

Northern Nevada Preppers Meeting 2/16/13

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 were posted on the Meetup site from the last meeting)

- **The last meeting was held at the Stead Airport in Reno in a private hanger. The space was donated to us for our use for the day. We had an opportunity to meet several new members attending for the first time.**
- **The meeting was one of our longest meetings due to the amount of topics that came up as well as our lecture series. Our thanks goes out to Ken Juenke (K7KBJ) for putting on a great class on introductory radio equipment and operation.**
- **The group wanted to have a lecture series on First Aid Kits from a Preppers prospective. This will be conducted at the February meeting.**
- **We wanted to work on bug out bags for our pets.**
- **We wanted to schedule our March Monthly Meeting to coincide with a gardening lecture series in preparation of spring planting. Rail City Nursery will be our location for this meeting and lecture. We are making final arrangements for this.**
- **The group wants to organize a group work party to build planter boxes out of recycled pallets to be scheduled in March. Pallets have been picked up and are being recycled for our use.**
- **The group would like to build a group green house as well as organizing work parties to build more greenhouses. Currently no one is has volunteered for the funding and property build for this. Chicken Coops were brought up after the meeting with a property being volunteered for this build.**
- **The group wanted to work on an Animal Husbandry lecture series. We will need an instructor for this one.**
- **The group wants to organize and conduct a winter campout sometime in February or early March. We were not able to work out a good schedule for this. This has been scheduled for April and Victor Bausell will be our Event Organizer for this trip. Families are welcome. Vic is looking for ideas of things to cover while on this event. We are planning on a cooking event, map orientation and land navigation event and some first aid hands on training.**
- **The group wants to pursue paying for an advanced military level “combat lifesavers” course. This was pursued but currently there isn’t anything like that being offered in the area. CPR/First Aid training was pursued and a community class of around \$30-\$40 dollars can be arranged. We may have a certified instructor willing to offer the class free of cost to the group.**

- **The group wants to work on EMP preparation and have a Faraday Cage building class. This will need a publication of plans, a detailed shopping list and necessary tools brought to the meeting as a hands-on post meeting event. An instructor with an interest in this to take lead for the lecture series would be appreciated.**
- **The group would like to pursue a lecture series on Pandemic Preparation. It would be preferable to have a health care professional such as a RN, LPA, MD or Emergency Community Management to take lead on this. We want to make sure the most accurate information is being provided from someone who has been trained and current in this field. No offers of instructors has come up.**
- **The group wants to have a basic sewing lecture series. We will need an instructor or two for this event.**
- **The group wants to hold communications drills and set up a regularly scheduled HAM Radio Net at a later date. The group wants to pursue obtaining their HAM radio licenses and get the information posted as meetings to when testing is occurring. This has been posted and coincides with this meeting date.**
- **The group wants to set up Radio Operating Instructions. This is being worked on. We should be able to have something solid set up by the end of summer.**
- **The group wanted to organize a trip to the LDS Cannery. Jo was our event Organizer for this and I wish to thank her for arranging it for us. The event conducted and was incredibly successful. A letter was written to the LDS Cannery thanking them for their hospitality. Approximately 40 members attended as well as some who followed the site but aren't members of our group. I found that interesting.**
- **The group developed a sub-group in the Fernley area to cover those out of areas East of Reno. Frank is our leader for this. He still retains his Security Expert role for us.**
- **The group decided not to start a sub-group in the Reno/Sparks area at this time but we did identify two Co-Leaders for the group, Vic Bausell and Jo.**
- **The group is not interested at pursuing ANTS at this time.**
- **The group is close to 100 members now and everyone wants to continue to meet and likes the direction of the group and subject material. We have gained approximately 30 more people since our last meeting.**
- **It was requested that those who want to teach or lead lecture series please contact the Unofficial Organizer so the lectures can be developed and**

scheduled. The group needs help with gaining some diversity in instructors. Please volunteer.

- **The group decided it would be beneficial for an assistant to organize suggestions and topic ideas into a more manageable format for the group to follow and use on Meetup. Karen took this task on.**

5. New business and updates from old business.

- **The Meetup.com site has been active with ideas and suggestions.**
 - i. We have renewed with APN to continue to be the Northern Nevada contact for Preppers.**
 - ii. We now have 3 Co-Leaders, Frank, Vic and Jo. Karen will assist with the site organization.**
 - iii. We will not collect dues for this group and will privately fund it other than individual costs for events, such as campsites, outside classes such as Red Cross, etc. This allows us to avoid filling any paperwork for taxes, maintaining bank accounts and generally ensures that we have options available to us to decide how and what we are going to do with our group.**
 - iv. We are rapidly growing in size and we may need to look at organizing a sub-group in the Carson City/Garderville area if we continue to grow at this rate. It is anticipated that by the end of summer or early fall this may be necessary.**
 - v. Do we have any volunteers for lecture series?**
 - vi. Members of the LDS Cannery provided me with their Emergency Preparedness Plan. These are available via email to those that want them. Please mark on the sign in sheet if you want a copy with a star next to your name so I know to email you the document.**
- **Announcement: We have lost our membership perk offering a 12% discount on purchases of knives from <http://www.theknifsmith.com/index.html>. The owner has decided to close down his business and focus on his Christian Ministry.**
- **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.**
- **We will organize a work party to build planters and get garden preps ready. Jo is arranging a central location that everyone can come to and share tools and assistance to build what they want and then take it home. Scrap pallets have been picked up and are being recycled to be used for planter boxes.**
- **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?

6. Presentation of lecture series -

Prepper First Aid Kits

Instructor: Steve Ries

- **IFAK – Individual First Aid Kits**
- **Prepper First Aid Kits and how are the different than regular kits**
- **Hail Mary Kits**
- **K-9 and small pet First Aid Kits**
- **Health statistics**
- **Disaster event expectations**

7. Meeting wrap up and conclusion.

- Does the group want to meet again?
- Next meeting location will be Rail City Garden Center.
- Next meeting time frame is being arranged.
- April will have a Spring Camp Out.
- Next meeting training ideas?
 - i. Medical – We have had wilderness level medical training provided by an EMT. We have someone qualified to instruct CPR to the group and will need to get this scheduled possibly in April.
 - ii. Weapons – Is everyone CCW licensed and does anyone need a firearms course?
 - iii. Food preparation – Do we want to organize a reoccurring 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 – April 13th**
- xi. **EMP Preparation – Nothing planned. Do we want to work on Farady cages?**
- xii. **Pandemic Preparation – Nothing planned.**
- xiii. **Group assistance – Nothing planned.**
- **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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