

Northern Nevada Preppers Meeting 1/12/13

1. **Mission Statement: We are a family orientated Preppers group to learn and support each other as we prepare for natural and manmade disasters. We encourage others in becoming self-reliant.**
2. **Introductions and Sign In –**
 - **Add your name to the email list only if you want to be added to the group's private email messages.**
3. **New attendees only if any**
 - **Who you are? (Be mindful of OpSec and your personal information)**
 - **What level of Prepping are you operating at?**
 - i. **How long Prepping?**
 - ii. **What kind of Prepper. Short term? Long term? Loss of job? Natural Disaster? Economic Collapse? Societal Collapse? TEOTWAWKI?**
 - iii. **What have you completed?**
 - iv. **What are you working on?**
 - **If you have any special skills or past experience or something you are training in?**
 - **If comfortable, include what preps have you made and what items are interested in getting help in?**
 - i. **Food**
 - ii. **Water**
 - iii. **Medical**
 - iv. **Communications**
 - v. **Defense**
 - vi. **Mobility?**
 - vii. **Bug in location?**
 - viii. **Bug out location?**
4. **Reading of minutes from prior meeting.**
 - **The last meeting was held at the Caughlin Ranch Club in Reno. We had an opportunity to meet several new members attending for the first time.**
 - **Anne Goldy and Linda Freeland conducted the lecture series of Canning and Dehydration. Both covered the process and necessary procedures and equipment for Canning and Dehydration. The instructors and other members provided examples of food and handout material was distributed.**
 - **It was discussed that when people are getting ready to can their harvests from their gardens could the group get together to form a “canning work party” and help each other in a cooperative effort. This suggestion was well**

received and the group decided that it would be beneficial to all to organize this event when canning seasons begin. Others asked if they could attend regardless of having items to can so that they can participate and learn in a group setting. All agreed that would be a good idea.

- It was mentioned that the Church of Latter Day Saints has a local cannery and one of our members said she could arrange us to use the facility to can our food items.
- Root Cellars were brought up again and it was discussed that anyone wanting to build one should alert the group via the email distribution list being that several people are interested in participating in the build to learn how to do it as well as helping out fellow Preppers.
- Everyone reaffirmed the agreement not to have a meeting in December due to the holidays and keep that month dark. It was discussed though that it might be fun to gather for a tongue-in-cheek 'Doomsday Party'. This was later scheduled via Meetup.com
- It was decided that in January we would have a communications class showcasing various radios and options.
- March was decided to have a gardening class in preparation for growing season in April and May.
- February was not decided on for a class. It was discussed though that a class on sewing and introduction to clothes making and repair might be organized. A February Cold Weather camp out was discussed although the group did not want to do an actual snow camp.
- The group purchase of Wise Foods was discussed and it was decided that Rob McKeivitt would redistribute the price list and people wanting to bulk purchase could respond via email for the purchase. This was done but there is still an order not yet claimed.
- It was discussed that we still need instructors for various classes as well as class suggestions. The Meetup.com site would be our blog site for ideas and volunteers. The email distribution list could also be used.
- It was agreed that the email list would be redistributed after each meeting to keep everyone current.
- Prep and Save in Sparks was reported on and their information was distributed to the group. Their manager came to the meeting as a new member.

- Some of the group members were going to attempt the Bug In Drill during November/December. Can they please report on their findings?

