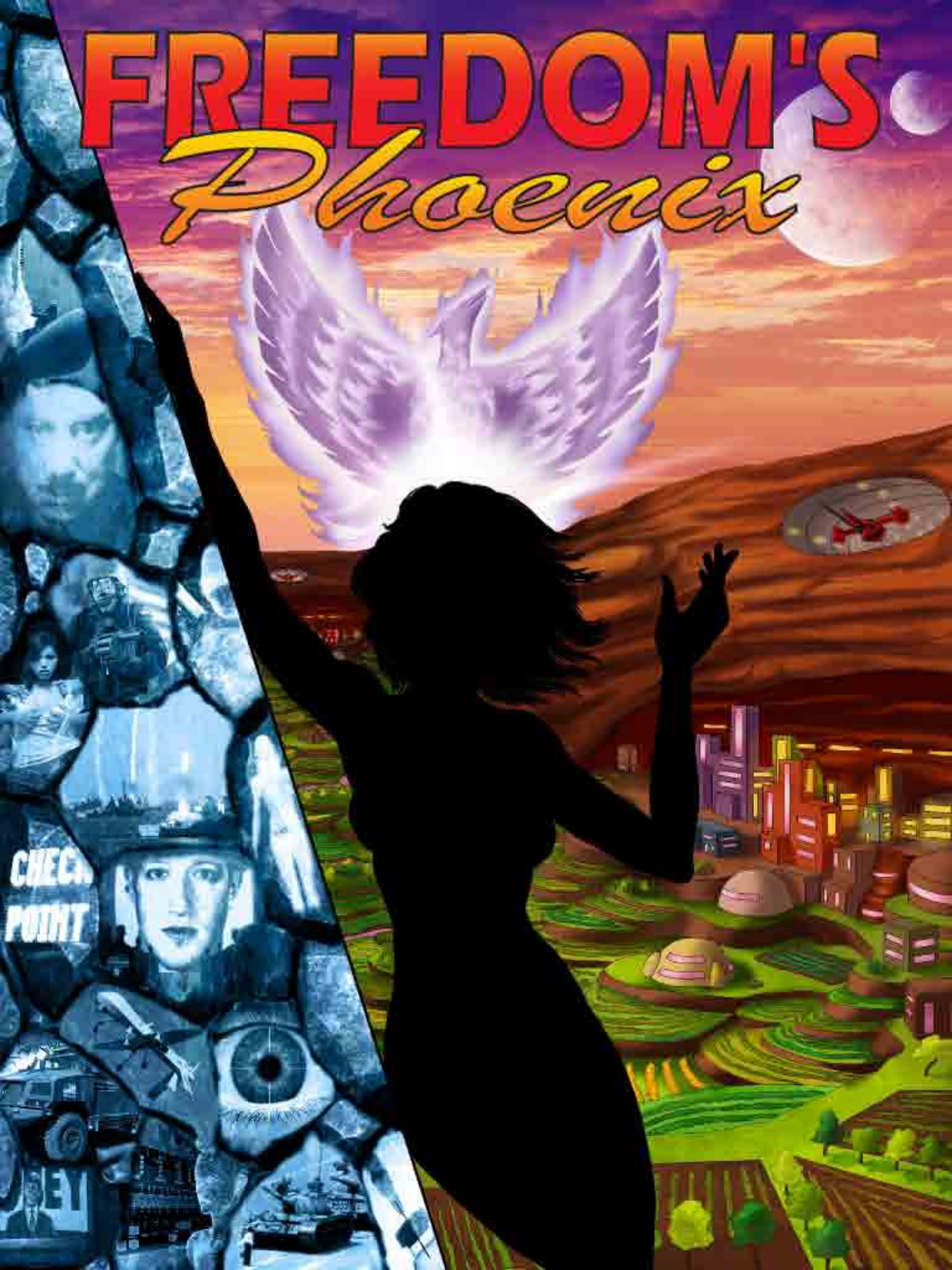


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Making a Wonderful Day in the Neighborhood

By Meghan Kellison

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Being a good neighbor is something that is rarely discussed these days and even more rarely practiced. Growing up in a small middle and working class neighborhood, I remember there always being neighbors I could trust and count on during hard times. People waved as you rode by bicycling or stopped to chat while walking their dogs. I babysat my neighbor's daughter who lived across the street, and when Hurricane Ivan hit we shared our home with my mom's best friend who lived up the road and my friends, her children. Also during that hurricane, all the neighbors helped each other out with the damage that had been done and shared cell phones that had service. I remember spending time just talking with some of the elderly neighbors who always had wisdom to share, and never even worrying about what I may be missing out on in the virtual world.



I am old enough to remember these times and young enough to see how a more virtually connected society is creating a more socially disconnected world. I return to my old neighborhood and see less people outside and no response if I wave or even just smile and nod their direction. It makes we wonder if we are so disconnected in relatively prosperous times, how much more distant will we be during hard times?

I live in an apartment now, and it is a strange situation to be physically attached to the homes of others yet so very cut off from any interaction. People go to and from work and there is not much acknowledgement, though when our paths cross I always try to be friendly and ask how they are doing. One neighbor came by to introduce herself to me when we first moved in, but I admit that I haven't been the most outgoing. It is something I am trying to change, and perhaps the disconnect in my apartment complex is more related to the notion that people hold apartments to be temporary homes to reside in until something better comes along. It is certainly a notion I hold as I look to and try to prepare for my future, more permanent residence. We recently moved again into another apartment in the same complex, and have discussed how this time we need to really make the effort to reach out to our neighbors around us.

Having lived in neighborhoods before my apartment, I felt a much stronger sense of community there. The last three places we lived, we cultivated a few friendships that were mostly dependable. Getting to know those around us better equipped us to watch out for them as they watched out for us, and building that trustworthiness took time and effort. Unfortunately, one of those relationships ended badly as we were too trusting in our neighbors, but learned the lesson of putting up effective barriers.

Communication is the key to improving all relationships intimate or otherwise, and by establishing clear lines of communication with our neighbors we can start improving how we live alongside one another. Starting small is a good approach that can help keep someone from feeling overwhelmed, and it is as simple as introducing yourself to a new neighbor or sharing tips or ideas on everyday doings. By offering help and services to neighbors in need I think you'll find that reciprocation still exists on the local scale.

Equally important is what we don't do to our neighbors. If you notice a neighbor doing something that may violate a code or something else disapproving in your eyes, peacefully communicating with them is more efficient and productive than going to the state. The growing sense of separation has come with a side effect of decreasing empathy, and people seem quick to report neighbors to the authorities for minor inconveniences instead of going directly to them. This passive aggressiveness causes resentment and further distrust at a time when we need unity more than ever. Don't be that person who calls the cops or homeowner's association over something petty, be an adult and address the person directly. Little things like direct communication can pave the way for more trusting relationships in harder times, and by starting now people can work together to more efficiently and peacefully build community. Many times when the upkeep of a neighbor's residence declines, it is a reflection of other problems they may be experiencing, and calling the code enforcers on them will only add more stress to their lives. Simply taking the time to reach out and talk to them could drastically change their outlook and be the first step in building trust.



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The neighborhood is a microcosm reflective of the greater community, and as neighborliness declines it is in direct relation to the decline of community relations. We talk a lot about building community, but even those most dedicated to the concept struggle with the allocation of time. Time seems in short supply to most, but it is perhaps our prosperity that prevents us from building closer relationships in our communities.



The erosion of our prosperity could be what is needed to bring neighbors together again. Despite the recession, times are still very prosperous and this breeds a

culture of privilege and isolation. We don't need to rely on each other as much anymore, and as we recede into our own virtual spheres the reality of the outside world seems further away and more foreign. It is an amazing privilege to have the tools and technology to be self-sufficient, and as awesome it sounds to have complete autonomy, the truth is we still need each other. We still require socialization and interaction and above all cooperation especially when times get harder, and by failing to cultivate this sense of community now when we feel we don't require it, we could be short selling our future.

As much of a problem as this separation appears to be, there are larger problems on the horizon, and banding together is a natural response to catastrophe no matter how distant we become. Tragedies bring out the best in people, and the spirit of cooperation and fellowship can grow and thrive. While the future seems frightening and will be, the opportunities we will be able to nurture as things get worse will be abundant.

We perhaps need to experience real struggle and collapse in this country so that we may come

together stronger, rebuild that dormant sense of community, and appreciate the ability we inherently have to connect. I don't have the solutions of what we can do when times grow more difficult, but I have a wealth of history that demonstrates that humans can persevere and that community can be rebuilt no matter how distant we have gotten from each other.

While I strive to be a better neighbor in my own community, I realize I am not immune to the critiques I have of society because I make up a part of society. I don't make the time I know I need to, and I don't always reach out to people I should. By trying to work on these faults, I hope I can be a better example and recognize the barricades I have set for myself. By taking responsibility for what I can do now and taking the extra effort to reach out to my immediate neighbors, hopefully I can contribute to the unification of my local community. 🌸

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Forced into Freedom

By Larken Rose

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AS the U.S. empire falls apart, things are going to get pretty unpleasant for a lot of people. Just how unpleasant it will get depends largely upon whether people know how to act like rational, civilized human

beings when they don't have politicians, police and others aggressive parasites--I mean, "noble leaders"--to cry to. The deeper someone has been trained into authoritarianism, the less practice he will have had at running his own life, and taking responsibility for his own actions and choices.



The irony is that many statist proclaim that we're just stupid animals, and therefore we need "government," when in reality, it is the gang calling itself "government" that has trained so many people to act like stupid animals. In fact, many of the flawed attitudes and behaviors which statist point to as proof that "government" is necessary are the result of "government" in the first place. Here are a few examples:

1) Many people don't think they need to give to charity, or help their fellow man, because the state has trained them to believe that that's government's" job.

2) Many people don't have the knowledge or equipment to protect themselves and their families, because they've been taught not to "take the law into their own hands," but to call "the authorities" if anything bad happens.

3) Many people are really bad at settling disputes like adults, because they are taught that every serious conflict should be solved by lawyers or men with badges.

4) Many people have an entitlement mentality, and will steal because of it, as a result of "government" teaching them that "need" gives them a right to something.

5) Many people whine about "fairness," while having no idea how to feed themselves, how to be productive, or how to trade with others for mutual benefit. They speak of "needing jobs," and wouldn't have the first clue how to be self-sufficient. On command, they can mindlessly perform simple tasks (slowly and begrudgingly), while having no idea how wealth is actually

created. All of this is how "government" trains people to be: easily manageable, but profoundly ignorant, human livestock.

When the poop strikes the air-propulsion unit in this country, and there is an economic and/or political collapse, and millions of well-trained subjects are accidentally let off of their authoritarian leashes, what will happen? And how should those of us who believe in individual freedom deal with them? After all, such people aren't all evil; they're just what they were trained to be: easily controlled subjects who are mentally and physically dependent on "the system." When the system goes "splat," then what?

The good news is, a lot of people, when they're hurled into the position of having to be responsible, do a pretty good job of it. Whenever there is a major natural disaster, some people may sit around waiting for "authority" to save the day, but others swing into action, saving whomever needs to be saved, fixing whatever needs to be fixed, doing whatever needs to be done, without waiting around for permission from "the powers that be."

In a poop-striking-fan scenario, it's really important to know who people are, and whether they are capable of functioning as rational adults outside of the confines of an authoritarian arrangement. As a general rule, if you meet someone whose first two questions are "Who's in charge?" and "Who's going to give me food and shelter?" I suggest you avoid him like the plague. Because, frankly, such people are the plague: the philosophical plague that is going to bring this empire down.

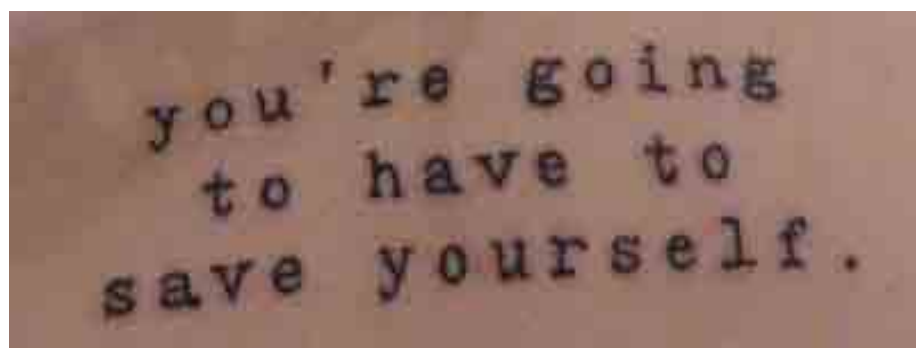


However, a whole lot of people, even many of those now stuck in the mainstream statist paradigm, are quite capable of quickly shifting into

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responsible, rational being" mode if they have to. Probably the biggest challenge will be getting such people to think outside of the "legal" mentality, in the case of economic or political collapse.




In any crisis, acquiring food, shelter, protection, power, transportation, communications, and so on, can only occur among people who have gotten over automatically thinking "Are we allowed to do that?" every time an idea is proposed. If someone's mind is still looking for an "authority" to obey, it's probably better to just avoid him. The people who are in the most trouble in the case of a collapse are the people who sound like this:

"Are you allowed to have that gun? Do you have a license to hunt? Isn't that garden against zoning codes? Does that guy have a license to sell food? Shouldn't we be paying taxes on what we trade at this place? Is all of this legal? I wonder when the authorities will get things back to normal. Maybe we should just sit tight until then."

In contrast, the people who will thrive are those who can look past what is familiar, what they're accustomed to, what those in power have "let" them do in the past, and who can figure out how to do whatever needs to be done--the people who can quickly organize trade, figure out ways to cooperate with others, including complete strangers, while completely ignoring and disobeying (and resisting, if necessary) any "rules," "laws," or other worthless, illegitimate decrees issued by whatever group of parasites wants to pretend to be "in charge."

Probably the quickest way to make people into voluntaryists is to make their lives depend upon it. Consider how many people starved to death in the Soviet Union and in Red China, by obeying the decrees of a group of politicians. I find it unlikely that America--with the possible exception of some people living in major cities--will be so ignorant or cowardly to allow that to happen to them. On the contrary, I expect the coming collapse to revitalize "rugged individualism," as well as the spirit of community cooperation, throughout a lot of the country.

Humanity can very easily thrive, if the people all accept a very simple concept: if you don't try to force your will onto others, by yourself or through any so-called "authority," then we can all get along just fine. If we're of different races and religions, speak different languages, or have different values and priorities, then we might just ignore each other for the most part. Or we might find ways to cooperate. Either way, there is no need at all for us to be enemies.

Ironically, people might have a better chance of figuring this principle out during times of economic disaster, even though the rule always applies, in all places and at all times, during poverty and prosperity alike. It's called being civilized. And considering all the wars, oppressions, and economic disasters caused by authoritarianism, it's an idea people had better figure out pretty darn soon. 



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Living Free, Deliberately - Why we Chose Southern Missouri. By Bunker Mentality

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WE came to the woods because we wished to live deliberately; to be free. To raise our children to be self-reliant, intelligent, free people.

I knew it was time to leave Arizona when flat, fertile farm fields around me were purchased by the city of Phoenix, and then heaped and hilled up to build "public" golf courses. My little town outside of the city was no more. Then the nearby Reservation built a Casino one mile away from us. Now we had serious car wrecks everyday complete with Air-Evac helicopters all the time flying over. I had two very young girls I did not want raised here anymore. I did not want to live here anymore. All of my friends and neighbors began to move out.

So we began looking for good places to move to. Trips were made to Utah, Idaho, Colorado, New Mexico, Nevada, Wyoming, Montana and the Dakotas, looking for reasonable priced useable land in a decent place. Finally a trip was made to South Central Missouri, and we found it.

We found what we were looking for in the Northern Ozarks. South Central Missouri. The factors that made this area a great place to live and raise free, intelligent children, made it the best place to survive I know of. We can survive any "Doomsday Scenario" that professional doom-prophets or "preppers" can dream up. Some are even a remote possibility.

We did not come here to "prep", or come here to "Survive The End Of The World As We Know It". We are not biding our time waiting for the "Schumer-To-Hit-The-Fan". We live rich and full lives, as free as anyone in Amerika or any country I know of.

Our children have their own businesses and earn their own money. They are honest and hardworking. They run their own businesses. They buy their own games, TVs and computers. They do not sit around and complain of boredom or fire

off "Tweets " at each other. They do not follow fads and fashion, but blaze their own trails. My girls can and do have conversations with people of any age, on most any subject.

