

## **S.O.G. 303**

### **Gravelly**

### *Handout*

#### Safety: W O R K S

- W: Watch for pedestrians who always have the right of way.
- O: Obey the Rules of the Road. Avoid delaying traffic if possible. Use broad hand signals.
- R: Reflective tape and triangles to indicate a slow moving vehicle.
- K: Keep safety first. Wearing yellow vest and safety glasses is mandatory.
- S: Seatbelt use mandatory.

#### Pre-Operation: C L I C K

- C: Check fluids: oil, gas, coolants (make sure correct fuel is used).
- L: Look at the belts and pulleys: deck, alternator and fan (also that fan blade is tight).  
Check for leaks.
- I: Inspect the deck, wheels, chains and springs.
- C: Check the tires for wear and pressure (20 psi); the lug nuts; the rims for cracks.
- K: Keep on eye on the gauges: fuel, oil light, amp & temp; also the glow plug and oil change sticker.

Operation: S H A L L

S: Sit on the seat and fasten the seatbelt (mandatory). Turn the key backwards to pre-heat the engine. Turn the throttle to halfway and crank it.

H: Habit of checking:

- All your safety switches, the safety lock, and the P.T.O..
- Idle down before engaging the P.T.O.
- Lock the steering tilt.

A: Always check:

- The blade height.
- That the deck moves up and down freely.
- The deck height is correct for the job (check with your mentor).

L: Look, listen, feel and smell for unusual noises, vibrations or odors.

L: Listen and learn from your mentor, who will be with you for two weeks.

Post-Operation: F I N I S H

F: Fuel up making sure to use the correct fuel.

I: Inspect the deck and take its cover off.

N: Need to check the air filter; clean it by bumping against a tire.

I: Inspect and grease all alimite and u-joints. If damaged, notify the mechanics.

S: See if the blade needs to be changed out. Check with mentor.

H: Habit of always checking the oil change sticker, the daily maintenance chart, the hour meter and tag out problems.