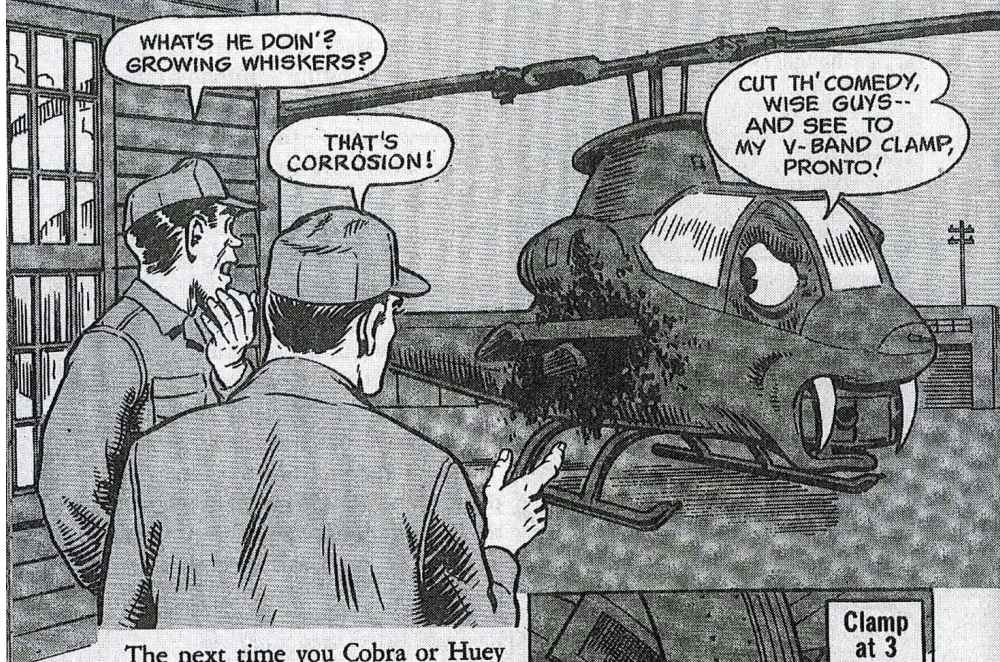


How's Your V-Band?



The next time you Cobra or Huey mechs install the particle separator on your T-53 engine, focus-in on the V-band coupling.

The clamp has to be rotated until the 3.25-in drainage cut-out is at the 6 o'clock position. The V-band clamp will then be at about the 3 o'clock position.

If the cut-out is not at the bottom of the engine, the clamp will collect water. You know what happens when water and magnesium meet—corrosion, for real!

Replacing the magnesium flange on the inlet housing during overhaul means a lot of moola down the drain.

So, keep the water flowing!