Here in South Central Missouri we are three hours from a major city. That is three hours at 60 miles an hour on major highways that are likely to be shut down in bad times. On foot or horse, figure 7 days for hordes of looters to walk here if no one slows them down or objects. People will object to looters. That's 100 miles of country-people who are armed and can shoot, and shoot well between me and the big city.



We have unlimited water. Forty inches of rain a year. Creeks and rivers are all over. Springs on the hillsides and a water table fifteen feet down or less. Rain falling on my modest roof equals 30,000+ gallons a year. I do not rely on anyone for water but me. No electricity needed. No gov't water district.

Things grow here. Lots of things. Trees, grass, bushes, weeds, animals, all of which are food. This is a food producing area. All my life I have been told "It doesn't grow on trees"... Guess what, it does here. The ability to grow food cannot be over stated. Gardens are still the norm here.

A "mind yer own business attitude" is normal. This is your property, do what you want with it. Be prepared for your neighbor to do the same.

Very low taxes. I pay under \$250 a year on 90+ acres with buildings. The one acre place I had in Arizona is now at about \$5,000 a year property tax. A friends place in New York state is taxed \$9,000 a year for a 1/4 acre, another friend in Southern New Hampshire, near Keene, pays \$5,000+ a year on 24 acres. 90% of the county budget here goes to the so-called "school system". Sales taxes are around 7%.

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Low land prices. One Thousand an acre is about average. Fifteen hundred an acre if there is a creek or river running through it. Prime agri-biz land costs more, as agri-biz men (often miss-named "farmers") are in a bidding war on corn crop ground. A huge real estate bubble is building



No zoning. Period. None. It is your land, "Do As Thou Wilt".

A healthy contempt for "Federal" anything. Washington is a "far away and stupid place". "Politicians and other scum don't know what it is live out here" is the most common attitude. In a nearby county with over 50% of voters being democrats, 80% of votes cast went to Romney. I am not saying that is a sign of intelligence, just a separation between local beliefs and the Washington mindset. There is a disconnect between Washington and local politics. People here are born into a political party, same as their father (unless they hate their father, then they join the "other party"). That is why John Ross ran for congress as a democrat. Party membership has no link to politics.

A respect for private property that does not exist in other parts of America. Thieves are rare and are almost always caught. "Shoot: Shovel: Shut-up" is how thieves and marauders (human and animal) are dealt with. The police here actually do an investigation of any property crime. Thieves have a difficult time selling stolen goods when people know who owns what and what is missing. Police here consider bad checks to be stealing and will actually go after the writers. They do require restitution and will prosecute.

The cops here are neighborly (everyone knows where they and their family live). They are part of the community.

Home educated children are very common here. There has never been a check on us or them by government goons. None.

If a woman has a flat tire, every man who passes her on the road (except yuppies in Range Rovers) will change the tire for her. Men will change a tire for a woman they don't even like, and may not speak a word to her the whole time, but they will do it.

Twice my wife could not cross our creek to get home. Twice the nearest neighbor gave her the guest room for the night when she stopped there to call me. Other neighbors have told her to come to their house if she can't get to our house. They all mean it. Neighbors are really neighbors.

It is not perfect here. There are some problems:

We have floods and drought. The creek in front of house can rise up 3 feet high really quick


Power and phones will go out for days some-times. I have a backup generator. I have a back-up, back-up generator. And I have a backup, backup, backup generator.

We have a long drive to the city. Wal-Mart is it for shopping, and it is a 50 mile round trip.

Mail delivery is slow, "overnight letters" take 3 - 5 days. Ups and Federal Express (what a disgusting name!) get lost and call for directions occasionally. Things do arrive eventually.

Your friends get lost coming to visit the first time. Ask Ernie about this one.

There is wildlife, and it will eat your stuff including your dogs.

There is no effective functioning government education system here. Period. If you have school age kids, home educate them. The schools here, as they exist, are social conditioning centers at best. They are also "jobs programs" for locals. In fact, until the Harry Potter books came out, few High School students and graduates here could actually read. Not a joke. Those books got kids to read. 



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Dog Gone It: An Exploration In Stateless Conflict Resolution By Catherine Bleish

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THIS is Liberty, a dog rescued from a neglectful situation across the street from our home. She is living proof that shaking hands with your neighbors instead of calling the state on them will bring about the best possible solution for everyone involved.

Our dog-related conflicts began with the people across the street in late November when a black and white puppy began hanging around their front yard. My first interaction with the dog was catching her eating out of our cat food bowl on the front porch. I shooed her off and tried to find a higher place to put the cat bowl (I like attracting barn cats to chase off mice and rabbits!).

A few days later I caught her in our back yard chasing our chickens, so I carried her over to their house and knocked on the door. When I handed her over I asked their young daughter to translate for me and to let her mom know the dog was chasing our chickens. The mother denied that the dog was theirs and said it was hanging around because they were feeding their new German Shepherd in the backyard (it was chained up). She said the black and white dog belonged to the people down the street and she would talk to them.

On yet another occasion, I heard a commotion out front and went to the window to see the mother from across the street standing halfway down our driveway quietly calling for the dog. I ran into our back yard to find her chasing our chickens again! Thankfully she was too small to do much damage at this point and I was able to quickly catch her. When I handed her back, I told her with some anger that this had to stop.

By December we had talked to the neighbors down the road and they told us they had given

the dog to the mother across the street as a gift (the one denying it was hers while simultaneously taking it every time I brought it over). The chicken-chasing and food-raiding had continued, my frustrated door knocking had escalated, and we began experiencing the additional problem of the German Shepherd getting loose and coming onto our property and barking at our house guests.

In January, just as my second trimester of pregnancy ended I heard a loud squawking noise out front. I called for John and ran full steam at the German Shepherd holding one of my chickens in his mouth. Screaming at the top of my lungs I chased him toward his property, tripping and falling in the middle of the street. From my hands and knees in the middle of the road I screamed as loud as I could, somehow scaring the German Shepherd into dropping the bird.

I then ran to their front door pounding and screaming like a mad woman, with bleeding knees, hands and feet, and chasing the dog every time it tried to go after the bird again until they finally answered the door. I was sobbing and furious and spent the next 45 minutes in a "come to Jesus" meeting in their living room.

One of their housemates, the owner of the German Shepherd, speaks English and he translated between myself and the family. He expressed great remorse and agreed to keep better watch of his dog, the mother and father of the house reluctantly agreed to take responsibility for the black and white dog (Liberty) because their young daughter wanted to keep her.

It broke my heart to see both dogs chained in the front yard after that. Rain, freeze or shine, those dogs were there. They would cry out at night and my daughter would sign "hurt" and point to the front window when she heard them cry out. I could not stand to have her see dogs treated like this as we are huge animal lovers and did not want her to think this was okay.

Then a second family with four more children moved in. This is when the especially cruel treatment began. The neglect turned into abuse and included spraying the black and white dog (Liberty) in the face with a hose while she was tied to the end of her chain and unable to get away, throwing objects at the dogs and our chickens, and even hitting the dog. Every time I saw such an injustice I would shout for them to stop. If it was directed at our animals, I would march over and tell their parents to deal with the situation.

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Then things took a turn for the worse. The owner of the German Shepherd, the mother and father who had taken responsibility for the black and white dog (Liberty), and two of their children left for a week. While they were out of town, the father of the newest set of four kids was left at the house with six children.

He did not feed or water the dogs the first four days they were left there. When a wind storm hit with 45 mph winds, they were both left cowering as debris and branches blasted them. By the end of the storm the German Shepherd's chain was wrapped around a large toy car, leaving him no more than a foot of space to move (thankfully the tree hit the toy and not the dog!). The temperature dropped below forty and the poor doggies were left right there, totally exposed.

When the black and white dog (Liberty) got off her chain and began hunting squirrels to eat, I got on Facebook and had a friend translate a letter to the dad asking him to please feed the dogs and provide them shelter from the elements. I delivered the letter and he tried to explain their housing situation to me in very broken English. He did not go feed the dogs or do anything to wrangle the loose one.

The next day John arrived home from his trip to Liberty Forum in New Hampshire. He knocked on the door across the street and told the man watching all the kids that he had to take care of the dogs. The man told John he did not own the dogs and John asked him to please help the dogs and to please help us by feeding and watering them. In addition to our concern for the dog's well-being, we did not want a hungry dog and known chicken-chasers loose near our property.

Now, bear in mind we had both posted on Facebook asking for advice on how to deal with this situation. Calling animal control, calling the police and shooting the dogs when they come on our property were all suggested solutions. We didn't want to hurt the dogs and we certainly did not want to entangle ourselves or our neighbors with the state, so we decided to wait until the owners came home and deal with them face to face.

John wrote a very strong letter (see below) demanding they care for the dogs or relinquish them to us to find better housing. The letter

Dear neighbor,

This is a letter writing to inform you that the next time your dog comes on our property we will take it and find it a better home. We have 63 chickens and many have already been attacked or killed by your hungry dogs. There are also cats and other Pets your dogs attack and chase. Your dogs often have no food or water for days and are left outside in freezing temperatures. If the dog comes on our property again we will take it. If you continue to neglect feed and properly shelter the dog we will do everything we can to ensure you can no longer neglect the dog.

This has gone on for too long. We have repeatedly asked you to solve this problem and you have repeatedly failed to do so. Do something now.

If you want, we will take the dog today and find it a better home.

Thank you.

Your neighbors across the street.

said in part, "the next time your dog comes on our property, we will take it and find it a better home." Two days after the letter was left on the front porch after repeated knocking to no avail, John went across the street to speak to the "man of the house". In his best broken Spanish, he convinced the mother and father, who had previously agreed to take care of the black and white dog (Liberty) and neglected to do so, to let us find her a better home. Thankfully our friend Caitlyn was willing and able to help in this process.




One week after their return from the week of neglect, Caitlyn arrived to pick up Liberty. Thank goodness, too, because John had to stop the kids from

each individually hitting her one after the other in the driveway. When one girl tried to defend the dog, they started hitting the girl.

Since Liberty's rescue, the German Shepherd was caught loose once, chasing our beautiful peacock. This was days before my due date and I shouted at him from our driveway. John went to talk to him and he apologized greatly and said he had to run inside to deal with a situation and left the dog off-leash. He has been spending more time with the German Shepherd and the dog now lives in their chicken coop with access to shelter, food and water.

I want the readers to hear this story in its entirety to understand that dealing with our neighbors instead of calling the state is a long and tedious process. Despite the stress and the months of anguish over the situation, we managed to find the dogs better treatment, build a stronger bond with our neighbors, and prevented anyone from entanglement with a violent institution.

Moving forward John and I plan to take our community relationships to the next level. Not only do we intend to resolve our conflicts face to face, but we plan to open part of our yard as a community garden to teach our neighbors the joy of growing their own food. This will help make our neighborhood more resilient as the dollar slowly collapses. Hopefully, one day, we'll be bartering with our neighbors as well!

PS: if you're interested in adopting Liberty, please shoot me an email at Cat.Bleish@gmail.com and I will get you in touch with Caitlyn. Liberty is now potty-trained, fully fed, and looking for a forever home! Yeah for community solutions! 



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Survival of the Fittest: How Knowledge can be Parlayed into Life

By Jesse Matthewson

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“BROTHERHOOD is the very price and condition of mans survival.”

~Carlos Romulo

Travel is as much a part of modern mans life as generations on one location were centuries past. The modern man is interconnected with the globe through electronics and travel in a way that our ancestors only wrote about in their science fiction and fantasies. The positive side of this is that information is more readily available and knowledge more easily gathered then they ever have been in history.

Modern man can easily attain the same level of knowledge and ability in months, and our forefathers only gained this after years of lengthy study in institutions of higher learning. I learned after gaining my bachelors of science in Criminal Justice that our educational system, regardless the supposed level, is no more than a scam. The scam is not that you cannot learn, but that you are forced by corporations and the state to attain these degrees so as to be able to hold a position high enough to qualify for more taxes and more responsibility.

Unlike hundreds of others being educated*, I took pride in my work ethic and constantly challenged the status quo - often with great results. I also realized that, regardless the amount of challenging I submitted, they would never change as my challenges directly contradicted the accepted standard that exists in the United States today. I was fortunate to make good friends throughout my time in the education system, and I learned much. I absorbed statistics and have found a love for the endless graphs, numbers, and lists that are taken out of context so often with modern media, and yet when absorbed in full are hard to ignore.

Above I mentioned that unlike hundreds of others, by this I meant that there was a period of years in which I ghost-writer to well over 200 papers for college students. I wrote thirty-four master's theses for students of modern state ordered economics through political science. I also wrote several doctoral theses, two of which were for prestigious Ivy League PhD candidates. I have since read at least 4 of those in some form in national journals around the United States; the attribution being to either a small group of individuals, or one - all of which use the letters PhD following their name now. I have realized as a result of my education that when someone falls back on their state-based education as an excuse for limited thought, they are likely among the

thousands of students every year who buy their education and then wave it around, and more than likely will end up running the government so many bow to.

In the year 2007, I became, for all modern intents and purposes, no longer a man. It was at this time that my body failed to support my ambitions. Without overburdening you the reader, with painfully boring details, my life changed. Up to this point I had attempted in most situations to maintain physical ability, and while I have for most of my life dealt with daily pain, I was up to this point able to be physical. This change affected me and I allowed myself to fall into severe depressive states. The thought regarding self-termination was never far away and yet, I continued on. Through a serious of well-made decisions, I ended up eventually married to a wonderful lady with two children.

For the past several years I have been even more dedicated to the pursuit of knowledge than I ever was before, having always been a voracious reader with an appetite for more knowledge. I have learned that my desire for knowledge and the many mistakes throughout my life have all conspired to give me an edge on most people. I have developed my mind into a much sharper tool than most, and I have used that tool to not only gain more material things, but also knowledge through that practice. Ghost-writing academic papers is seen by many, some who likely have paid others to write their papers at some point, as dishonest. I saw it as offering a service and while I no longer engage in this activity, would do so again if the money were right.

The result of this approach to using my mind has caused me to see people in a far more conservative light. When I am engaged in conversation and a person flaunts their degrees, yet offers no substantiated counter points or points, I often laugh and walk away. After all, I know for a fact that degrees can and are bought and sold by the thousands around the world in every institution of higher learning. I have, as an atheist, written biblical history papers for students enrolled at such prestigious Bible Colleges as the Oral Roberts University and more. There is no shame when a person's entire future is predicated on whether they have a piece of paper or not. Humans will do anything to survive, it seems, except gather and use the knowledge that allows them to both evolve and thrive.

Humans are chief among animals in that they will lie, cheat and steal: even to the point of turning on their own young or parents to get ahead. And yet these same barely intelligent monkeys

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it seems refuse to embrace change and knowledge that, when implemented, can change the world into a better place. Questions are lobbed my direction regularly regarding my quite obvious dislike of organized religions and states, as well as those who fully embrace those entities. The response is often the same for all, though it may be differently worded at times. I have no respect for those who cannot think for themselves, who refuse to do for themselves, and for whom all others owe a debt simply because they live.

Learn to live without depending on the labor of others, learn to work with your hands and most importantly, learn to work with your local community. Your neighbors and friends should be those you help; you should value integrity and honesty and build up yours while you can. When things occur, it will be these traits that are among the most sought after by others around you. It will be these traits that allow you to use your brain when so many others will need to work with their hands alone. Everyone, regardless of their current situation or belief, reflects who most of us were at some point in our lives. Remember this and go easy with those who are willing to learn, but don't waste your time on those who refuse to even try.

