

Northern Nevada Preppers Meeting 3/10/13

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 Caughlin Club and Steve Ries covered first aid kits from an individual level to a major group kit to include items that could only be used by specifically trained medical personnel should that person become available. Our thanks go out to him for putting on this very informative lecture series. We had 53 people in attendance although only 47 signed up.**
- **The group wanted to have a lecture series on introductory gardening, container gardening, limited space gardening and instruction for growing in the Northern Nevada Area. Rail City Garden Center volunteered their facility and instructors for this to be our March meeting.**
- **It was discussed that we now have assistant leaders in the group to help organize events. Marshall Goldy took the lead on developing a sub-group in the Carson Valley Area and has scheduled his first meeting. He has been made a Co-Leader of our group.**
- **It was discussed to build a discussion thread on Meetup to post meeting ideas, lecture topics and volunteer material and instructors. This is done. Another website, independent of Meetup has been developed to be a repository of prior meeting minutes, handouts, lecture notes and other useful documents. The site is privately funded for our group's use.
<http://www.nnpg.net/>**
- **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. Our Co-Leader Jo is in the process of getting this scheduled.**
- **The group would like to build a group green house as well as organizing work parties to build more greenhouses. We have a volunteer for this and we will be able to pursue a means to work an already established greenhouse. Building Chicken Coops will be done and a property has been volunteered. This build to be scheduled.**
- **It was discussed that we very much need volunteers to take on lectures and the current topics needing instructors are: building Faraday Cages, Animal Husbandry, Pandemic Preparation and Introduction to Sewing, Mending and Patterns.**
- **It was discussed to conduct a more intense survival training event by hiking into an area and using only the equipment that a person could carry, staying in an area for the night and hiking back out. Approximately one third of the group wanted to conduct this exercise. We will organize this event in the**

summer/fall. It would be best to have a prior service military survival instructor cadre to assist in putting an event together so volunteer if you taught at the Survival School for your branch of service. If we have someone who is a certified Survival Instructor on a civilian side for this particular area then you would be a great help as well.

- **April is our Spring Camp Out and Victor Bausell will be our Event Organizer for this trip. Families are welcome. Vic is wrapping up 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. We have just added an educational documentary to be shown on Saturday called After Armageddon produced by the History Channel. It is family friendly and deals with a study of probable post disaster considerations a person and family will go through.**
- **We may have a certified instructor willing to offer a CPR class free of cost to the group and this is being pursued.**
- **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 have 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 members are gaining their licenses. More classes have been scheduled. No emergency group coordination in a major disaster can occur without members being on the air.**
- **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 another trip to the LDS Cannery. Jo, one of our co-leaders is arranging this for us.**
- **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. His second meeting was a success and well received.**

- It was discussed that Walmart is selling the entire product line of Mountain House food and shipping to the store is free.
- The group is close to 150 members now and everyone stated at the last meeting they want to continue to meet and likes the direction of the group and subject material. We have gained approximately 50 more people since our last meeting.
- The final wrap from our last meeting was a task to all members of the group to check their current first aid kits to make sure nothing has expired, the bandages haven't disintegrated in the heat of a car and all the items are still there, in good order and haven't been used up. It was also tasked that everyone get a basic first aid kit built or bought for the house, the car and everyday carry. I received several emails from members stating they were glad to have done this and found issues they were able to address. It is great to get that kind of feedback. Thank you.

5. New business and updates from old business.

- i. We now have 4 Co-Leaders, Frank, Vic, Jo and Marshall. Karen is assisting with the site organization and meeting arrangements.
 - ii. We will not collect dues for this group and will remain privately funded 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.
 - iii. Do we have any volunteers for lecture series? If so, please post on the Meetup discussion board or send a private email so we may discuss.
 - iv. It was a struggle to determine everyone's email or name from the last sign-up sheet. If you did not receive an email from me, although you signed up then I was not able to read your writing. Please see me and I will make sure to get it right before leaving today.
 - v. 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. Will be in March.
- 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?**
- **Information sharing; i.e. ideas, skills, purchasing deals, how-to instruction?**
- **APN requests to anyone? Public requests? Media interviews? Meeting sites or new ideas for locations?**

6. Presentation of lecture series -

**Introductory Gardening for Northern Nevada Preppers Group
Instructor: Pawl, Owner of Rail City Garden Center**

7. Meeting wrap up and conclusion.

- **Does the group want to continue meeting?**
- **Next meeting location will be our April Spring Camp Out although based on volunteers or if any of our events being worked can be accommodated in April, we will get something extra scheduled and may adjust the meeting to that event.**
- **In May I would like to pursue a Sewing Class and an Introduction to Ammunition Reloading. We will need instructors for both.**
- **Future meeting training ideas can be posted on the Meetup site under the discussion board. Training ideas are:**
 - i. Medical – We have had wilderness level medical training provided by an EMT. We are scheduling someone qualified to instruct CPR to the group and will need to get this scheduled possibly in May.**
 - 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. A defensive shooting class is being prepared by our Security Expert.**
 - iv. Food preparation – We are organizing a reoccurring canning event with the LDS Cannery. We will schedule a group home canning event. Jo will bring together those people who regularly can for an organizational meeting. Please contact her if you are interested in assisting.**
 - v. Water management – The Fernley Sub-Group will conduct water storage training at their next meeting.**
 - vi. Field Craft/Camp Out – April 12th, 13th and leaving on the 14th. April 12th, Friday was added as an additional day due to group requests.**
 - vii. Bugging Out – April Camp Out can serve as a training exercise for those that want to shake down gear and test out evacuation plans and family emergency plans. For those that cannot attend, go back and look at your 72-hour kits, verify your paperwork is current and**

stored, walk through your communications plans, meet up locations and drive your routes.

viii. **Bugging In – Nothing scheduled but will most likely post a weekend drill in the summer.**

ix. **Security – Nothing scheduled.**

x. **Communications - Simple and cheap HAM radio solutions thread on APN. License study course available on line at reasonable cost at: <http://www.hamradiolicenseexam.com/>**

xi. **Wilderness Survival – Nothing Scheduled.**

xii. **EMP Preparation – Nothing planned.**

xiii. **Pandemic Preparation – Nothing planned.**

xiv. **Group assistance – Nothing planned. 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 open discussion on the Meetup Discussion Board.**

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