

Northern Nevada Preppers Meeting 2/22/14

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**

- **Introduce yourself and guests if you are new to the group.**
- **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?**

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

- **We met in December for a social event dinner at Casale's Halfway House in Reno. We had a big attendance and had to eat in shifts. Casale's said that if we come back next year they will close the restaurant so it will be just us using the facility and we'd have it to ourselves.**
- **In January we conducted two events to help people evaluate their preparedness levels and start off with training.**
- **We started on January 1st with a weeklong no-spending Financial Fasting drill to simulate an economic collapse and to test our own level of on hand preparations. This drill was extended another week for the more ambitious to put more strain on their level of preparedness. For those that participated it was a way to evaluate what was most important to begin working on or enhance.**
- **On January 25th a winter campout was conducted led by Vic Bausell. Although it was expected to have been snow covered, it was still cold and presented different challenges than we have experienced in past campouts. The group trained on knot tying, fire making, shelter building, improvised casualty litters and cold weather injuries and first aid.**
- **The Carson Valley Subgroup met on January 18th and covered solar equipment.**

4. 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. The past shows are posted on our file repository site at www.nnpg.net for you to listen to. We cover a different Prepper topic each week.**
- **Jerry Young started a discussion on the site of training topics he would like to see presented over the course of the year. We have many of those events planned but I would encourage everyone to weigh in on that discussion so we know what classes and training events to concentrate on.**
- **Preparation updates. *Open discussion item for the group to speak up and participate.***
 - i. **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?**

- 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?
 - 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?

5. Presentation of lecture series -

- 72-Hour Kits
- Get Home Bags
- Bug Out Bags
- Bags for Kids
- Bags for Pets

Presenters: Rob McKeivitt, Vic Bausell, Glenda Dudley, Kristen Masar

6. Meeting wrap up and conclusion.

- Does the group want to continue meeting?
- Future meeting training ideas can be posted on the Meetup site under the discussion board. Training ideas are:
 - i. Medical – We have found someone qualified to officially instruct CPR with all the necessary equipment to the group who can meet our price-point per person. We are finalizing details and believe the price will only be \$35 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 –When should we schedule the next one?
 - iv. Bugging Out – A bug out bag event will be conducted in the spring. A full campout will be conducted in the summer.
 - v. Security – We will cover the personal security lecture again as well as we will have another defensive shooting training event scheduled.
 - vi. Canning and Harvesting Events
 - vii. Prepper Swap Meet – We will have a weekend event at Prep & Save to swap gear and supplies. This is a no cash event. Everything will be bartered. No guns or ammo at this event.

- viii. **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.**
- ix. **Wilderness Survival – Bug out bag events in the spring and fall.**
- x. **EMP Preparation – Nothing planned.**
- xi. **Pandemic Preparation**
- xii. **Group assistance – We will move forward with this project and hope to have it moving by the summer. 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 few people who volunteered to help with this.**

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