Help others and work with them and maintain levels or circles of trust/friends around you. There is no valid reason to tell everyone you



meet what your plans are or how you have set up your house. Survival is more than just buying the latest preps and camping gear. For people like myself to survive, I will need to do some things better than others can, and have knowledge available that others will need. Disabilities mean that we must work that much harder to show others that we are indeed invaluable and necessary. What are you doing to survive? What are you doing now to live? Are you taking advantage of the opportunities your disabilities or abilities open up for you, or are you just coasting through life? How often do you talk to your neighbors without being the creepy guy with guns and camouflage? How many of your neighbors even realize you exist? Maybe it's time to make some new friends; and remember, friends can easily be separated into categories of use. Most humans do this subconsciously anyhow, so make a conscious effort to promote friendship, or at the least a working relationship, with those who most closely surround you. 🌸

Free the mind and the body will follow

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Sovereign What? By Bill Buppert

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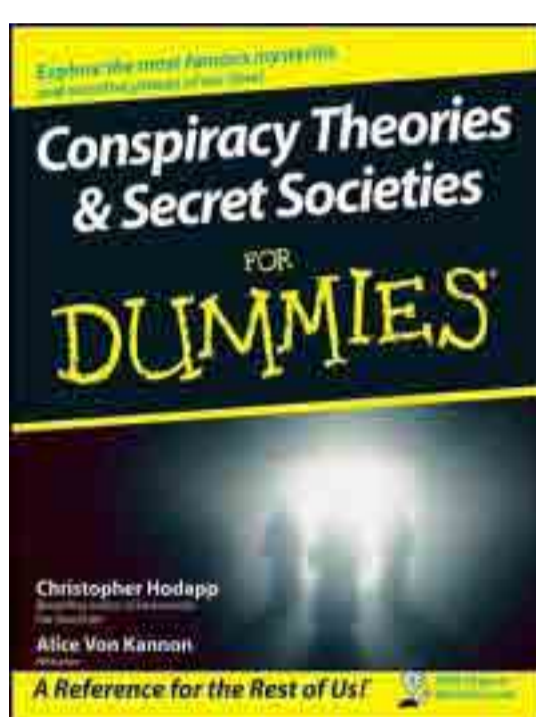


“HE who fights with monsters should be careful lest he thereby become a monster. And if thou gaze long into an abyss, the abyss will also gaze into thee.”

– Friedrich Wilhelm Nietzsche

One of my favorite internet commentators, [ZenPundit](#), was recently talking about the religiosity and the secular nature of the [American sovereignty movement](#), he has a far deeper interest in things religious than I now or ever would but scintillating commentary nonetheless. He makes this observation:

“But but but... please!! Even Christ recommends we should “render unto Caesar that which is Caesar’s”. And When the Taoist Chuang Tze expresses his lack of interest in governance, he does so not by way of refusing to pay parking tickets or taxes, but by politely refusing an offer of high office.”



Now I find every objection possible to the notion that the *Book of Abraham* invariably and unmistakably dictates through emanations (dare I say penumbras) from *Romans* that all rulers are just and they must be obeyed even if they violate God’s law such as the funding and protection of the pro-death practitioners in the abortion business.

It finally struck me why despite my legion of objections to the Sovereign Citizen movement and my anecdotal exposure to them in north Idaho that further soured my impression why there is still a remnant within their actions that resonates with me.

They seek a legal or religious means to opt out, drop off and no longer participate in a system they object to. But they seek to be sovereign citizens.

A citizen is by way of the Oxford Dictionary: “a legally recognized subject or national of a state or commonwealth, either native or naturalized”; a subject or one may say an object in society to be steered by the state in the way that pleases the rulers. So to me it is a contradiction in terms much like a literal interpretation of a text or rigid flexibility in a fixed variable. These things cannot stand together.

You either is or you ain’t.

The ability to opt out and remain unmolested by the rulers in the nation you live in is the only qualifiable marker of true individual freedom (I don’t know what the hell collectivist freedom is so I will remain with the preamble to be specific).


So while I agree with the Sovereign Citizen movement in one very narrow respect regarding the notion of opting out, I consider everything else they do from the mythical Uniform Commercial Code notions to the fantasies of employing brilliant jurisprudential sleight of hand in the lairs of robed government employees to the obfuscation and quasi-legal subterfuge to nullify contracts they previously agreed to. Nor do I think there is a [secret bank account](#) in my name granted to me at birth by the US nor a scriptural basis or peculiar (albeit secret) Biblical imperative to refuse the use of identification and the various licensure regimes in the United States. I need no superstitious basis nor lodestar to know that slavery is wrong in all its variations from chattel to regulatory to tax.

The Sovereigns are so rife with know-nothings, conspiracists and nincompoops it has betrayed any value it may have in popularizing the notion of freedom. As the Montana Freeman demonstrated, they were simply trading one straitjacket for one they found more fashionable for their needs.

I get it – driver’s licenses and plates, taxes, government liens against property and the sheer rejection of being ruled are all meritorious notions but the Sovereigns lose the forest for the trees when they simply trade one set of noxious rules for another set even that is no different than the hybrid of Jack the Ripper and Alice in Wonderland that is government around the world.

Government is humanity’s most durable and popular death cult that has lasted millennia but that does not mean that eventually folks won’t wake up with a mighty start and ask themselves what they were thinking. [William Wilberforce](#) and [Lysander Spooner](#) went a tremendous distance to show conclusively and persuasively that ALL slavery is wrong. Their work remains unfinished and the Sovereigns are not only tremendously ineffective but provide yet one more reason for the government to employ them as one brick in the wall of the need for the state.

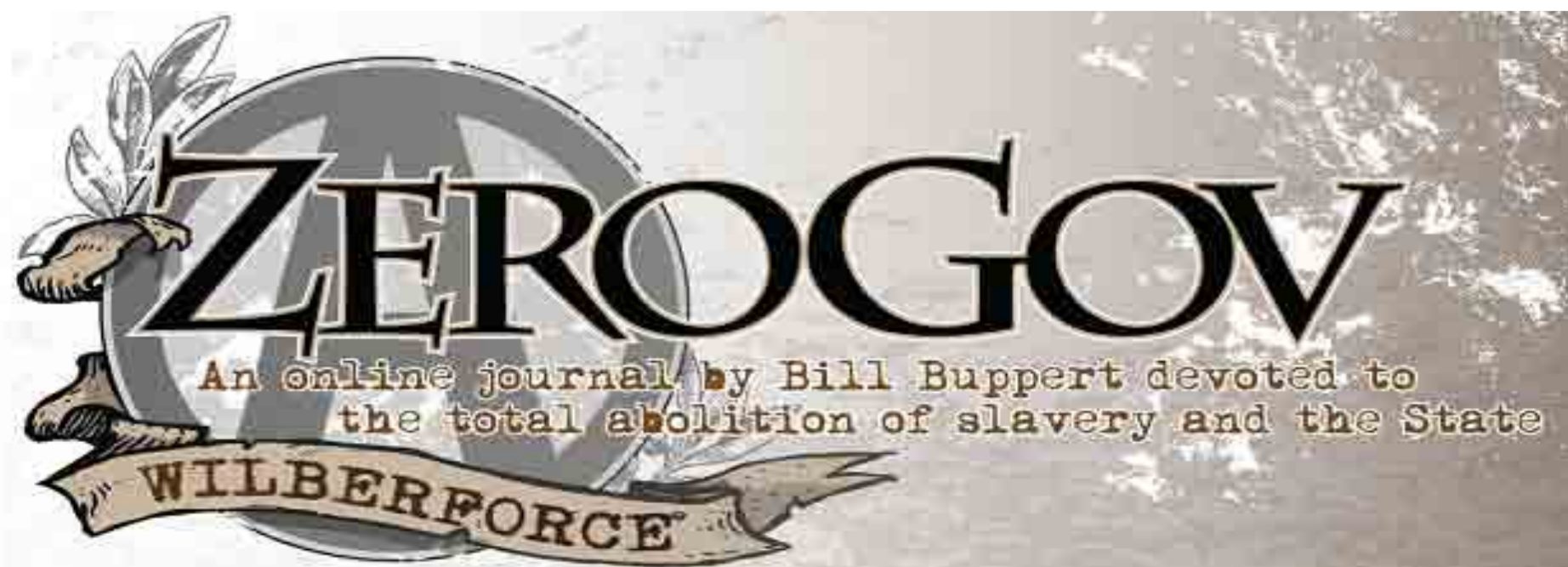
There is no more powerful measure or a more accurate barometer for individual freedom than the opportunity to opt out permanently and remain unmolested by the agents of the state. The Sovereigns have proven over time they have neither the right ideas nor the evidence to support that proposition.

Opt out the right way...vote for self-government. 

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Food Should Be Made With Love – That’s Real

Survival Training

By Barbara Peterson

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ONE of the most intimate things you can do with your body is eat, and most of us do it several times a day. So, why do we think that we can shove just about anything made by anyone out of who knows what down our gullets and not expect to get back exactly what we put in?

with us if we just take the time to listen, learn, and develop relationships with them. I have said for quite some time now, that a goat will keep you alive.



We might not have much in the way of material possessions, but here at Farm Wars, we love our critters. We care for them, feed them, trim their tootsies, scratch them when they want, give them shelter, and keep them safe. They,

in turn, provide us with eggs, milk, transportation, and affection. This is in stark contrast to today’s hustle and bustle lifestyle that leaves no room for anything but fast food and fast heartburn, not to mention the various ailments plaguing our “microwave” culture of “gotta have it now or never.”

It’s time to take a good, hard look at just what is important and what is not. Too much time is spent valuing the things that have no value, and discarding the things that do because we simply do not recognize their worth. We are blind to the consequences of our actions, running with tunnel vision to the next stop on a train leading to complete enslavement.

I want to control my own food choices, not have some mega-corporation with profit as its foremost concern, and genocide as an acceptable outcome feeding me and my family. I want to know what my animals have been fed. I want to be able to recognize what is real and good and what is artificial.

I don’t care what it says on the package, if it was processed for long-term storage and long distance transportation so that it still looks and tastes like food for months or even years, with ingredients intended to artificially enhance flavors that no longer exist in their natural form because real food simply does not last that long, just how much nutrition is it providing? Wonder why companies put added vitamins and minerals in their products? Because the naturally occurring ones simply are not there anymore.

All creatures on this earth were placed here with a purpose, and certain ones can live and work

This is real food storage. Sure, a pantry stocked with processed food will help you get through hard times in the beginning, but what happens when your pantry runs dry? What happens when you can’t get to town? What happens when the store shelves are empty? What happens when you can’t get that box of cereal, or carton of milk, or flat of eggs? Between goat’s milk, a garden, geese and chickens, we can survive, and be healthier for it.



It’s time for a revolution of the personal kind. There is nothing more effective than changing one’s own life by rejecting the artificial and digging in to create a real, honest, down to earth, “local living” lifestyle. It’s time to put love back on the dinner plate. Will it happen all at once? No. Will you start to see changes in your health and attitude just by changing a few things? Yes. Is it worth it? Yes, and double yes. 🌻

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Barbara lives on a small ranch in Oregon, and believes that self-sufficiency and localization of food sources will be necessary to survive the coming depression. To this end, she has put up a website to share information at: <http://survivingthemiddleclasscrash.wordpress.com> and <http://farmwars.info>

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The Legitimacy of Government

By Ernest Hancock

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 Workshop)



Watching Larken Rose's [Whole Problem \(and Solution\)](#) in a 2 minute explanation reminded me of my awakening almost 20 years ago (in 1994). This was under the S.A.F.E. ([Second Amendment is for Everyone](#)) email account back then when I was representing S.A.F.E. on an Arizona gun rights email list, which is where this conversation happened.

Here's the article I wrote in 1994. I was having a very similar conversation with another very dedicated individual to freedom. [This post was picked up by others](#) and widely distributed (thankfully they corrected grammar and spelling :) Almost 20 years ago I knew what to do. Enjoy...

Frederick Mann writes: A discussion rages on at high speed with great passion here in Arizona regarding the "social contract" we're all supposed to be forced into. While the discussion continues, I was compelled to share this article with you all due to the impact it had on my ability to understand the issue and how I might share it with others.

Mark F. Writes

What are you proposing? Anarchy? Government has a legitimate role of protecting your life, rights and property. Its existence may cost

money. Whether it is a direct or apportioned tax to cover that existence is another argument, but even if government were doing all it should do - you still have jurisdiction issues which may not be consensual.

The only option which would be available in that case would be sudden war by the government against you due to your unwillingness to clear up a minor problem. It could only be war because we're not under the jurisdiction of the government's legitimate role of clearing up such issues in the name of protecting life, rights and property.

I'm really not familiar with any time in our history that things worked like this, and I always conclude that Anarchist Libertarians wish to go beyond our origins to something else. Maybe I misunderstand.

Ernest Hancock

Speaking for me, you're correct. I wish to go beyond your origins to something else. Colonial-era slogans aside, let's see what those political origins actually are. You're recommending that people not abandon the institution called government, on the grounds that this might entail confusion over jurisdiction, and possibly even violence - a small but "sudden war by the government against" me in the event that I couldn't get along with my neighbors.

But when referring to even the recent past, we find that government is by far history's greatest peril.

Confusion over jurisdiction: Find me a year that goes by without men being sent to die in a border dispute. Know anybody who went to Grenada? Know anybody who went to the Gulf? Know anybody who's going to go to Bosnia? Know anybody who went to the European Theater?

I can point to a hundred and fifty million political dead this century alone. You can point to a hypothesis about confusion over jurisdiction in the case of a burglary.

A time in history that things worked like this? Guilty. There's conjecture about ancient Iceland and more conjecture about the American West, but nothing all that convincing, even to me. I'm not convinced there'll be a 300 Mhz desktop computer, either; I'll believe it when I see it. (This didn't take too long)

Here's what we do know, though: All States nova. All tribes disperse. There is no historical precedent for a permanent State, or a stable

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one. Of the extant States today, the exceedingly young USA may be the oldest, which says nothing good about the advance of the science of statism.

When States nova, which they invariably do, they usually do a very bloody job of it. I've never seen a war. I've never seen a mass grave. I've never seen corpses accumulating in piles. I hope I never do. Above all, I see no reason to manufacture rationalizations for the institution that never fails to accompany wholesale slaughter. Without a government, Mark, the worst you can do is a riot.

Mark F.

Government has a legitimate role of protecting your life, rights and property.

Ernest Hancock

Hence, the elaborate theories about something called a "social contract." The difference between a contract and a social contract, of course, is that the former is consented to by both parties while the latter is imagined by one but binding upon another.

(Ain't it strange how we've learned to look for hokum wherever a derivative of The S Word comes up? Social Democrat. Social Justice. Social Contract. National Socialist Party. The world is filled with strange coincidences.)

If government is legitimate, merely tell me whence it derives its legitimacy.

Social contract is currently fashionable, in the ebb and flow of on-line political debate. This is a contract I never signed, that I've never seen, that has no terms, that is binding upon me but not upon the other party, that can be dispensed with at will by the government but must submitted to by me upon pain of incarceration, whose terms may change on-the-fly or even retroactively, from which there is no escape clause, which is binding in perpetuity, which binds my ancestors and descendants, which requires fealty but guarantees no consideration.

And it's bullshit on its face. But that's not the interesting thing. There are a thousand intricate dodges designed to cover the ass of statism, and refuting one of the lot isn't that fun or that illuminating, at least if you've been working these boards for a while. There will always be another transparent cloak for the Emperor to wear.

What's interesting is that there are a thousand cloaks, but there aren't a thousand-and-one. Here's the thousand-and-first, and you'll never hear it from a statist:

Because they have guns and if you don't obey, they'll shoot you. [emphasis added]

I'll come clean. I'm not writing to Mark F.. I have no hope of showing him anything, because I think he's determined not to be shown. But for those who aren't solely concerned with building dungeons out of cards, this is useful.

Statism can't be justified. I can give you a list of minds bigger than mine who wanted it so badly they were willing to torque their own brains,



and a longer list of folks who didn't know any better. Mark's own Locke, and Rousseau. And Blackstone. They had a common ancestor, Hugo de Groot. Back to Aristotle and all the way to Thales, forward to Rand, and even to Nozick, Jefferson, Madison, Marx, Mill. All of you have read some, and some of you have undoubtedly read more than I.

None of them said it, because all of them are beehive-busy trying to find another reason for this: "If you don't obey, we'll shoot you." That's not legitimacy, so they had to find another way. Social contract. Consent of the governed (probably the most opaque self-contradiction of the millenium). Will of the majority. Threat of descendance into chaos. Greatest good for the greatest number. Progress. Good of the Motherland. Throwing off dominion of the ZOG. Life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

If government is legitimate, merely tell me whence it derives its legitimacy. Why does it need so many different justifications?

If government is legitimate, why does it need guns?

Mathematicians don't need guns. We think they're legitimate. Physicists don't need guns. Biologists don't need guns. Musicians don't need guns. Tool and die makers don't need guns. Copy editors don't need guns.

Government needs guns because it isn't legitimate. It cannot persuade you, and it cannot base its appeals in reason, because there cannot be a basis in reason for an appeal to dumb savagery.

I don't care whether it claims to be instituted by my consent, or for the sake of my welfare, or as the product of some non-evident contract, or in response to the prospect of mass starvation, or for the protection of life and liberty and property. None of that matters. It cannot be justified in reason. It has not been justified in reason in four thousand years, despite all the effort of all the courts of all the despots of all the centuries. And the hand-waving of your next encounter with yet another electronic acolyte in the cult of the State will prove this yet again:

Government is not legitimate. You can tell by the effort people must go to to make up rationalizations for it.

