

Disaster Preparedness

Links, Lists, and Suggested Reading – 28 July 2011

<http://www.frfrogspad.com/disastr.htm> - "I've had over 30 people staying with me since Sunday, evacuating from New Orleans and points south in anticipation of Hurricane Katrina. Only two families were my friends they told other friends of theirs that they knew a place where they could hole up, and so a whole bunch arrived here! I didn't mind, because there were six RV's and travel trailers, so we had enough accommodation. However, I've had the opportunity to see what worked - and what didn't - in their evacuation plans and bug-out kits, and I thought a few "lessons learned" might be appropriate to share here."

<http://www.silverbearcafe.com/private/10.08/tshtf1.html> - *the article that follows is a very sobering account of the effect that the collapse of the Argentine economy (1999 - 2002) had on its citizens, as seen through the eyes of one of them. The economic collapse wiped out the middle class and raised the level of poverty to 57.5%. Central to the collapse was the implementation of neo-liberal policies which enabled the swindle of billions of dollars by foreign banks and corporations. Many of Argentina's assets and resources were shamefully plundered. Its financial system was even used for money laundering by Citibank, Credit Suisse, and JP Morgan (sound familiar?). The net result was massive wealth transfers and the impoverishment of society which culminated in many deaths due to oppression and malnutrition.*

Grassroots Organizations:

Some of these sites make it easy to fax/e-mail your legislators about issues:

9/12 Project: www.the912project.com

American Family Association: www.afa.net

Focus on The Family & James Dobson: www.focuspetitions.org

Grassfire: www.grassfire.com

JunkScience.com: www.junkscience.com

Media Research Center: www.mrc.org - The mission of the Media Research Center, "America's Media Watchdog," is to bring balance to the news media.

NumbersUSA: www.numbersusa.com - Immigration reform issues

Oath Keepers: www.oathkeepers.org - a non-partisan association of currently serving the Armed Forces, veterans, Peace Officers, and Fire Fighters who will fulfill the Oath we swore, with the support of like minded citizens who take an Oath to stand with us, to support and defend the Constitution

ResistNet.com: www.resistnet.com

Taxpayers for Common Sense: www.taxpayer.net - an independent and non-partisan voice for taxpayers working to increase transparency and expose and eliminate wasteful and corrupt subsidies, earmarks, and corporate welfare.

Tenth Amendment Center: www.tenthamendmentcenter.com

Emergency Alert & Notification Sites:

These sites allow you to sign up to have emergency news sent directly to your e-mail or to your cell phone via a text message.

CNN Breaking News Alerts: <http://www.cnn.com/profile/> - the alert sign up is about halfway down the page.

CrisisAlert: <http://groups.google.com/group/CrisisAlert?hl=en>

Dallas Morning News Alerts: <http://www.dallasnews.com/alerts/>

Emergency E-mail.org: www.emergencyemail.org/ - receive emergency e-mail or text message notification of natural disasters, severe weather or other emergencies in your area

Fox News Alerts: <http://www.foxnews.com/alerts/subscribe.html>

Oklahoma City News Alerts: <http://newsok.com/home/mobile>

Recalls.gov: <http://www.recalls.gov/list.html> - Enroll in this free service by signing up for direct notification of recalls from the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, the Food & Drug Administration and the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Informative Websites:

AR15.com: www.ar15.com - Online Forum of current events, gun info, disaster preparations, classifieds, etc – some fairly intelligent individuals along with a few whackos to make things interesting.

Bank Rating Website: beta.bankrate.com/rates/safe-sound/bank-ratings-search.aspx - be sure to click on the “Memo” link after the “Rating” column to read more about your bank’s standing.

Bank Rating Website: www.bauerfinancial.com/btc_ratings.asp - after you enter the state and bank name and press Search! - then scroll down—this site has multiple reports on each bank however you have to pay for the reports.

(It is advisable to check both of the above websites every 2-3 months to monitor the health of your bank)

Drudge Report: www.drudgereport.com - an outstanding site for reading headlines from a WIDE variety of news sources.

Food Storage Calculator: lds.about.com/library/bl/faq/blcalculator.htm - calculator to figure the minimum food storage amounts for your family for one year.

One News Now: www.onenewsnow.com/ - keeps you informed and engaged from a Christian point of view on issues that affect you.

Radio Reference: www.radioreference.com - website with database of frequencies for monitoring police, fire, EMS and other groups with a scanner

Rapture Ready: www.raptureready.com - news, current events, and information

Scribd Online Books: www.scribd.com - an outstanding source for books and manuals of all types - many of them can be downloaded for free - there are also many books that are out of print and/or old.

Silver Coin Melt Value: www.coinflation.com/coins/silver_coin_calculator.html - a calculator for determining the metal value of silver and base metal coins. There is also a section for gold and foreign coins.

Sky News: <http://news.sky.com/skynews/> - The European equivalent of Fox News.

Stephen Wenger’s Site and E-mail list: www.spw-duf.info/site.html - great daily newsletter (via e-mail) about current firearm legislation, trends, and case studies. There is also some great information about all aspects of the defensive use of firearms on this site.

Survival Blog: www.survivalblog.com – My favorite place to get information & current events relating to survival & other news – the creator has an outstanding, balanced, & Christian view.

