

Dare County Radio Control Flyers

Field Mowing Instructions

- 1.If you have to purchase gasoline for the mower, get the highest octane, preferably without ethanol.
- 2.Notify the Gun Club office (Judy) on the way in (See Additional Notes).
- 3.Raise the flag at the field entrance (See Additional Notes).
- 4.The entrance cable can be lifted off through a notch so you do not need the lock combination.
- 5.The combination to the shed lock is available on a password-protected file to club members only at: <https://dcrcf.club/private/access>. *Note: Open the shed door slowly and look for critters and insects*
- 6.Check the gas and oil levels in the mower. *(It takes about 2 gallons to mow the field.)* Fill the tank using the gas in the plastic containers.
- 7.Get on the mower and check or adjust:
 - Check the shift lever in neutral ('N').
 - Pull the choke full out.
 - Move the throttle to the 'Turtle' position.
 - Put your foot on the brake.
 - Turn the key to 'START.'
 - Adjust the choke to get a smooth idle.

Note: If the engine does not start turn the key to OFF, adjust the throttle slightly more open and turn the key to start again.

- Let the engine idle for a minute or two until it smooths out.
- Increase the idle speed slightly with the throttle.
- Release the brake.
- Slowly move the shift lever to the 'R' position and back out of the shed
- Once sufficiently out of the shed, brake to a stop and move the shift lever to 'N.'
- Put the cutting height at the highest level.
- Adjust the throttle to half speed.
- Keep your foot on the brake while engaging the cutting blades (if the engine stops,

disengage the blades, restart the engine and slightly increase the engine speed before engaging the blades again).

- Adjust the cutting height as appropriate for the conditions. Do not set the cutting level any shorter than the '3' position.
- Slowly move shift lever to 'F' to begin mowing and adjust the throttle as needed to mow at a normal speed. (*Note: The discharge deflector is tied open to get the desired cut. Leave it tied open.*)

8.Shutdown when mowing is complete:

- Shift the cutting height to the maximum.
- Disengage the blades.
- Drive the mower into the shed.
- Slowly move the shift lever to 'N.'
- Turn mower off with the key.
- Lock the shed.
- Leave the field.
- Reconnect the entrance cable across the road.
- Lower the flag at the field entrance (See Additional Notes).
- Notify the Gun Club that the field is no longer occupied (See Additional Notes).

Additional Notes:

- Notifying the Gun Club office of your presence, and raising and lowering the flag at the field entrance is important to your safety, and to ensure you do not get locked in.
- Mowing takes about 90 minutes.
- Be mindful of the wildlife (bears and others).
- If you have to purchase gasoline for the mower, get the highest octane, preferably without ethanol.