Now, here's the dirty little secret. I said, all their rationalizations are a veneer, all their happy-babble is cover for what's really going on: **"If you don't submit, we'll shoot you."** [emphasis added] That's true, but to any proposition there is a converse.

The converse to the proposition in question is this: **If they could compel you, they'd have no need to convince you.** [emphasis added]

[Frederick Mann added this comment on his web page where one of the copies of this exchange was posted: This is one of the central aspects of discovering that you are inherently free, free by nature. Through your ability to make decisions, you control the energy that animates your mind and body. The terrocrats (terrorist bureaucrats) really cannot control or compel anyone. So they have to brainwash people, program them like robots, to believe and obey. Above all, they must brainwash their victims into believing in the "legitimacy" of the terrocrat system.]

If dumb savagery were all it took, statist would have it made. They could simply announce,

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"do it our way or we'll smoke you. We have an army." And that would be that. We'd be wandering around in loincloths carrying digging sticks.

But they don't say that. Governments throughout human history have employed a procession of yes-men long enough to circle the moon. A plethora of Prime Ministers, a rick of Rasputins, a cord of courtesans. Why bother with all that, when all it takes is weaponry? If militaries were enough, we've have had no emperors and no Presidents - and if simple brutality were enough, we'd have no militaries. Write this in your notebooks:

They do not seek dominion.

They seek legitimacy.

[Frederick Mann: In my opinion, they seek both dominion and legitimacy. But their dominion is largely based on perceived legitimacy. Undermining their legitimacy is one of the most powerful strategies for removing their dominion.]

Why does the Ayatollah seek to have Salman Rushdie murdered? Not to keep his subjects from the prose - he could ban the book easily enough. It is because Rushdie threatens the Ayatollah's legitimacy, even in the eyes of people the Ayatollah has never met and never will.

Why does Bill Clinton seek to stifle dissent by branding it right-wing hate-speech? Not because he fears overthrow, or even being denied a second term. In the unlikely event he has a second term, we all know he'll be even more likely to repress contrarian speech, not less. This is because he seeks legitimacy, seeks it above all things.

Mark F. constructs his tortured case for social contract for a reason, and that reason is not ignoble. He wants to be right. He wants to persuade you. The Ayatollah and Bill Clinton want to persuade you. They wish to find a basis in reason because, above all things, they want to be right.

This is what spin control is about: Pretending to be right. This is what posturing is about. If force of arms were adequate, there'd be no need to waste time on spin-control, but think about it: the world's most repressive regimes were those with the most insistent "education" programs. Witness the Soviets, witness China, witness Cambodia, witness medieval Spain.

They want legitimacy, crave it desperately. So do you. So do I.

And we all seek legitimacy in the common ground that is reason. If we seek this, we cannot start with a justification or a conclusion to which the argument must be torqued to match.

Mark F.

If there is not a supreme law to protect the life, rights and property of individuals (through delegated powers) then you have individuals doing what they please with impunity, as in a state of nature.

Ernest Hancock

There's only one state of nature, the only one that ever was. And in this state, people can go wandering around doing whatever they want.

With impunity! This is the nature of the human organism: **we are each exclusively self-controlled.** [emphasis added]

[Frederick Mann: Again, this is the essence of discovering that you are free. You exclusively control yourself - whether you realize it or not. Nobody else can control you. However, if you're like most people, you've been brainwashed to believe that the "government system" controls you and the only way to escape this "control" is to change or remove the "system."]

Mark regards this with such revulsion that he considers the mere prospect of it to be a horror, and it certainly will wreck the web of the spider spinning social contracts. In the face of a fact obvious to any observer - that each of us is intrinsically free to do as he wills - he prefers to wax about a contract that each of us knows damn good and well doesn't exist and never did. That which is obvious and evident and verifiable is to be ignored, dismissed as nonsense. That which is ludicrous is to be cultivated as "supreme law."

[Frederick Mann: In my experience, it's obvious to fewer than one in a thousand individuals that they are intrinsically free to do as they will.]

But freedom is unavoidable. Discretion is the nature of organisms; we are individuals by the very way we are made. We are exclusively self-motivated; we have no other way of operating. We can be coerced, but we cannot be enslaved. This is evident, and it is irrefutable. And this is the basis for a rational conversation about human affairs.

[Frederick Mann: Humans allow themselves to become enslaved by buying into irrational statist ideas, superstitions, lies, concepts, terms (words), definitions, and arguments.]

This is the observation that is the basis for a legitimate argument about legitimacy. When people persist in basing arguments for a "civilized" state in the imaginary, while they persist in gaping at reality itself as too monstrous to be contemplated - is it any wonder that the streets of "civilizations" never fail to run red with blood?

Frederick Mann's Comments

In a fund-raising letter to their members, the National Rifle Association (NRA) used the term "jackbooted thugs." George Bush resigned his NRA membership. Bill Clinton repeatedly denounced the NRA for using this term. Why? What do these terrocrats fear most?

Answer: The loss of their legitimacy. Terms like "jackbooted thug" destroy their legitimacy. This is the major reason why we use terms like "terrocrat." (Interestingly, The Arizona Republic used the terms "law-abuse-ment officer" and "law-abuse-ment agent" in an editorial on September 18, 1995!)

Using such terms and persuading others to use them is phenomenally powerful because it destroys legitimacy. 🌿



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Noisebridge and the Hackerspace Community

By Mitch Altman

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Noisebridge is part of the Hackerspace community, which are community-operated physical places where people can meet and work on their projects. Hackerspaces can be viewed as

open community labs incorporating elements of machine shops, workshops and/or studios where hackers can come together to share resources and knowledge to build and make things.

As a space for artistic collaboration and experimentation, we are open to all types of art - with a special emphasis on the crossover of art and technology. From hardware labs to electronics, cooking, photography, and sound labs, anything that's creative is welcome. Here are some of the collaborative efforts at Noisebridge:

Programming • Hardware • Physics • Chemistry • Mathematics • Photography • Security • Robotics • Art • Technology



What is Noisebridge?

Noisebridge provides infrastructure and collaboration opportunities for people interested in programming, hardware hacking, physics, chemistry, mathematics, photography, security, robotics, all kinds of art, and, of course, technology.

Through talks, workshops, and projects we encourage knowledge exchange, learning, and mentoring.

Our [5,200 square-foot space \(483m2\)](#) contains an [electronics lab](#), [machine shop](#), [sewing/crafting supplies](#), [two classrooms](#), [conference area](#), [library](#), [darkroom](#), and [kitchen](#). [Everyone](#) is welcome to use [our many resources](#). Find others to create with. Find help with your projects. Help others with their projects.

Noisebridge's [hours](#) are 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. New visitors are welcome any time (all ages, all skill levels), but it's best to visit in the evenings or during an event to make sure we have a volunteer to show you around and make introductions.

We're located at:
[2169 Mission St](#); San Francisco
[OpenStreetMap](#) - [Google Maps](#)

Noisebridge Front Entrance:



Our Name

A "noise bridge" is a piece of electronic test equipment that injects noise into a system to see how it responds, so you can fix or improve it. Such a device is often used in RF electronics.



Many interesting things are happening at all times. Sharing is essential to making this work. We believe in starting from a point of respect and trust. We believe it builds a safe community and that this will foster innovation and creation. Our code of conduct is "Be excellent to each other".

Leadership is taken by individual members for specific projects. We call this "sudo leadership" after the *nix command sudo which allows a regular user to do one root-level, or superuser, task. In other words, if you want Noisebridge to do something, start doing it.

Here's some paraphrasing from our bylaws: Through talks, classes, workshops, collaborative projects, and other activities, we want to encourage research, knowledge exchange, learning, and mentoring in a safe, clean space. We provide educational spaces for teaching practical skills and theory of technology, science, and art. We provide work space, storage, and other resources for projects related to art, science, and technology that will benefit the individual members' personal growth in their fields of interest, encouraging the individual members to share their projects and knowledge for the betterment of society through art, science and technology. We create, learn, and teach, individually and as a group, inviting members of the community in the San Francisco Bay area and the world. We develop, support the development of, and provide resources for the development of free and open source software and hardware for the benefit of society. We promote collaboration across disciplines for the benefit of cultural, charitable, and scientific causes.

Excellence

Be excellent to each other is the guiding principle of Noisebridge. Wikipedia uses [a somewhat similar rule](#), which they call "*the fundamental rule of all social spaces*. Every other

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policy for getting along is a special case of it." Unlike Wikipedia, Noisebridge takes a positive approach, and avoids the practice of officially enumerating the myriad potential special cases; "be excellent" is enough.

Consensus

We make official Noisebridge decisions by consensus, which means the willing consent of all of our members. Decisions are made at our [weekly meetings](#), and items proposed for consensus are announced at least a week in advance to give everyone time to hear about them. Members may block by proxy if they are unable to attend or if they wish to block anonymously.

More information on the [Consensus Process](#).

Do-ocracy

Doing excellent stuff at Noisebridge does not require permission or an official consensus decision. If you're uncertain about the excellence of something you want to do, you should ask someone else what they think.

Financing it

We self-finance through membership fees (\$80 per member/month with \$40 "starving hacker" rate), beverage sales, and parties, the way European hacker spaces do it. We also welcome one-time or recurring [donations](#) from members and non-members alike. Donations and sponsorships will accompany renovation and equipment purchase. Within the first 24 hours of renting a space, we raised over \$10,000 for a cool location and meaningful projects. Within our first month, we've nearly become cash flow positive from membership dues alone. Further discussion is happening on the [Finances](#) wiki page.

Inspiration

Noisebridge is inspired by similar European clubs like [Metalab](#) of Vienna, [CBase](#) of Berlin, [MAMA](#) of Zagreb, and [ASCII](#) of Amsterdam. Many other clubs of a similar stripe can be found at [Hacklabs](#) and [Hackerspaces dot Org](#). It would not be out of the question to consider Noisebridge a possible [San Francisco Chaostreff](#). Noisebridge is a hacker space and community that shares a Dorkbot-like ethic, and indeed, many of the members of Noisebridge are long-time Dorkbotbers.

[Click Here](#) for Current Events and Calendar

Open Source Creativity - Hackerspaces: Science on the SPOT (Video):



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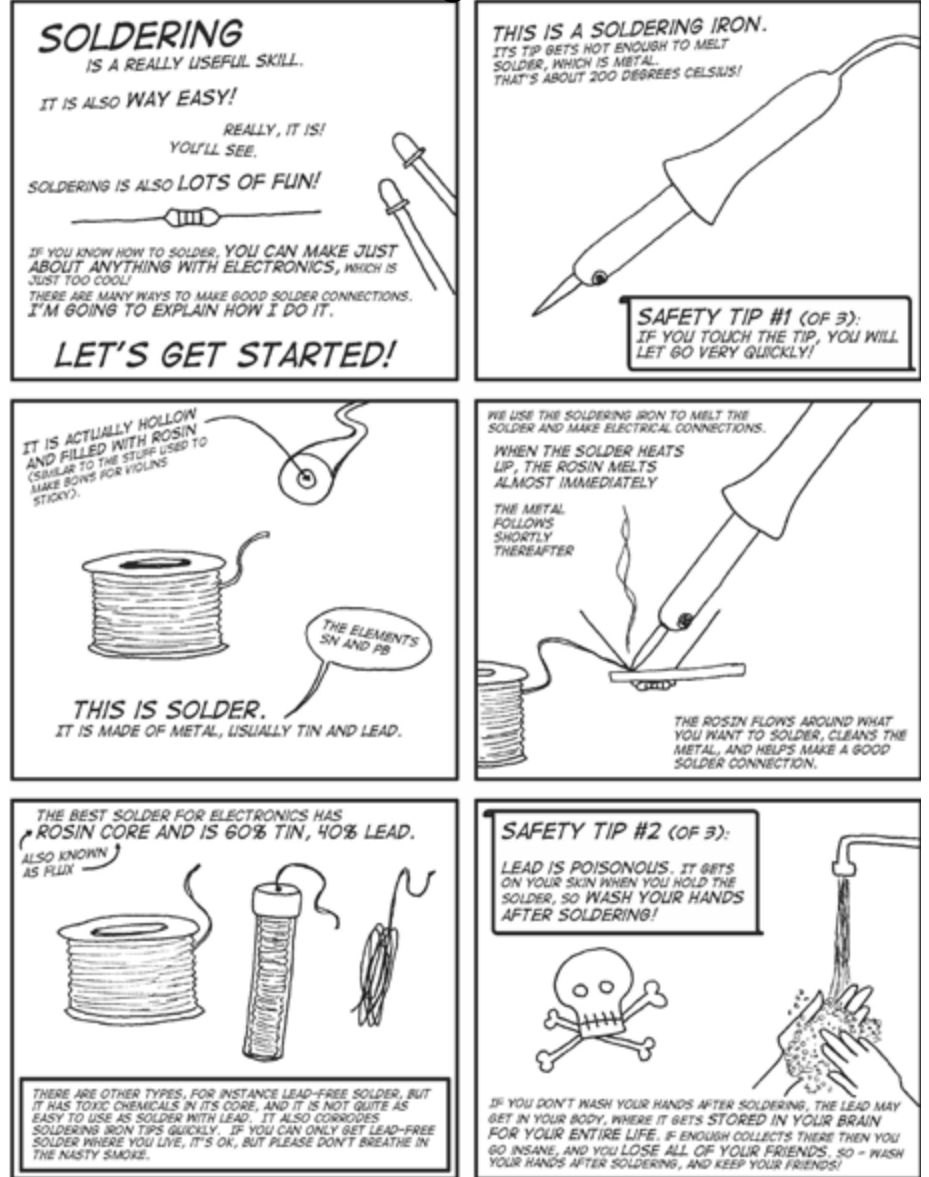
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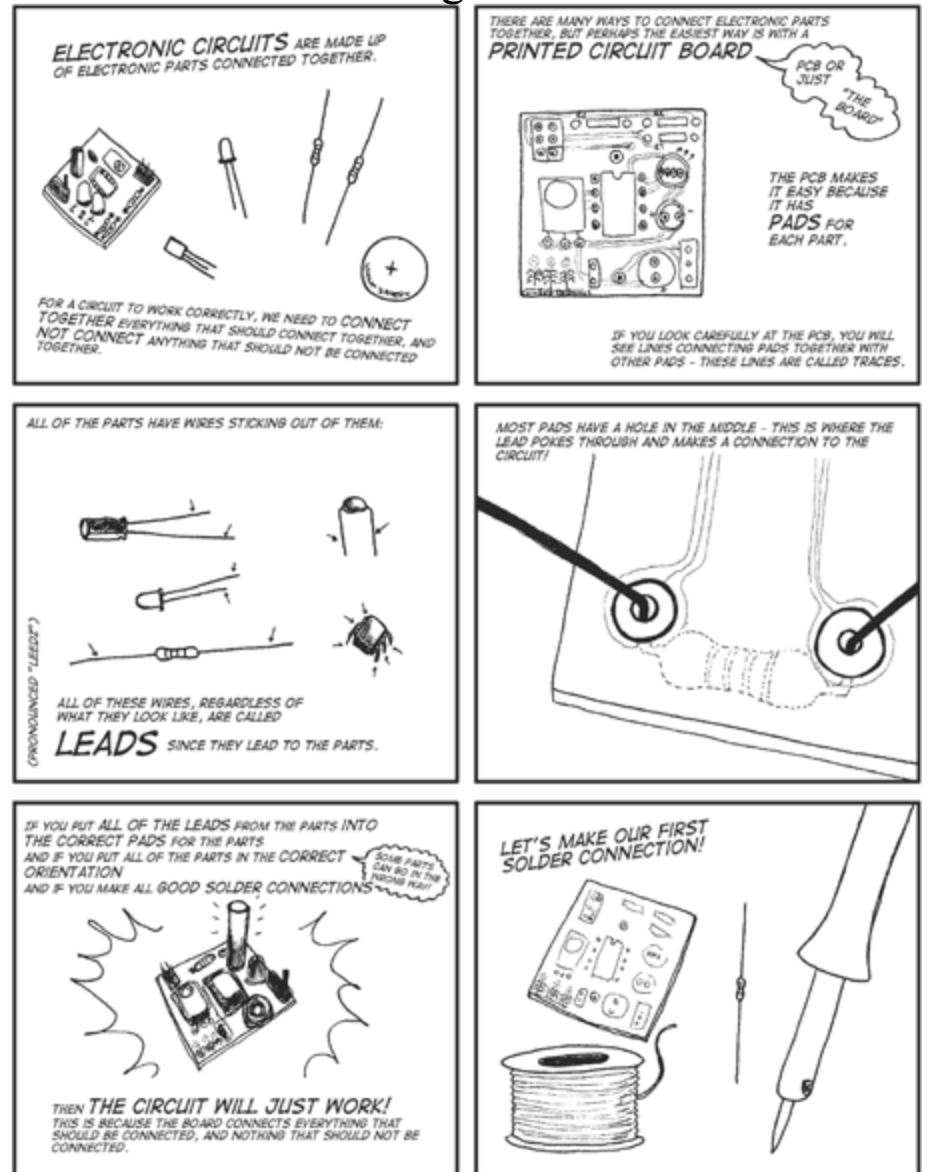
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WE'LL START WITH A RESISTOR.

