technical manuals— ensures your birds stay in a mission capable status.

Remember, aircraft PM begins with your number one tool—your TMs. And that’s something you should never forget.