Urban Survival Stories: www.urbansurvivalstories.com

Urban Legends & Hoax Pages

- One method of checking out stories is to copy the first sentence of the story and paste it into www.google.com - sometimes you have to sort through the results to determine the facts but it is much better than lying by spreading the e-mail. The sites listed below are not 100% accurate all of the time but can give you some guidance.

Urbanlegends: urbanlegends.about.com/

Snopes: www.snopes.com

TruthorFiction: www.truthorfiction.com

Breakthechain: www.breakthechain.org

Training & Volunteer Organizations

Citizen Corps Programs: www.citizencorps.gov/ - Citizen Corps' five federally sponsored partner programs (Community Emergency Response Team, The Fire Corps, USAonWatch-Neighborhood Watch, Medical Reserve Corps, and Volunteers in Police Service) help build capacity for first responders through the use of volunteers. This is a great place to get training and volunteer to serve your community.

FEMA: www.fema.gov/about/training/individuals.shtm - online training in disaster preparedness and mitigation including a couple of courses for animal/livestock owners

Gun Owners of America: www.gunowners.org

Homeland Security: www.ready.gov - preparedness site for citizens & businesses: several downloadable brochures and publications

National Association of Amateur Radio: www.wedothat-radio.org/ - a great site to learn about Ham radio and emergency communications.

National Rifle Association: www.nra.org

National Weather Service: www.weather.gov/nwr/ - all-hazards/weather radio information

North Central Texas Council of Governments Disaster Preparedness: www.knowwhat2do.com/

Oklahoma Department of Emergency Management: www.ok.gov/OEM/

Red Cross: www.redcross.org - information on Red Cross training

Texas Division of Emergency Management: www.txdps.state.tx.us/dem/

The American Civil Defense Association: www.tacda.org

Vendors

American Precious Metals Exchange: www.apmex.com – Outstanding place to buy gold & silver – great customer service and typically the best prices around.

E-Bay: www.ebay.com - E-bay is a great resource for items. I recommend utilizing paypal because there are buyer protections in place. Also it is important to look at the feedback and previous transactions of a seller before bidding. Be aware of shipping costs—some sellers have great prices but they determine the shipping costs and they make up for the discounts there.

Emergency Essentials: www.beprepared.com

GT Distributors: www.gtdist.com – Law Enforcement and Tactical Gear supplier based in Austin, Texas

KI4U: www.ki4u.com – Radiation information, detection & other supplies.

Lehman's: www.lehmans.com – Has a wide selection of non-electric items including a bucket for retrieving water out of a cased well.

Natchez Shooting Supply: www.natchezss.com – Excellent source for ammunition, gun accessories, hunting and gear

Northern Tool & Equipment: www.northerntools.com – Great source for all kinds of tools, generators, heaters, gardening equipment, alternative energy supplies, etc.

Ranger Joes: www.rangerjoes.com – military & law enforcement gear

Roper Products: www.usedlions.com/roper.htm - Great source of nylon gear plus custom made items. A close friend, Mr. Roper is a retired Army First Sergeant.

ShelfReliance: www.shelfreliance.com - Rack systems for food rotation, storage food, and preparedness kits.

Steep and Cheap: www.steepandcheap.com - Drastic discounts on all kinds of outdoors gear - each deal only lasts 25 minutes - this is a good page to make as one of your home pages.

iPhone Apps	
RadarScope	Weather enthusiasts and meteorologists can view NEXRAD Level 3 radar data along with tornado, severe thunderstorm, and flash flood warnings issued by the National Weather Service.
BoltMeter	Real time lightning strikes utilizing a compass based system to provide up to the minute distance & direction information.
TuneIn Radio	Listen to over 50,000 radio stations including thousands of AM/FM local stations
5-0 Radio	Listen to live feeds of police, firefighter, aircraft, marine, emergency, and ham radios. The app features the ability to listen to feeds in the background while running other apps.

Reading List

Three Must Reads:

- One Second After by William R. Forstchen
- The Modern Survival Manual: Surviving the Economic Collapse by Fernando Ferfal Aguirre
- How to Survive the End of the World as We Know It by James Wesley Rawles

Additional Reads

- The Pocket Disaster Survival Guide by Harris Andrews
- The Pocket First-Aid Field Guide by George Dvorchak
- The Pocket Outdoor Survival Guide by J. Wayne Fears
- The Accidental Farmers by Tim Young
- One Man's Wilderness by Sam Keith
- Army Field Manual FM 21-76
- The Bielski Brothers by Peter Duffy
- Defiance by Nechama Tec
- Deep Survival: Who Lives, Who Dies, and Why by Laurence Gonzales
- The Survivors Club: The Secrets and Science that Could Save Your Life
- How to Survive Anything, Anywhere: A Handbook of Survival Skills for Every Scenario and Environment by Chris McNab
- The Unthinkable: Who Survives Disaster Strikes – And Why by Amanda Ripley
- The Great Influenza: The Story of the Deadliest Pandemic in History by John M. Barry
- The Foxfire Series
- Emergency Disaster Survival Guidebook by Doug King
- Storey's Basic Country Skills: A Practical Guide to Self-Reliance by M. John Storey
- Deep Winter by Thomas Sherry
- Light's Out by David Crawford
- The Blue Death by Robert D. Morris
- Patriots: Surviving the Coming Collapse by James Wesley Rawles
- When All Hell Breaks Loose: Stuff You Need To Survive When Disaster Strikes by Cody Lundin

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