RESISTORS HAVE TWO LEADS AND UNLIKE SOME PARTS, SUCH AS DIODES, WHICH HAVE A "PLUS" SIDE AND A "MINUS" SIDE) CAN BE PLACED IN THEIR PADS IN EITHER DIRECTION.

PCBS USUALLY HAVE MARKINGS TO SHOW WHERE EACH PART GOES (AND IF THE ORIENTATION MATTERS, THE PCB USUALLY HAS SOME WAY TO SHOW YOU THIS).

SINCE THE WORD "RESISTOR" STARTS WITH THE LETTER "R", THE PCB USUALLY MARKS PLACES WHERE RESISTORS GO WITH AN "R", FOLLOWED BY THE RESISTOR'S NUMBER, SUCH AS "R1".

SO, TO SOLDER IN THE RESISTOR, YOU START BY FINDING THE CORRECT VALUE OF RESISTANCE FROM THE PROJECT'S DOCUMENTATION.

THEN BEND THE TWO LEADS OF THE RESISTOR DOWN THE WIDTH OF THE PART, LIKE THIS:

THEN PLACE THE TWO LEADS THROUGH THE TWO PADS ON THE PCB FOR THIS RESISTOR.

YOU PUSH THE RESISTOR'S LEADS THROUGH THE PADS UNTIL THE PART RESTS FLAT ON THE PCB.

SOMETIMES YOU MAY NEED TO WIGGLE AND TUG GENTLY ON THE LEADS FROM THE BOTTOM OF THE PCB TO DO THIS).

FOR MOST PCBs, ALL OF THE PARTS ARE PLACED THROUGH THE PADS ON THE PRINTED SIDE OF THE PCB (WHICH WE'LL CALL THE TOP OF THE BOARD), AND WE'LL SOLDER ALL OF THE PADS ON THE BOTTOM OF THE BOARD.

THEN YOU TURN THE PCB OVER SO WE CAN SOLDER THE TWO PADS.

AS YOU TURN THE PCB OVER, YOU WILL NEED TO HOLD THE RESISTOR WITH YOUR FINGER SO IT DOESN'T FALL OUT OF THE BOARD.

AS I SAID EARLIER, SOLDERING IRONS GET HOT ENOUGH TO MELT METAL. THAT MEANS THAT THE TIPS GET HOT ENOUGH TO OXIDIZE QUICKLY, WHICH BASICALLY MEANS THAT THEY GET DIRTY JUST SITTING IN THE AIR!

THE OXIDES ARE AN INSULATOR FOR HEAT, SO WE WANT TO CLEAN THEM OFF THE TIP BEFORE EACH SOLDER CONNECTION SO THE HEAT FLOWS NICELY AND WE CAN MAKE GOOD SOLDER CONNECTIONS.

TIME TO ACTUALLY SOLDER!

HOLD THE SOLDERING IRON IN YOUR DOMINANT HAND, LIKE YOU WOULD HOLD A PENCIL.

LEADS THAT ARE ALREADY VERY SHORT, SUCH AS IC SOCKETS, DO NOT NEED TO BE CUT - THEY HAVE LEADS THAT ARE TOO SHORT TO BEND OVER AND MAKE SHORTS.

IF YOU MAKE A MISTAKE, IT IS TOTALLY OK. ALL MISTAKES ARE FIXABLE (THOUGH SOME ARE EASIER THAN OTHERS). AND MAKING MISTAKES IS HOW WE LEARN TO BECOME BETTER AT EVERYTHING WE DO. WHILE SOLDERING IS EASY, UNSOLDERING TAKES LOTS OF PRACTICE. AND IF YOU MAKE A MISTAKE, YOU GET TO HAVE SOME PRACTICE!

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AFTER SOLDERING ALL OF THE LEADS OF THE PART YOU ARE SOLDERING, IT IS TIME TO CUT OFF THE EXCESS LEADS.

THIS MUST BE DONE TO ENSURE THAT THE EXCESS LEADS DO NOT BEND OVER AND SHORT TO ANOTHER LEAD OR PAD.

TO CUT THE LEAD, WE'LL USE A SMALL WIRE CUTTER. ONE SIDE HAS FLAT CUTTING EDGES, AND THE OTHER SIDE HAS A DEEP GROOVE.

PLACE THE FLAT EDGE DOWN, PARALLEL TO THE PCB, JUST AT THE TOP OF THE LITTLE BUMP OF SOLDER. SQUEEZE THE HANDLES, AND THE CUTTING EDGES SNAP SHUT.

WHICH TURNS THE EXCESS LEAD INTO A PROJECTILE THAT HITS YOU RIGHT IN YOUR EYE!

IF THE EXCESS LEAD IS TOO SHORT TO HOLD ONTO (BUT LONG ENOUGH TO POTENTIALLY SHORT OUT TO SOMETHING ON YOUR PCB), THEN POSITION THE WIRE CUTTER, HOLD YOUR FINGERS OVER THE LEAD, AND THEN SQUEEZE.

THIS WILL KEEP THE EXCESS LEAD FROM HITTING ANYONE IN THE EYE (OR SHORTING OUT SOMETHING ON YOUR PROJECT).

YOU MAY ALSO WANT TO WEAR SAFETY GLASSES!

IF YOU ALWAYS DO THIS, YOU WILL ALWAYS BE SAFE.

SAFETY TIP #3 (OF 3): ALWAYS HOLD THE LEAD YOU ARE CUTTING WITH ONE HAND WHILE YOU CUT WITH YOUR OTHER HAND.

IF YOU REALLY WANT TO GET FANCY, OR IF YOU THINK YOU WILL BE SOLDERING LOTS, OR SOLDERING A BUNCH OF SMALL THINGS YOU CAN BUY A DECENT SOLDERING STATION, COMPLETE WITH A STAND AND SPONGE FOR ABOUT US\$60.

IF YOU LIKE SOLDERING, AND WANT TO SOLDER WELL, YOU'LL WANT TO BUY SOME GOOD TOOLS. BUT YOU DO NOT NEED TO SPEND A LOT OF MONEY TO GET THEM.

YOU CAN BUY A DECENT SOLDERING IRON (IN THE SHAPE OF A LONG, FAT PENCIL) FOR ABOUT US\$15.

YOU'LL NEED A SOLDERING IRON STAND THAT FITS A WET SPONGE, WHICH WILL COST YOU ABOUT US\$6.

THEN YOU'LL NEED AN OK WIRE CUTTER, FOR ANOTHER US\$6.

BUY A POUND ROLL (OR A 500G ROLL) OF DECENT SOLDER FOR ABOUT US\$95, AND YOU'LL BE SET FOR YEARS OF SATISFYING SOLDERING.

IF YOU CAN GET IT, I RECOMMEND 60/40 TIN/LEAD WITH ROSIN CORE. (AS I MENTIONED BEFORE, THE FREE SOLDER WILL BURN TO A CRISP, WHICH IS NOT AS EASY TO WORK WITH).

YOU REALLY DON'T NEED MORE.

BUT YOU MIGHT ALSO WANT LONG NOSE PLIERS (ABOUT US\$8) AND HIGH STRENGTH SCREWDRIVERS (ABOUT US\$10). (AND SAFETY GLASSES CAN BE BOUGHT FOR AS LITTLE AS US\$2.)

ENJOY!

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THIS COMIC IS PART OF A BOOK ABOUT HOW TO MAKE COOL THINGS WITH MICROCONTROLLERS (FOR PEOPLE WHO KNOW NOTHING) BY MITCH ALTMAN AND JEFF KEYZER. AND IT IS PUBLISHED BY NO STARCH PRESS.

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TOUCH THE CLEANED TIP TO BOTH THE PAD AND THE LEAD OF THE PART YOU WANT TO SOLDER. KEEP IT THERE FOR ABOUT 1 SECOND, SO EVERYTHING HEATS UP NICELY.

THEN ADD ABOUT 1MM TO 3MM OF SOLDER UNDER THE TIP.

DON'T ADD IT ABOVE THE TIP, SINCE THAT MELTS THE SOLDER ONLY ONTO THE TIP, WHERE IT DOESN'T DO ANY GOOD. WE WANT THE SOLDER TO FLOW NICELY ALL AROUND BOTH THE PAD AND THE LEAD TO MAKE A GOOD CONNECTION.

THE SOLDER WON'T MELT UNTIL IT ACTUALLY TOUCHES THE HOT SOLDERING IRON TIP, BUT ONCE IT TOUCHES THE TIP, THAT'S WHEN IT MELTS, AND YOU CAN THEN ADD YOUR 1MM TO 3MM OF SOLDER.

BUT... AND THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT... KEEP THE SOLDERING IRON TIP ON THE PAD AND LEAD FOR ABOUT 1 MORE SECOND SINCE IT TAKES TIME FOR THE SOLDER TO FLOW AROUND THE PAD AND THE LEAD, AND IT WILL ONLY FLOW WHEN IT IS HOT.

THEN PULL THE SOLDER AWAY.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE SOLDER COOLS DOWN AND HARDENS QUICKLY ALL ON ITS OWN. IT ONLY TAKES ABOUT A SECOND. AND THEN YOU ARE READY FOR YOUR NEXT SOLDER CONNECTION.

THAT SMOKE THAT YOU SAW WHEN THE TIN/LEAD SOLDER MELTS IS THE ROSIN VAPORIZING.

IT CONTAINS SOME CHEMICALS THAT ARE NOT GOOD FOR YOU, SO TRY NOT TO BREATHE IT!

YOU CAN BLOW GENTLY ON THE CONNECTION AS YOU SOLDER TO KEEP THE SMOKE AWAY FROM YOUR LUNGS.

NOW PUT THAT SOLDERING IRON BACK IN ITS STAND WHILE WE'RE NOT USING IT.

THE STAND KEEPS THE HOT IRON SAFELY ON THE TABLE. MOST PEOPLE SAY THAT IT'S NOT FUN TO HAVE IT LAND IN YOUR LAP!

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LET'S TAKE A LOOK AT WHAT MAKES A GOOD SOLDER CONNECTION.

YOU CAN TELL A GOOD SOLDER CONNECTION BECAUSE THE SOLDER TOTALLY COVERS THE PAD AND SURROUNDS THE LEAD.

ALSO THE SOLDER MAKES A SMALL BUMP.

IF YOU CAN SEE ANY OF THE HOLE OR PAD OR IF THE SOLDER IS FLAT ALONG THE BOARD

THEN YOU DIDN'T ADD ENOUGH SOLDER AND SO THERE MAY NOT BE A CONNECTION WHERE WE NEED ONE.

IF THIS IS THE CASE, NO PROBLEM - JUST REPEAT THE PROCEDURE (CLEAN THE TIP, TOUCH THE TIP FOR 1 SECOND ON THE PAD AND LEAD, ADD 1MM TO 3MM OF SOLDER, PULL THE SOLDER AWAY, KEEP THE TIP ON THE PAD AND LEAD FOR 1 MORE SECOND, AND PULL THE TIP AWAY), AND IT SHOULD THEN BE TOTALLY FINE.

IF THERE IS TOO MUCH SOLDER, THAT MEANS THAT YOU ADDED SO MUCH SOLDER THAT THERE IS A SOLDER BLOB ON A PAD THAT IS BIG ENOUGH TO ALSO TOUCH ANOTHER PAD, CREATING A CONNECTION WHERE THERE SHOULD NOT BE ONE. THIS CAN HAPPEN.

IF IT DOES, NO PROBLEM! JUST CLEAN THE TIP, HOLD THE TIP TO THE SOLDER BLOB BETWEEN THE PADS FOR 1 SECOND

THEN BANG THE BOARD AGAINST YOUR WORK TABLE TO FLING THE EXCESS MELTEN SOLDER TO THE TABLE

THE CONNECTIONS SHOULD THEN BE FINE (THOUGH YOU MAY NEED TO LIGHTLY SCRAPPE ANY EXCESS SOLDER FROM THE PCB, WHICH YOU CAN USUALLY DO WITH YOUR FINGERS).

YOU MAY WANT TO WEAR SAFETY GLASSES!

IN BETWEEN TOO MUCH AND TOO LITTLE SOLDER IS A LOT OF LEADWAY. THIS IS ONE REASON WHY SOLDERING IS EASY.

SOME PEOPLE LIKE TO SOLDER PARTS TO THEIR PADS AFTER ADDING A BUNCH OF PARTS TO THE BOARD.

I PREFER TO ADD AND SOLDER ONLY ONE PART TO THE BOARD AT A TIME. I FIND THIS EASIER SINCE THERE AREN'T SO MANY LEADS THAT CAN GET IN THE WAY OF MY SOLDERING IRON.

ALSO, IF I ADD MORE THAN ONE PART TO THE BOARD I SOMETIMES MISS SOLDERING A PAD, SINCE IT ISN'T SO EASY (AS YOU MIGHT THINK IT WOULD BE) TO SEE WHICH CONNECTIONS ARE SOLDERED.

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Events, workshops, classes! Every week there are lots of activities at Noisebridge, planned and otherwise. Check the wiki for upcoming events, workshops, and classes. And feel free to add your own!

Noisebridge is a fairly open and permissive space, and the equipment (unless otherwise marked, or on a member shelf) is open for public use. Safety first! Feel free to come to Noisebridge to work and play on your project, or help others with theirs.

Noisebridge has lots of space available as a community resource for individuals and organizations to use -- please use it!

Can I leave my stuff here? Noisebridge is open to the public, so use your judgment when leaving valuables here. Noisebridge is not responsible for lost or stolen items. Avoid leaving

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your bicycle here overnight. The daily storage shelves provide a space to leave your things for the day. The lost and found box is located on top of the shelves. Members can leave items on their labeled member shelf for an extended period. Please label any projects left here with your name, email, and the date. Putting your project into a box labeled with your name is best.

Tour of Noisebridge (Video):



Mitch Altman was recently on the [Declare Your Independence with Ernest Hancock](#) radio show:



To find Hackerspaces in your community, go to [HackerSpaces.Org](#)

Here are two 'Hackerspace' communities in Arizona:

[GangplankHQ.Com](#) - Gangplank is a group of connected individuals and small businesses creating an economy of innovation and creativity in the Valley



[HeatSyncLabs.Org](#) - Hacking Arizona Since 2009



Chad Stearns and Ryan McDermott came in studio for two hours to be on the [Declare Your Independence with Ernest Hancock](#) radio show on [Friday, April 5th, 2013](#) (Hour 2 & 3 of show). Both are members of HeatSync Labs - a local

hackerspace community, where the focus is on being able to make things and share ideas/knowledge

Hour 2 of the Declare Your Independence with Ernest Hancock radio show, Chad Stearns and Ryan McDermott In Studio
Guests:



Hour 3 of the Declare Your Independence with Ernest Hancock radio show, Chad Stearns and Ryan McDermott In Studio
Guests:



Mitch Altman is a San Francisco-based hacker and inventor, best known for inventing TV-B-Gone remote controls,

a keychain that turns off TVs in public places, he was also co-founder of 3ware (a SillyValley RAID controller company), did pioneering work in Virtual Reality at VPL Research, invented the NeuroDreamer sleep mask, and created the Brain Machine, one of MAKE Magazine's most popular DIY projects. He has contributed to MAKE Magazine, has written for 2600, and for the last several years has been leading workshops around the world, teaching people to make cool things with microcontrollers and teaching everyone to solder (as he does at Noisebridge every Monday night when he's in town). He is also co-founder of Noisebridge, and President and CEO of Cornfield Electronics. He is about to launch his latest project: [NeuroDreamer sleep mask](#), to help people rest, and help people lucid dream. Visit his webpages at [CornfieldElectronics.Com](#) and [Noisebridge.Net](#).



