

One last tip: Any bolt or nut you can hand turn is suspect. Just be sure that you doublecheck any that's not supposed to turn.

PASS THE WORD

Ready to crank 'er up? Not yet. Clue your passengers about using safety belts and shoulder harnesses; also about keeping feet and hands off flight controls. Caution them about getting into—and out of—your whirlybird when the blades are turning. Keep heads low.

Yessir-e-e-e, preflight complete—the professional approach.

Light the fire!