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Whew, I never figured it would take six pages to discuss this topic, but at least you're getting your money's worth.

All we have left is Unscheduled Maintenance, which in its most basic element is repair, that is fixing something that stopped working properly. Often this maintenance philosophy is driven by short-sighted budget restraints. If you can afford to be without some "stuff" while it is inoperable, then you can probably enjoy this philosophy: "if it ain't broke, don't fix it."

There is actually another maintenance program called Root Cause Analysis (RCA). Some feel that RCA is basically the same as RCM that we discussed earlier. The main difference is basically a function of the purpose of the analysis. The RCM tries to establish the optimal maintenance procedures and frequency to keep something running as long and as efficient as possible. RCA actually tries to address what would lead the element to failure. The article you're going to read makes the comparison of the two as one treating the symptoms of a headache while the other is treating the source of the headache.

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