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Oath Keepers Operation Sleeping Giant

By Stewart Rhodes

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OPERATION SLEEPING GIANT

Where We Are:



Where We Should Be:



“The *USS Constitution* is still sitting right there, off the stern! She’s still sea-worthy, able to weather any storm. We need to jump off of this weak, fiat imitation of a system we have been conned into sailing for nearly a hundred years, and get back onboard with our Constitution.”

U.S.S. Economic Titanic has already hit the economic ice-berg and is sinking. Arguing over who should be the next captain is not going to save us. Even if we replaced the entire leadership staff, by firing all of Congress, that also won’t save us. Those who have served in the infantry know the old saying “embrace the suck,” which means to accept reality and deal with it. Well, we need to accept the reality that an economic collapse is coming, embrace the suck, and deal with it. As Patrick Henry said, it is better to know the worst, and provide for it, than to delude ourselves with false hope.

Frankly, we should be glad it is coming on our watch, so that we can clean up the mess we have allowed to happen, rather than leaving it to our children and grand-children to fix. As Thomas Paine said, “*If there must be trouble, let it be in my day, that my child may have peace.*” Exactly. This is *our watch*, so let’s get it done so our children and grand-children may have peace and freedom.

So, knowing that the ship is sinking, what do we do? Do we sit on our butts and wail and cry about what’s coming, while waiting to hit the icy water? Do we jump into life-boats and wallow around, waiting to be rescued? That’s what the globalist power elites want us to do. When the Federal Reserve created fiat money system collapses, when the ship sinks, they will

then “rescue us” by sweeping us all onboard the *U.N.N. Global Leviathan* – their “final solution” of a world-wide version of the “Fed” (out of the IMF) along with ‘world governance.’ That has been their plan all along – con us into sailing an un-seaworthy fiat hulk, sail it into an iceberg, and then “rescue” us onto their massive prison ship. You think getting rid of the Federal Reserve is tough? Just wait till you are under a *world* “federal reserve.”

So what do we do? Well, the *USS Constitution* is still sitting right there, off the stern! She’s still sea-worthy, able to weather any storm. We need to jump off of this weak, fiat imitation of a system we have been conned into sailing for nearly a hundred years, and get back onboard with our Constitution. We have neglected her. The supposed leaders have forsaken her. But we, the crew – us oath-sworn veterans, and We the People – who are the real owners – can still sail her if we but realize she is still there, just waiting for us.

Let’s patch the sails, plug any leaks, man our battle stations and get Old Ironsides ready to give the *U.N.N. Global Leviathan* a long overdue royal ass kicking. And then let’s sail back into liberty waters onboard the Constitutional Republic built by the blood and sweat of our forefathers. That is the answer to the globalist’s plans. And that is exactly why Oath Keepers has launched Operation Sleeping Giant (www.operationsleepinggiant.org).



USS Constitution Knocking the Tar Out of HMS Guerriere “Let’s patch the sails, plug any leaks, man our battle stations and get Old Ironsides ready to give the *U.N.N. Global Leviathan* a long overdue royal ass kicking.”

Certainly we are all in this together, whether or not we are veterans, but the veterans of this nation have a critical role to play. Each of us who served are still bound by our oaths to defend the Constitution against all enemies, foreign and domestic, and we must acknowledge that it has been because of our neglect of our duties, because of our negligence, that our nation has come to this. So, we veterans have a duty to right this wrong. We have the training and leadership experience it will take to help lead our people in resisting the dark plans of the global

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elites and in getting back to liberty. Together, we can defeat them and restore our Republic.

OPERATION SLEEPING GIANT

“I fear all we have done is to awaken a sleeping giant and fill him with a terrible resolve.”
Admiral Isoroku Yamamoto after attacking Pearl Harbor.*

America’s veterans truly are like a sleeping giant. It is time to awaken them and fill them with a terrible resolve to defeat the domestic enemies of our Constitution and their globalist fellow travelers. If we wake the veterans up, this Republic will be saved. If we don’t, then I fear that this Republic will fall. If we can’t get the veterans to step up and do what must be done to save our Republic, then how can we expect to get the rest of our people to do what must be done?

So, let’s WAKE THEM UP so they can help us wake up the whole country and so they can take the lead in restoring this Republic and resisting the plans of the enemy.

If we reach the veterans fast and “reactivate” them, with their leadership we can get our neighborhoods, towns, counties and states squared away so we won’t be weak and desperate when the fiat money system crashes. The stronger ‘We the People’ are within our states, the less pretext there will be for “martial law” during a crisis and the less likely the current serving military and police will be to go along with it.

The more wide awake and prepared the veterans are, the more they can lead their neighbors in weathering the storm without sacrificing liberty on the alter of temporary security. Veterans can lead the people in standing up and defending the powers reserved to the states or to the people (see the 10th Amendment), resisting the liberty crushing plans of the political and financial elites who intend to use chaos as an excuse to scrap our Constitution and national sovereignty once and for all.

Time is short, and we *must* get the veterans to focus on:

1. Food, fuel, emergency medical, and communications security and independence (and general preparedness) – as individuals, within local veterans organization chapters, neighborhood mutual aid societies, churches, co-ops, farmers markets, and at the town, county and state levels. As a start, follow the advice on <http://www.providentliving.org/> (you don’t need to be LDS to learn from their experience in food storage and preparedness, or to use their canning facilities). Grow gardens. Support your local farmers. Fight any regulation that would limit your ability to grow your own food. Why is food first? Because it is the hardest to improvise, and it is a great weakness of modern man, who, with few exceptions, no longer stores up for bad times. Ditto for fuel and medical supplies. And when it comes to communications, we must have in place an alternative system, such as HAM Radio, so if/when the internet comes down (or is taken down) we can still

communicate (for example, if each VFW Hall had a HAM Radio, that would provide a state-wide network).

2. Physical security and Independence – again as individuals, neighborhoods, veterans organization chapters, towns, counties and states, to include forming neighborhood watches; mutual aid associations; a volunteer sheriff’s posse (staffed by self-supplied volunteers but under direct command of the sheriff); and county militias established by county ordinances but staffed by self-supplied and self-funded volunteers (as is done in volunteer fire departments all over this nation); state defense forces under command of the governor; and ultimately, a true state militia, established by state statute, capable of “repelling invasions” (using the research and model bills of Dr. Edwin Vieira). As for training, a great first step for the newbie or for those who are rusty would be to attend the Project Appleseed rifle instruction program, offered for a pittance in every state by traveling volunteer instructors. See www.appleseedinfo.org for details.

3. Economic security and independence – as individuals and communities, including barter networks, use of silver and gold as real money, and sound money bills at the county and state levels (as Utah just passed). This would also include each of us having a “liberty trade” – something you can do even in a very localized, back-to-basics economy, and we must support and build resilient local economies that can weather hard times. We *must* have an alternative to the fiat money system in place when it collapses, so we can resist what the globalists have in store for us next. See www.alt-market.com for details.

4. State sovereignty and nullification of unconstitutional federal laws and actions. Veterans must support only sheriffs, local and state legislators, and governors who have the knowledge, courage, and integrity to keep their oaths. To vote for an oath breaker, is to become an oath breaker. We must enforce the bounds of the Constitution and defend the powers reserved to the states and to the people (see the Tenth Amendment) by supporting state sovereignty resolutions and nullification of unconstitutional laws. See <http://www.tenthamentcenter.com/>. Likewise, we must defend the inherit power of the jury to judge the law as well as the facts and to acquit even in the face of the law (jury nullification). See www.fija.org. And eventually we must kick the bums out of DC and replace them with citizen legislators, as GOOOH recommends. See <http://goooh.com/>

Go to www.operationsleepinggiant.org to learn more about what we have planned and to read upcoming articles that will provide details on each of the above. Certainly, there are other critical actions that all of us should be taking to both stop abuse of our rights and to restore our Republic, but the above four areas of focus are absolutely essential if we are to resist the plans of the globalist elites. These are necessary. We *must* be strong in these four areas when the crash comes.

What we do now, in whatever time we have left, will be critical. We must focus on solutions, not

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just diagnoses of the problems. And the solution is to restore our Republic from the bottom up, strengthening our communities at the neighborhood, town, county and state levels as we go. None of us has a crystal ball. We don't know exactly at what point the collapse will come. But when it comes we will certainly be in a stronger position than we are now, if we start from the bottom up, rather than putting all of our focus on Washington DC, as people tend to do.

Maybe we will only have time to get our neighborhoods ready. Maybe we will be fortunate enough to be squared away at the county level when the collapse comes. Or maybe we will be fortunate enough to have time to get it done all the way up to the state level. Certainly, we can work on all levels at the same time, but it is best to focus most of our energy on ourselves and our local communities, and work our way up from there. And we can do it in both the private and public sphere. We shouldn't put all our eggs in any one basket. Let's build up public institutions, but also while doing so, let's take private action as individuals, family, friends, and neighbors.

Once again, we should be doing all of the above *anyway*, because that's what it means to be a free people in free, sovereign states, in a constitutional republic, but it is especially crucial as we face the prospects of a coming economic collapse. Time is short, so please help us spread the message to all veterans and all Americans, and turn the tide.

Throughout our history, all of our enemies have misjudged the strength and resolve of the American people. The British Officer Corps were convinced that Americans were cowards who would not dare to fire on the Kings troops, only to have their asses handed to them by a swarm of ticked off American veterans while retreating back to Boston from Lexington and Concord. Nazi Germany and Imperial Japan also misjudged our resolve, confusing our love of prosperity and peace with weakness, only to awaken a sleeping giant that kicked them in the teeth. Our enemies have always misjudged us as being too soft, too decadent, too disorganized and weak to put up much of a fight. And we have proved them wrong every time. The same holds true now, in the fight against the globalist, power-mad "elites" who think they have us pegged, think they have it all figured out, and think we are too weak to resist their plans. It's time to give them a lesson in American ingenuity and resolve. 🌿

Stewart Rhodes,
 Founder of Oath Keepers

** The quote from Admiral Yamamoto is in dispute, with some contending that it is apocryphal. Regardless of whether he actually said it, that statement is certainly consistent with his view of Americans and of the military capacity of the United States once awakened, after his time living and studying in America.*



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Hiding a Gun: The Rules of Three

By Claire Wolfe

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MY friend Jack pulled the car into a grassy clearing. We donned rubber boots, fetched a metal detector and digging tools from the trunk, and headed off along a game trail. Our mission: To dig up and test fire a pistol Jack had buried years ago.

The trail disappeared into a wetland, which Jack crossed with confidence. The muddy water was only about six inches deep where he walked, but I couldn't see the bottom so I waded gingerly after him. It was at this point I discovered that my borrowed waterproof boots — weren't. I squished along after Jack. By the time I emerged onto dry land, he was standing well ahead of me, next to the stump of an old cedar that had been logged a hundred years ago.

"It's buried right here," Jack told me confidently. "Between this stump and that sapling."

I was dubious. The "sapling" wasn't exactly a sapling anymore. It had grown into a mid-sized alder tree. Besides, Jack had history with not being able to relocate a buried firearm. Back in 2004, I had mocked him in one of my Backwoods Home Hardyville columns for that very thing, an SKS he couldn't relocate.

Nevertheless, he set to breaking up roots. I followed with a shovel.

"I didn't bury it very deep," he said. "We shouldn't have too much trouble."

They're at it again. The politicians in Washington, DC, and their media mouthpieces everywhere are in full cry, threatening more restrictions on our right to own guns.

In response, Americans are rushing to buy firearms, particularly those that might be targets of the next ban. Without a doubt, many guns are going underground or into other hiding places. When Draconian restrictions take effect, millions more firearms will get tucked into walls, haylofts, hollow trees, and waterproof containers buried in the woods.

There are people who say, "When it's time to bury the guns, it's actually time to dig them up and use them." They have a point. But in fact, there are plenty of good reasons to hide guns, now or at any other time. And we're not talking about simply concealing a gun to have it handy in home, office, or hotel room. We're talking about hardcore, long-term hiding — stashing guns against some urgent future need.



My friend Jack, carrying a metal detector and digging implements, heads toward a game trail that leads to the site where he buried a pistol many years ago. The game trail is right in front of him but strangers would be unlikely to spot it because of the quick-growing blackberry bramble that's obscured it.

Three reasons to hide a gun

You might want to hide a firearm just to have a spare if your others get stolen or damaged in a disaster.

You might want to hide a firearm if you are a peaceable person who is nevertheless forbidden to own a gun because of some misdeed in your past or some arbitrary state law.

And of course, you might want to hide a firearm if you fear nationwide bans and confiscations but realize that you can't stand alone against the gun banners.

Three types of guns you might want to hide

You might want to hide a spare carry pistol away from your home in case your everyday carry gun is stolen or damaged.

You might want to hide any firearm that's being banned.

Or — as in the Clinton era, the last time people rushed to hide firearms — you might want to stash any cheap, but reliable semi-automatic rifle in a common caliber. SKSs were popular stash guns then. AK-47s are good, too. You probably don't want to tuck away your best battle rifle or your most beautiful, precise, scoped bolt action hunting gun (or, as politicians will eventually call it, your "sniper rifle"). But that's up to what you can afford to sequester and what you want to have at hand if the you-know-what ever hits the rotary airfoil. Because, make no mistake, a buried battle gun is a SHTF tool.

And of course, in all cases, you're also securing ammunition for that gun and any tools you might need to make your well-hidden firearm work for you.

Whatever type of gun you choose, one of the most important steps is to prepare it well for long-term storage. You need to ensure that the

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firearm you eventually retrieve will be ready to use — and not a rusted hulk.

Three ways to prep your gun for hiding

My friend Jack favors the very simplest method of preparing a firearm for hiding. He leaves the gun fully assembled, wraps it in vapor-phase inhibitor paper (also known as volatile corrosion inhibitor or VCI paper), adds desiccants (see sidebar) to keep down humidity, then places gun and ammo into a tightly-sealed container. His SKS spent nearly 10 years underground in this condition and was perfectly fine — and ready to shoot — once he finally he unearthed it.

Still, such a casual approach horrifies a lot of people — and it definitely lacks failsafes. My own preference: disassemble the firearm, coat every bit with a film of high quality gun oil like Break-Free, wrap each part separately, and then seal everything in a waterproof container with desiccants. Some people I've known take the extra step of pulling oxygen out of the container using a vacuum or piece of dry ice. You can also get VCI corrosion-resistant gun bags (including more pricey VCI vacuum bags) from places like MidwayUSA.com or Brownells.

Some old-timers I know disassemble their guns for hiding, but instead of coating parts with Break-Free, they use Cosmoline. Cosmoline is the now nearly-generic term for a brown, gooey, Vaseline-like preservative that's been used for decades to rustproof firearms. You may have encountered it if you ever bought a surplus military rifle. Commonly, such rifles have been literally dipped in a vat of Cosmoline at some point and will have the goop in every cranny even after being superficially cleaned. You might want to go the Cosmoline route if you expect your firearm to be hidden for a really long time — for instance, if you intend it for your yet-unborn grandchild. You can buy Cosmoline or similar pricey, corrosion-proofing preservatives online. But if you go that way, whoever resurrects the gun will need to have mineral spirits, a soaking tub, and brushes on hand.

Any time you store a gun disassembled, you need to store any tools required to clean and reassemble it. Maybe instructions, too. I know I might forget how to reassemble a gun that I hadn't touched in years.

Three types of storage containers

An appropriate storage container depends on your climate and where you plan to hide your gun.

One of the most popular and secure methods of gun hiding is burying. And the most popular container for burying a gun is ordinary Schedule-40 PVC pipe from any hardware store or plumbing supply store. You'll need a piece of pipe with sufficient diameter and length to hold your firearm, ammunition, and tools (unless you plan to store the ammo and tools separately). You'll also need end caps and sealant. Preferably you'll buy all this where you're not known,

and you'll use cash, not a check or credit card. One of the caps should be permanently sealed on. The second cap may be a threaded one with a rubber gasket — but only if you are very sure of an excellent seal. My friend Jack cemented both ends when he buried his SKS. Then he also buried a saw nearby, wrapped in VCI paper, to open the storage tube.

In addition to being buried, a tightly sealed PVC tube can also be submerged in murky water or in a slurry. Painted with appropriate camouflage, it can be hoisted into a tree or into the rafters of a barn or otherwise used to hide its contents in plain sight.

If you're lucky enough to find one at a gun show or surplus store, guns and other objects can also be hidden in old plastic mortar cases, which already have threaded lids with very tight rubber-gasket seals.