5. New business and updates from old business.

- The Meetup.com site has been active with ideas and suggestions.
 - i. A volunteer has come forward to help organize the site and build a 'TIPS' section to record all the ideas and suggestions for easier management of information.
 - ii. Does the group want to form 'sub-groups' in other geographical locations due to the size of the group and distance people are coming from?
 - iii. What does that group look like? Is it family orientated or something else?
 - iv. Who will manage it and who will fund it?
 - v. Do we want to try to meet in other areas rather than Reno? Who will coordinate those meeting locations?
 - vi. Do we want to continue as we are for now and reevaluate at a later date as to forming other groups?
 - vii. Does anyone want to assume a formal assistant role in the group?
- **Announcement: Meet-Up.com now has a membership perk offering a 12% discount on purchases of knives from <http://www.theknifsmith.com/index.html>**
- Rail City Nursery is willing to sponsor a room location free of charge as well as sponsor or assist in a gardening lecture series for our March meeting. They also suggested that a group discount might be arranged. Does the group want to default to their training lecture or conduct something in conjunction with them? We do have master gardeners in our group.
- Do we want to organize a work party to build planters and get garden preps ready? It would be a central location that everyone can come to and share tools and assistance to build what they want and then take it home. Rob has access to scrap pallets that can be used for planter boxes.
- It was suggested that a Group Green House could be funded, built and managed cooperatively for the group. What is the group's position on this?
- It was suggested that a Group Root Cellar might be funded, built and used cooperatively by the group. What is the group's position on this?
- **Preparation updates.**
 - i. What have you added to your preps, i.e. water storage, food items, medical supplies, transportation, shelter, etc?

- ii. What deals did you find, i.e. food deals, storage items, special supply item sales?
 - iii. What projects are you working on or do you need help with one?
 - iv. What new preps are you starting, i.e. water, food, canning, medical, etc?
- Special projects or events being worked on?
 - Information sharing; i.e. ideas, skills, purchasing deals, how-to instruction?
 - APN requests to anyone? Media interviews? Meeting sites or new ideas for locations? Two interviews were given in December. The Reno Gazette interviewed two group members and published their 12/21 story as a front-page item. It was a positive story. UNR journalism student also interviewed for a work assignment. It has not been published.

6. Presentation of lecture series -

**Introduction to General and Emergency Communication Options.
CB, FRS/GMRS, HAM
Instructor: Ken Juenke**

- Does the group want to organize a HAM net for licensed operators?
- Does the group want to incorporate radio comms into future outing events?
- Does the group want to organize a non-HAM Radio Operating Instructions protocol for the group in the event of an emergency?
- Does the group want to practice radio comm procedures at next meetings as part of a standard meeting event?
- Does the group want to organize a HAM radio installation team/event/work party?
- Does the group want to organize a mobile radio vehicle installation work party? Are there any car audio experts in the group?
- Does the group want to pursue trying to arrange a outside vendor/business to do a mass installation of vehicle radio equipment?

7. Meeting wrap up and conclusion.

- Does the group want to meet again?
- Next meeting location?
- Next meeting time frame?
- Next meeting training ideas?
 - i. Medical – Is the group willing to pay for Red Cross training to receive Basic First Aid/CPR certification? Does the group want to pursue paying for an advanced military level “combat lifesaver” course? We have had wilderness level medical training provided by an EMT. Do

we have someone qualified to instruct who wants to offer medical training to the group?

- ii. Weapons – Is everyone CCW licensed and does anyone need a firearms course?
- iii. Food preparation – Does anyone want to organize a canning event with the LDS Cannery?
- iv. Water management – Check your stored water that it hasn't froze or leaked in the current temperatures.
- v. Bugging Out – Nothing scheduled.
 - Is there group discussion around a Bug Out Location? (*Open Discussion Item but please be conscientious of any minors present as well as negative discussions that can be misunderstood by others both in and outside of the group. Please no Militia discussions, anti-government, fear mongering, apocalyptic mutant alien zombie bikers or advocating violating the law. Please be respectful to people's opinions and legitimate concerns.*)
- vi. Bugging In – Nothing scheduled.
- vii. Security – Nothing scheduled.
- viii. Communications - Simple and cheap HAM radio solutions thread on APN. License study course available on line at reasonable cost at: <http://www.hamradiolicenseexam.com/>
- ix. Wilderness Survival – Nothing Scheduled.
- x. Field Craft/Camp Out – A winter camp could be set up early this year. Who is interested in cold weather camping? Has anyone trained extensively in snow camping? Does someone want to take lead on this?
- xi. EMP Preparation – Nothing planned. Do we want to work on Farady cages?
- xii. Pandemic Preparation – Nothing planned.
- xiii. Group assistance – Doe the group want to pursue A.N.T.S. or organize a response team/solution of our own for the general area? If so, what does that look like and what rules would we follow?
- APN requests? None at this time that I am aware of.
- Do we have volunteers for lecture or training series? Anyone? Any subject?

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