

Northern Nevada Preppers Meeting 11/9/13

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.**

- **Disclaimer:**

This is a family based group supporting a self-reliant life style and we come together in the spirit of cooperation to assist others in being prepared for natural or manmade disasters. This group was developed following the principles and guidelines of the American Preppers Network. We welcome families and individuals who want to learn the skills necessary to prepare for and care for themselves and their families in the event of a disaster or something as simple as a minor issue. We are not a militia. We do not promote anti-government behavior or rhetoric. We do not condone hate groups, taking up arms against American citizens or violating the law. We do not hope for and promote anarchy or the end of the world and apocalyptic events. We welcome families who want to learn to be prepared. We have no other agenda.

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?**
 - How long Prepping?**
 - What kind of Prepper. Short term? Long term? Loss of job? Natural Disaster? Economic Collapse? Societal Collapse? TEOTWAWKI?**
 - What have you completed?**
 - 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?**
 - Food**
 - Water**
 - Medical**
 - Communications**
 - Defense**
 - Mobility?**
 - Bug in location?**
 - Bug out location?**

4. Reading of minutes from prior meeting. (Notes are posted on the file repository site from the last meetings)

- **The last meeting was held our new meeting location for the Reno group at Prep and Save. This was developed in support of our group and a means for the store to offer other venues as necessary.**
- **Jerry Young presented a lecture on Prepping in Apartments and Confined Living Areas. His notes have been posted. Vic Bausell filmed Jerry's presentation and posted that on his site. You can find the link on our website.**
- **Rob McKeivitt presented a lecture on Tips for Getting Started Being A Prepper from a past radio show.**

5. New business and updates from old business.

- **The Ham Radio Preppers Net is still meeting on Wednesday nights at 8PM using the linked repeater system and covers all our general areas. It has been well received and is gaining in popularity. The October Halloween show was a lot of fun and very popular. It has been posted on line for those that want to listen to it.**
- **Vic Bausell, Co-Leader, Reno Area is moving forward with the planning of a winter camp in January. We decided to not conduct this in December due to the holidays and the amount of work necessary to produce this event detracts from our lack of available time. We have approximately 15 members wanting to do this. Las Vegas has not gotten back to us with their show if interest and we are not anticipating a joint event now. Vic is scouted the areas at the half-way point and wasn't happy with what he found for our group to use. We are looking in the Truckee area for a winter site and have found some great places to use. We are also considering a Bug Out Bag overnighter in cold weather.**
- **December will be dark other than outside vendor classes and possibly a social event.**
- **Preparation updates. *Open discussion item for the group to speak up and participate.***
 - What have you added to your preps that you want to share with the group, i.e. water storage, food items, medical supplies, transportation, shelter, etc?**
 - What deals did you find, i.e. food deals, storage items, special supply item sales?**
 - 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?**
 - i. **We are aware of two members who will need a work party to install manual well pumps as we did at another member's property.**
- **Information sharing; i.e. ideas, skills, purchasing deals, how-to instruction?**
- **APN requests to anyone? Public requests? Media interviews?**

6. Presentation of lecture series -

Introduction to Reloading Ammunition.

Instructor: Paul Raush

Introduction to Sewing and Mending clothing

Presenter: Lisa Bausell

7. Meeting wrap up and conclusion.

- **Does the group want to continue meeting?**
- **The Winter Camp Out will be in January in the Truckee area.**
- **December will be dark with no meeting.**
- **We have progress on the HAM radio nets being produced and made available for playback.**
- **Future meeting training ideas can be posted on the Meetup site under the discussion board. Training ideas are:**
 - i. **Medical – We have not found someone qualified to officially instruct CPR with all the necessary equipment to the group and have not found an outside source that can meet our price-point \$20 per person.**
 - ii. **Weapons – Is everyone CCW licensed and does anyone need a firearms course? If so, we have an NRA licensed instructor who will travel in the area to accommodate instruction.**
 - iii. **Bugging In – Concluded in July. When should we schedule the next one? Possibly a January bugging in drill?**
 - iv. **Bugging Out – Fall Camp Out completed.**
 - v. **Security – Completed in September. One Lecture, one event.**
 - vi. **Canning and Harvesting Events – October and November will have events posted by Jo, Co-Leader, Reno Area.**
 - vii. **Communications – Wednesday nights at 8:00 PM on the SNARS linked repeater system. We are able to cover all of our areas with this system. Please continue to work on gaining your HAM operator licenses. License study course available on line at reasonable cost at:**

- <http://www.hamradiolicenseexam.com/> The HAM radio clubs also have HAM Cram sessions with times being posted on our site.
- viii. **Wilderness Survival – Fall Camp Out covered some field training of these items.**
 - ix. **EMP Preparation – Nothing planned.**
 - x. **Pandemic Preparation – Completed in June.**
 - xi. **Group assistance – Interest posted on the site about this. Due to the size of the group and the intention of giving support to fellow Preppers in the area we will need to start putting together a team that can take lead on developing Group Member Emergency Assistance Kits. These would be small kits to be delivered to members in case of localized disasters or emergencies. These kits will contain some food, water, medical, light gear and enough to keep our members going for a couple/few days until they can get on their feet. This can be posted for more open discussion on the Meetup Discussion Board. Jerry produced a great starting point list of items. We have a couple people who volunteered to help with this.**

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