A pistol can be hidden in a tightly sealed metal ammo box — again, well oiled and with desiccants added. This is how Jack hid the pistol we were searching for. Because it was going into damp ground, he placed the ammo can inside a larger ammo can, a plastic knockoff this time. He added desiccants to that, as well. Both ammo cans had their lids sealed with caulk. Then he wrapped the entire assembly in a plastic bag and duct-taped the heck out of it. As a final precaution, when he set everything into the ground, he upended a white plastic tub over the rest. This would turn out to be the one truly useless step.

Bonus: If your climate is very, very dry and you're stashing a gun above ground in a spot you're certain will never get wet, you may not need any container at all. Just place your well-oiled, VCI-wrapped firearm "naked" in its hiding place (e.g. inside a wall, under floorboards). Always include desiccants. Even in dry climates, hidey-holes can still get humid.



After two sessions of digging and detecting, this is what finally emerged from the spot where Jack and I searched. A well-sealed plastic ammo box wrapped in a trash bag and thoroughly duct-taped. Inside the plastic box is an equally well-sealed metal ammo box. Both boxes contain desiccants. Inside the metal box is a pistol wrapped in corrosion-proofing paper. Once Jack finally got all the seals opened, that pistol emerged in ready-to-fire condition.

Three places to hide a gun

The first thing to know is where not to hide a gun. Do not hide it in or around your home unless you've figured out a way to make it undetectable — not only to opportunistic burglars, but also to metal detectors, ground-penetrating radar, and even gun-sniffing dogs (yes, there are

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dogs specially trained for this job; they're actually taught to alert to gun oils, powders, or firing residue).

Of course it's fine — and routine — to place everyday firearms in secure locations around the house. But remember, that's not what we're talking about here. We're talking about the gun or guns that you'll go get when the other guns are gone or when government agents are on a confiscation campaign. So unless you have extensive, difficult-to-search property, or some insanely clever and difficult hiding method, it's best to hide firearms away from home.

Three common places are: underground, above eye level, or right in plain sight, but so disguised nobody sees what you've hidden.

Underground: Because this is one of the most popular, durable, and most secure methods — but also one of the trickiest — we'll spend the most time on it. You've prepared your firearm using one of the three methods above. You've sealed it inside a PVC pipe, complete with desiccants, ammo, and tools. Now what?

Find a spot where you can be unobserved.

A spot where you can be confident everything is likely to stay undisturbed for years.

A spot where nobody but you is ever likely to spend time.

A spot with landmarks you can recognize — now and 10 years from now.

A spot with lots of old metal objects strewn about is a plus.

So is a spot where the soil has already been disturbed; this makes digging easier and could help foil ground-penetrating radar if anyone became serious enough about gun confiscation to try to use that against you. But disturbed ground is optional and may not be ideal for other reasons. It may be in a place with too much traffic, for instance. You can't have everything, so make your own best choices.

Your chosen caching location might be in the woods. Or an old, disused junkyard. Could be the grounds of an abandoned factory. Or a high sandy ledge in a desert canyon. Could be property belonging to a law-abiding relative (less likely to come under scrutiny than you and your own property).

Now, having found the ideal spot, dig. There are two schools of thought on this, particularly when burying a rifle: vertical and horizontal.

Inserting that precious PVC tube into the ground vertically gives your gun a much smaller — and much less gun-like — signature to metal detectors. That's good. Unfortunately, it's also much harder to dig a deep enough hole. Superman with a manual post-holer could do it. But you may need a mechanical auger.

To further compound the problem, your container should go entirely below the local frost line — which in places like Wisconsin can be as deep as four feet. And that's for the top of the container. Bury too shallowly and frost heave could crack your container or eventually thrust it to the surface.

Unburying a vertically buried container can also be a problem. Even after you've uncovered the first foot or so of the tube, the ground is going to cling hard. You might need a winch, a hand-cranked come-along, a rope, or at least a lot of muscle to haul your stash out of the ground. (See Charles Wood's excellent article in Issue #115 (Jan/Feb 2009) of *Backwoods Home* for more helpful details on burying and unburying firearms. He used the vertical method.)

In the Pacific Northwest, where my friend Jack buried his guns, it's less of a problem. The ground doesn't freeze more than a few inches down. Nevertheless, Jack opted for the easy method when he hid his SKS. He went horizontal. This is where having a lot of metal debris in the vicinity really helps to hide the telltale signature of a long, narrow object like a rifle.

After burying, be sure to cover the spot with the native topsoil, leaves, needles, bark, or metal garbage to disguise it.

Above eye level: It's a funny thing; people don't look up. You can hide something in a tree or in rafters. You can hide something in the clerestory of an old factory or warehouse. Or in the trim at the top of a building. Or even in a false gutter on a house. And unless they're really determinedly searching for it, people simply won't see it because they don't look up. Of course, it's still best to use camouflage techniques when hiding firearms in such places. Also, when it comes to trees or old buildings, you should consider these only as temporary hiding places — a few years, at most. Buildings get demolished. Trees are logged or fall over in storms. When you hide in such places, you need to go back frequently to check on your stash — and that itself can compromise security.

In plain sight: Above eye level isn't the only place you can hide something in plain sight. A reader of my blog told about U.S. soldiers finding a rifle in an old heap of junk in Iraq. Its barrel had been protruding out of the garbage for months before anybody realized what it was. Then they pulled it out — and found that it fired perfectly.

Plain sight doesn't necessarily mean your firearm is "right out there," either. It can mean misdirection. For instance, you could stash a firearm far back on a deep shelf behind rusty old tools. Or in an ancient, obviously broken refrigerator. Or under a rusted truck. Gun parts could lie undetected for years at the bottoms of toolboxes or in junk drawers. (Always remembering moisture-proof containers, vapor-phase inhibitors, desiccants, and plenty of gun oil.)

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Take advantage of local features, too. For instance, if you live in an area that has stone walls, you may find that some of these have loose gravel centers — perfect places to stash a gun. Lonely ponds and hollow stumps can be fine hiding places if your container is 100% waterproof. Use your imagination and your local geography.

There are thousands of possible places and ways to hide guns. As my friend Jack learned from his SKS misadventure, the real problem isn't hiding a gun. It's finding it again. Which brings us back to the gun-seeking expedition that opened this article.

As Jack and I dug (and dug) in search of the pistol he'd hidden between the cedar stump and the former sapling, both of us were recalling his last adventure in gun hiding.

Back in the Clinton era, he put his SKS underground — and thought he was being very, very careful about memorizing its location. I'll let him tell about that:

"I remember well the 8-inch PVC tubing, end caps glued in place, buried 13 feet northeast of a prominent rock placed in the middle of an old, private logging road. Also marked by a blaze slashed in an alder tree.

"Fast forward 10 years or so. The road had grown up in brush and trees. I'll never know where that rock got off to, or the marked tree." He had nothing to point to his hiding spot.

Jack brought in a cheap metal detector. No luck. He traded that in for the best metal detector he could find and went back to work. Days later ... "The SKS and goodies were about 25 feet from where I'd been looking. All clean and dry, in pristine condition."

So now, years later, we were looking for a pistol and Jack had made absolutely sure of his landmarks. That old stump that had been there for 100 years wasn't going anywhere. Yet we dug and we dug. And we ran the metal detector in an increasingly wide circle. And we found nothing.

"I guess you're starting to question my judgment, aren't you?" he finally asked.

"Question it?" I laughed. "Oh no, Jack. I've gone way beyond merely questioning it."

We went back to digging.



Carl Bussjaeger photo: This isolated, metal-strewn patch of woods is an ideal location for burying a gun. The rubble can help hide the signature of a buried firearm from a metal detector. In this case, the nature of the rubble — the ruins of a horse-drawn wagon and a Prohibition-era moonshiner's still — also indicates that the spot has been undisturbed for a long time.

Three ways to note the location of your stash

If you have chosen a really secure hiding place, even you may have trouble finding it again. Landmarks? Don't rely on them. Remember, trees fall or get cut down. Old cars get hauled away. Old houses and sheds collapse or get salvaged. Logging roads get re-cut, blocked off, or overgrown. Flash floods wash away even big boulders.

Today, of course, there are super-easy, high-tech ways to mark hiding spots. I can already hear younger readers saying, "Hey, I'll just mark the spot with the GPS in my smartphone." Easy peasy — and foolish. First of all, your cellphone is a tracking device and smartphones are the worst of all. Worse, police are increasingly able to scoop up that data without warrants or other formalities. In fact (and I wish this were just paranoia, but it's not), there's even a growing network of "locator towers," essentially fake cellphone towers owned and operated by law enforcement whose only purpose is to spy continuously on all of us.

So no. If you value your stash and your freedom, don't even bring your cellphone to your hiding spot. If you do bring it, have it turned off and preferably remove its battery. Certainly do not use it to mark a location you want kept secret.

You could mark the spot with a standalone GPS unit which is not known to be owned by you and which itself is kept in a secure location. But even this is a flawed method *if used by itself*, since GPS units can get lost, stolen, broken, or simply wiped of data. A standalone GPS unit should be just one part of your site-marking strategy.

In previous sections, we've treated our "rule of threes" as an either/or. But when it comes to identifying the location of your cache and being able to find it again, one method alone is not enough. You should mark the location of your hidden weapon in three different ways. You should have a compass or a GPS unit (or both) and know how to use them.

First, identify the location visually, preferably using distant and/or virtually immovable features of the landscape. Mountain peaks, waterfalls, house-sized boulders, freeway interchanges, ancient monuments, etc. Then you can take note of nearby trees, rocks, and other objects as a backup. It's probably more useful to make note of the terrain than features on the terrain. Note whether the ground rises or falls around your stash, or how many paces the stash is from a nearby hillock.

Second, take compass headings to your cache location from at least three different recognizable objects. Again, you should choose objects that aren't likely to move. But if you take a heading from a power pole, a tree, and a boulder, and 10 years later the tree has fallen down, you still have other things to guide you.

In using a compass you must know the declination in your area — that is, how much magnetic north varies from true north. Later, when you're ready to go back to find your hidden tools, you

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should check the declination again ([NOAA has a website for this](#)). Magnetic north drifts from year to year. I was aware of this but didn't realize how much the drift could impact caching until Carl Bussjaeger, a writer and a reader of my blog, alerted me. Then I checked. Turns out, over 10 or 15 years, the change in declination in a given area could easily be enough to put you many feet away from your hidden stuff if you don't adjust for it. (It's easier than it may sound, though.)

Finally, you should mark the location with your stand-alone GPS unit (and remember, *never, ever* with a cell-phone). Then, when you get home, transfer those coordinates to a piece of paper or an encrypted computer file (along with your compass headings), and erase them from the GPS unit.

If you write the coordinates down, disguise them in some way. One blog reader who works in security suggested making them look like a phone number and putting them in your address book. It goes without saying that you should hide or disguise your record of the coordinates very well — but not so well that you can't find it years later. But then, that's why you use three marking methods; if one fails, you still have the others.

Three bonus suggestions

In Britain, where they've lost most of their gun rights, rural folks long ago became experienced at keeping their firearms hidden. One of my blog readers from that part of the world suggests getting a roll of heavy-gauge underground cable. Dig a trench between a house and barn or house and workshop. Lay the firearm, in its waterproof PVC pipe, at the bottom of the trench, then partially backfill. Now run the cable in the trench between the two buildings about two feet above the firearm. Gun grabbers who detect metal may dig down, find the cable, and believe there's nothing else there. "Police and soldiers hate to dig," he notes. Here in the Pacific Northwest, where my friend Jack buried his guns, loggers often leave behind enormously thick steel cable that's used to "yard" trees. It's common to stumble upon great lengths of it on old logging sites. A snaky coil of that would look natural and also disguise the signature of metal underneath.

Hide a gun that not only uses common ammunition — but uses common ammunition of a caliber that any potential enemy might use. In a pinch, you may need to do some "borrowing."

Finally, keep your mouth shut. Don't even *tell* people that you've hidden a gun, let alone *where* you've hidden it. Keep the entire act of caching on a strict need-to-know basis.

That day, we searched and searched for Jack's hidden pistol. He and I dug for an hour between the cedar stump and the now-grown sapling. It got to the point where I feared the young alder

might fall on us because we'd chopped away most of its roots. We dug pit after pit around those trees, getting occasional, hopeful blips from Jack's metal detector.

Every once in a while we'd get excited, thinking we spotted a bit of the white plastic tub over the pistol box. But those were just learning experiences: alder roots are white inside and can look a lot like plastic fragments when you've been chopping at them.

"Next time, use a hot pink container."

We dug until we were thoroughly tired, muddy, and fed up. We never did find the pistol.

Three days later, Jack went back by himself, this time carrying a long piece of sharpened rebar to probe the ground in an organized grid. He found the pistol less than a foot from our network of pits. "We were standing right on it," he laughed. And it was in one of the several spots where the metal detector had given us hopeful, but weak and inconclusive, blips. We just hadn't dug wide enough.

Oh, and just like the SKS before it, the pistol came out of its muddy hole in the ground in prime condition, ready to fire. 🌱

For more information, check out these three articles online:

Charles Wood, BHM Issue #115 (Jan/Feb 2009): [Bury a gun and ammo for 15 Years](#)

Claire Wolfe, [SKScapades](#) (2004 article based on Jack's experience finding his rifle)

[U.S. Army Special Forces Unconventional Warfare Manual](#) [PDF](see Appendix D for caching information)

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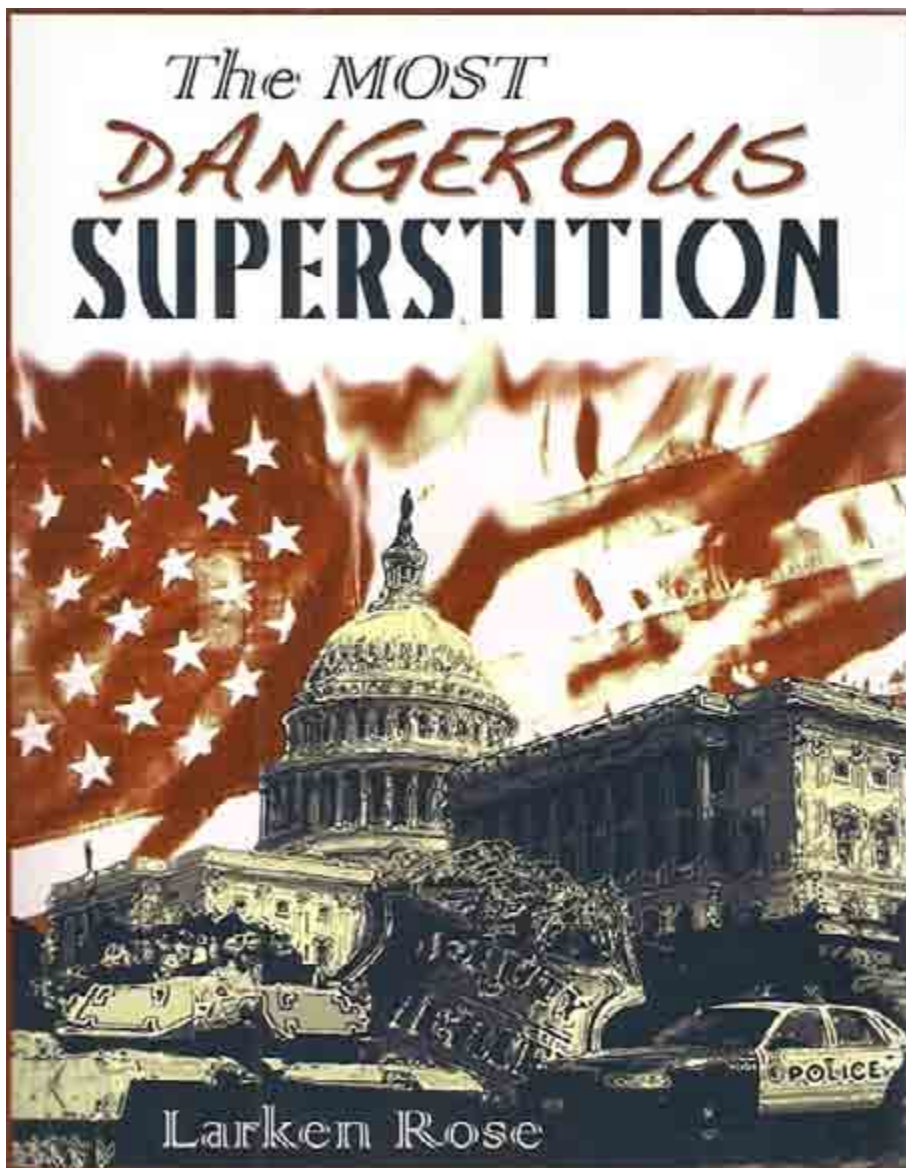
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Here's the article Tom Willcutts posted in the T&H Community (May, 2012), the catalyst which brought about this debate:

As I stated in my review of Larken's proof of No Government, he put together a very nice animated video to demonstrate to people that the problems he identifies with government cannot be solved by choosing a benevolent King to be ruler. The title of the video is "If You Were King:"

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BNlgztyU2U>

Larken opens with: "So the world is a pretty messed up place, but just think how great it would be if you were in charge."

