

Welcome to our Museum!

We are pleased that you have chosen to join our group of volunteer supporters and look forward to forging a life-long friendship with you. Many of our current members have invested decades with us and some have even grown up here at the museum. The Museum is a public place for everyone to enjoy. To insure everyone's enjoyment, your respect of the following rules and regulations is sincerely appreciated. Should questions arise, please contact the museum office at (760) 941-1791 or email us from our web site at agsem.com.

The museum site is leased from the County of San Diego Parks & Recreation Dept. We currently enjoy the longest lease ever granted by the County (Fifty Years) to a non-profit organization. Those terms were granted largely on our record of safety and public service. The Museum Director is the designated leasehold manager and all queries should be directed to the Museum Office. To fulfill the obligations of our lease we require that:

1. Trespassing on the **Native American Archaeological** site on our property is forbidden.
2. No unauthorized **Construction or Excavation** is allowed.
3. **Children and Pets** must be supervised at all times. Children are not allowed to play with, climb on, or operate equipment on the property except in the designated playground area. Children are not allowed to operate equipment, especially during public presentations. Children may not ride without a platform or other provision to insure safety.
4. **Dirt Bikes, ATC's, Quad Racers and Off –Road Vehicles** are prohibited.
5. **Camping and Overnight Parking** is allowed **only** with prior approval. **Campfires** only in designated areas.

We get an amazing number of uses from our Forty-acre parcel of ground. Farming, education, recreation, restoration, exhibits and special events are only a few. To enable these many uses and insure that we are allowed to remain here in the future, the Board has implemented these additional regulations.

6. **Personal Property and Equipment** cannot be left on the Museum grounds. Unauthorized property will be considered a donation to the Museum or subject to removal or disposal at the owner's expense. The Museum office must be notified **before** any equipment is brought on or removed from the property except Show traffic.
7. **Loans** of tractors or equipment are allowed **only** with prior approval. Applications must be submitted and approval granted **before** items are brought on site. Loans may be granted **only** to **Regular or Life Members**. Museum Loans are intended to enhance the Museum's collection, not provide storage for private collections.
8. **Adoptions** of museum equipment are granted **only** to **Regular or Life Members**. Applications must be submitted and approval granted **before** work begins.
9. **Theft** in any form will result in prosecution and expulsion from the organization. All items on the grounds belong to the museum or someone else. They are **not available** for parts.

The safety of our members, visitors and local environment is paramount here on the grounds. Any Board Member, Staff, Live-On Attendant or Museum Volunteer is empowered to report and stop unsafe operation of equipment or practices on the grounds. For everyone's safety, please remember.

10. **Fighting and Abusive Language** will not be tolerated. Offenders will be expelled from the property and membership suspended.
11. Please show respect and courtesy when using workshop tools or areas both of Museum Equipment, or those of fellow members. It is **YOUR** responsibility to repair or replace anything you break or use. **Operation of Vehicles, Equipment or Machine Tools** is prohibited unless you can demonstrate competence in that machine's operation. Ask **before** you use equipment. **Unsafe operation** of equipment will result in loss of privileges.
12. **Waste Disposal**. Drop off of waste of any kind is prohibited. Disposal of toxic wastes (i.e., engine drain oil) is the responsibility of each individual and must be disposed of **Off-Site** according to law. Anyone caught dumping or disposing of waste in an unsafe manner is subject to immediate expulsion from the organization and **will be reported to the authorities**.

Thank you for taking the time to familiarize yourself with these rules and regulations. Remember that the Museum is open to the public and visitors from around the world. When you are working around the museum, please take time to greet visitors, and ask them to sign the register in the Museum Building.