Okay – so I am going to accept that challenge. I shall be King. And I am going to use my powers as King to design a government. And after I am finished designing the government, I will abdicate the Throne and cede my power to this new government, in the tradition of Cincinnatus.

With the powers that Larken has bestowed upon me ... my approach is to survey the various governments and laws of various nations/states and pick and choose the ones that I think have worked best. In fact, I think one of the drawbacks of the Rose/Molyneux approach is that they are supposing that something that has never been tested or worked in the past will all of a sudden work now, due to evolutionary improvements in human reasoning and logic. I think you'd have a difficult time demonstrating that human powers of reasoning and logic have really evolved that much over time. Is human reasoning today superior than that exhibited by the likes of Plato, Da Vinci and Newton? Examples that reach back in time hundreds or thousands of years.

Molyneux uses the "end of slavery" as an example of the advancement of human reasoning and morals. I have to question that. Wouldn't it be more accurate to say that the methods of enslavement have become more sophisticated? And isn't true

that the rulers who turned away from older forms of slavery still engage in conduct that is every bit as barbaric and cruel as they did in the past?

The challenge of designing a good government and a good set of rules is not limited to keeping them insulated from those who would corrupt and manipulate them for their own power and wealth. They must also be able to operate productively and efficiently, or the people will abandon them for something better. Therein lies the advantage of things that have evolved naturally and have been tested.

The honest and sincere socialists looked at all the wealth and advancement in technology created by capitalism and thought they could keep the good things that had been created and produced by capitalism and remove the bad things attaching to capitalism simply by excising the evil capitalists from the equation, whom they did not view as necessary. Why not simply allow the honest laborers to be the owners of the fruits of their labor? Simple and good theory – but it had never been tested, and the practical reality failed to live up to the theory.

Similarly, it seems the honest and sincere anarchists believe that we can maintain all the good supplied by cooperative rules, so long as we excise those rules from the trappings of government from which they evolved. Good theory – but it has never been tested. For example, having set rules and laws provide predictability, without which people are not willing start new ventures and to take chances, given the uncertainty that attaches to a make-it-up-as-you-go-along system. Some things evolved over time because they generate better results.

So with that prelude ... I am going to set forth the design of my government, where I borrow from various systems that I believe have been tested. Since for purposes of Larken's intellectual challenge I am initially King of this make-believe land, I am going to name it "Libertopia," which I admit to stealing from Larken & Molyneux's anarchy group. (Actually I am just going to borrow it – not steal.) :-)

So I am going to start with a Constitution, which if done correctly serves a useful purpose. A Constitution should contain relatively immutable principles and the basic organizational outline of government, which cannot be altered except by an overwhelming consensus of the citizens. Most of the rights found in the Bill of Rights would be included. In addition to guaranteeing certain fundamental rights, my Constitution will also strictly set forth the basis by which the government will be funded. Herein is where I am going to dispel the taxing premise to Larken's proof. The Constitution is going to provide for a monetary system.

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I am going to adopt the monetary principles advocated by Stephen Zarlenga:

“Making the power to issue money a public function — enabling the government to use its money power — creating and spending money into circulation — to address [the spending needs of government]. Economist Kaoru Yamaguchi’s computer model has shown that a public-based money system and spending government money [on the functions of government] is the best form of economic growth.”

The Constitution will strictly address the things that government can spend money on as part of its ordinary functions. The Constitution will also place limits on the growth of government spending. A departure from these spending limitations will be permitted only by a popular referendum — not by the votes of elected officials. There will be elections for those who have administrative functions within the government. And there will be elections for representatives who can pass laws within the limits of the Constitution. There will be some charges for some government services, and the government will always accept the money that it issues for payment of such services. There will not be any restrictions, however, on the voluntary use of any other currency, nor will anyone be compelled to accept any particular currency — including government currency.

There will be a court system that follows the English common law/jury system model. As King, I will initially choose the body of common law precedent that will act as the starting point for the common law. I will also choose certain statutory laws regulating commerce, private property and criminal law, where I believe that set rules are preferable to the common law in terms of certainty and predictability. The Court system will have trial courts and two levels of Appellate Courts — one level of Appellate Courts that may hear reviews of the decisions of the trial courts and one level that is charged with ruling upon Constitutional issues — the Supreme Court. There will be nine justices on the Supreme Court and their terms of service will be limited in duration and staggered. Any decision of the Supreme Court that fails to obtain the approval of 7 of the 9 justices may be appealed to the legislature, which can overturn the ruling by a 75% majority. Any civil/private litigants can voluntarily opt out of the court system and have their dispute resolved by private dispute resolution system instead. The right to choose to proceed in court with a jury, however, shall be a Constitutional right, which may only be waived in a post-dispute setting. In other words, you cannot unwittingly or coercively contract away that Right in advance of your dispute. After a dispute arises, the parties can opt out of court (trust me — it’s an important distinction).

There will be no prison system in Libertopia. There can be detainment of potentially dangerous individuals pending trial, but there will only be two modes of punishment. One form of punishment will involve

restitution and fines, and the other will be banishment from Libertopia, which will be reserved for those crimes/individuals that present an unreasonable danger to society. Victimless crimes will be banned by the Constitution (and they would be inconsistent with the punishment scheme in any event.)

The playing field for access to legal professionals who present evidence and proof in a court will be made level in Libertopia, as such professionals will be provided without charge by the legal system and assigned to cases at random — the same with judges. People can always choose to represent themselves. And again, private litigants can always opt out of having their case decided in court. People can also hire attorneys for whatever other legal work they desire, except for presenting evidence in a court.

In Libertopia, the model for defense will be Switzerland. All citizens shall be provided with military firearms and training. There will be full-time Libertopian guards for limited purposes of civil defense and police functions, but the principal deterrent to an invading army will be a fully armed citizenry, who will possess the same arms as the government.

Being a citizen of Libertopia with the duties and benefits that attach to such citizenship is totally voluntary. The citizens shall be comprised of the initial group and their offspring. Foreigners who wish to become citizens must be sponsored and approved. Any person can choose to denounce their citizenship at anytime without condition or penalty.

I could put more meat on these bones, especially the benefits to be supplied by Libertopia — but that will do for now. Libertopia has no coercive taxation, no monopoly on currency, no monopoly on the means of defense, no monopoly on dispute resolution, no coercive membership in Libertopia, and no prison system. I respectfully submit that I have rebutted Larken’s proof of no government, and I did not do this by definitional word-play, but rather by attempting to construct a better government. And I also submit that my system is better tested than that which is proposed by Larken & Molyneux.

Critique and criticism are more than welcome — after all We are in the land of Libertopia for the moment. :-) -Tom Willcuts, May 06, 2012 

Debate moderator, Richard Grove, is the publisher of Tragedy and Hope (TragedyAndHope.Com) which creates, produces, and publishes educational content to help adults understand the world they live in and thereby, develop true self-confidence and serenity of mind; our content focuses on history, philosophy, economics, anthropology, science, communications, and every topic which pertains to learning how to survive and thrive in this world.

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[Terry Bressi recently appeared on the Delcare Your Independence with Ernest Hancock](#) radio show on 04-01-13:

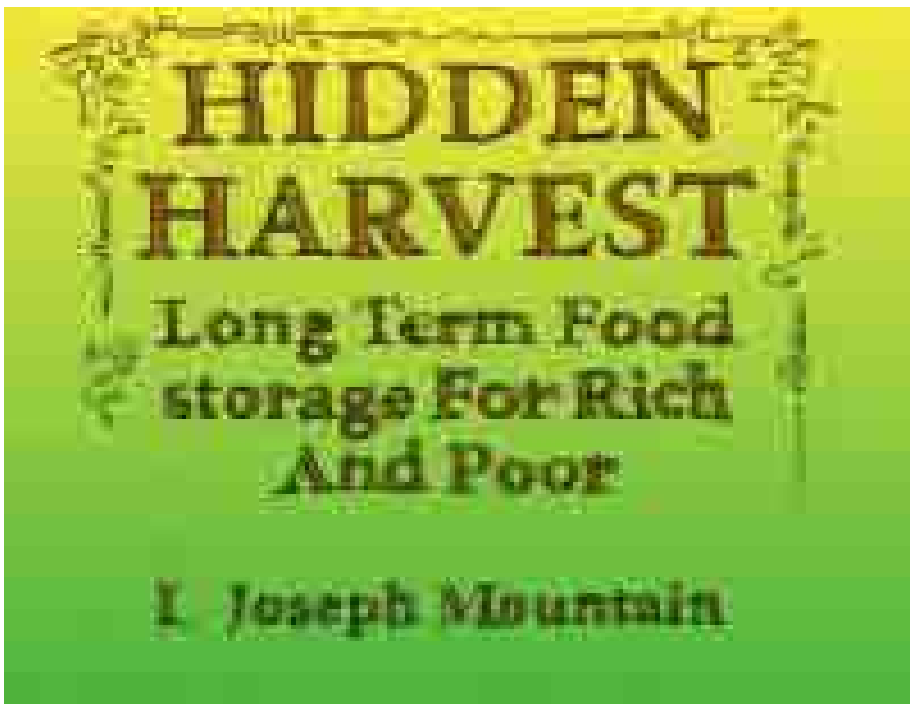


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Fats and Rancidity: A Food Preppers' Problem

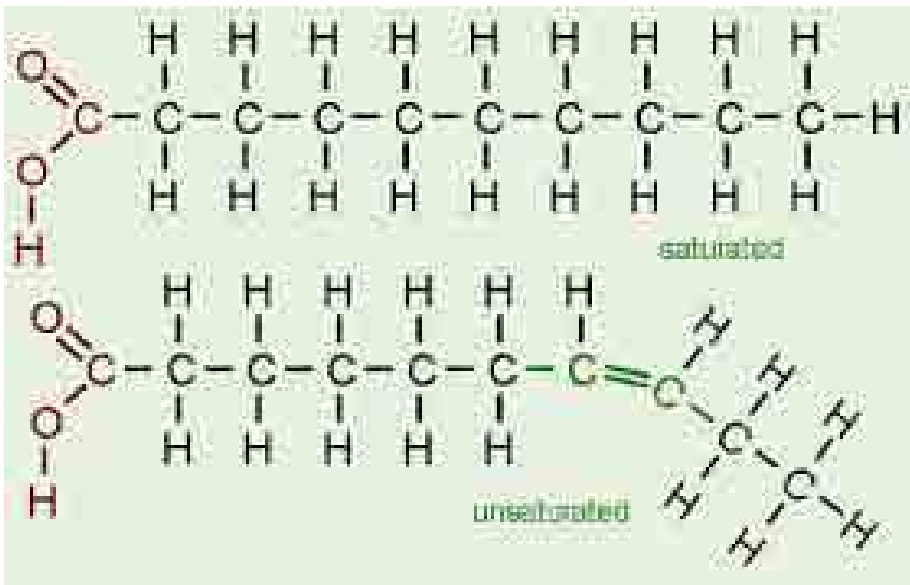
By L. Joseph Mountain

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MANY of the dehydrated "food storage units" available these days specify that you need a certain amount of fats or oils to supplement their unit. You probably know these units, they generally sell as "1 person, 1 year" type of packages and they contain a variety of grains, legumes, fruits other essentials. You might wonder why they don't just include a container of oil to complete their units. Or even why we need them.

Fats are pretty chemically simple, carbon with oxygen and hydrogen attached. Not as complex as amino acids (proteins). This goes for saturated, unsaturated and polyunsaturated fats, the omega fats everybody loves to talk about these days, triglycerides and the cooking oil in your cupboard. Animal fats, vegetable fats are all this composition.



Fats (oils, lipids) are one of our body's essential nutrients. While our bodies can manufacture some of the fat we need by using other nutrients, we can't make enough of them. Fats are our body's method of storing energy, lubricating joints, and it turns out we need them to absorb a list of essential vitamins. They are not optional; we get sick and die without them. And in times of starvation, our body burns off stored fat by converting it into energy (mostly by turning it into glucose, which is the favored food of our cells).

Unfortunately, the presence of these hydrogen and oxygen molecules aren't all that stable and the hydrogen and oxygen tend to become attracted to, and run off with, the milk man so to speak. They can get together with each other and create water which will induce a milky or emulsified kind of appearing oil, and this would be

hydrolysis. I usually see this with oils that have been "annealed", or subject to repeated heating and cooling.

The other thing is they can combine with oxygen and we have oxidation. The latter is the issue we call "rancidity". This is when you can smell it and you can taste it.

The major problem with rancidity is it first gives us unpleasant taste and odor. This progresses until the stuff is pretty much unpalatable. Oils and fats coat the inside of our mouths, making our taste buds more receptive to taste which is ordinarily great, but if that taste is foul, it's foul with an electric guitar and amp.

There aren't the kind of immediate health risks with rancid oils as there are from bacteria or other mean little bugs that grow on spoiled food. However, they won't be able to do their job for us chemically as effectively as we need them to. This is that vitamin uptake thing. It's also felt that rancid oils probably contribute to long term health issues like obesity. There might be some physiology where rancid oils burn less efficiently, and what the body can't use or use as readily as carbs, it might have a tendency to simply store them. I'm not 100% certain on that.

However, rancidity goes for all oils all the time; even oils in the foods we store up. Low fat beans store longer than high fat ones, white flour stores longer than whole wheat, white rice stores longer than whole grain or brown rice. Nuts go great in cans, but nothing can stop the oils in them from going rancid over time. This is why cheap nuts often taste bitter. They are older stock.



The cooking oil on the supermarket shelf might have been in storage for months and this chemical change thing called rancidity has been happening the whole time. We can slow it down, but we can't stop it. The ways to slow it down are the very same general rules we use for all foods in long term storage:

1. Keep it cool.
2. Keep it out of sunlight.
3. Try to keep oxygen away from it.
4. Don't let water adulterate it.

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As well, it seems that the less refined-read SATURATED fats-seem to hold up best. Cold pressed extra virgin olive oil fits the bill, but so does lard. Some of these cold pressed oils will hold up for months in proper storage and lard does great in cans (no light or oxygen penetration plus it's free of acids and flavors found in other oils). And if it starts to taste a little harsh, well you just kind of deal with it until you get some more.

Perhaps most interesting to me is how fats operate in freeze-dried scenarios and upon rehydration. The fats are pretty much still there even with the removal of all that hydrogen and oxygen, and I have to remind myself that in fats these are chemically bound to carbon. It's not water; it just contains the components thereof. I suspect there's more going on there than I know at this time. Given as we can freeze dry meat, this is a real advantage for long term freeze-dried storage. With normal dehydration, these oils are basically unaltered and apparently more prone to spoilage.

If your diet is severely lacking in fats and you can't find bacon, eat more whole grains. Eggs, milk, cheese all contain it. Corn is such a wonderful source of oil that if you grow enough, you can press your own oil. The cautions come in if you are utterly dependent upon your stored

food and have no hope of obtaining food (with fat in it) from outside sources. For me it's hard to imagine this scenario, but other preppers presume this level of isolation even for long periods. The RDA

(gubment recommended daily allowance) of fat is about 60 grams, so that's about two avocados worth. Avocados are wonderful sources of dietary fat, but again most of the other foods you eat have fat as well. 🍁



L. Joseph Mountain recently published [Hidden Harvest, Long Term Food Storage Techniques For Rich And Poor](#). Available on [Amazon](#). He keeps a website at [LongTermStorageFood.com](#) where articles are sometimes archived, info is irregularly updated, and questions are occasionally answered.

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Silver Circle Movie Premiere in Tempe, AZ

By Donna Hancock

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SILVER CIRCLE MOVIE makes it's premiere showing in Arizona on Thursday, April 11th, 2013. Go to the [Facebook Page](#) for more details about the showing, or to [SilverCircle-Movie.Com](#) for more information.

[Liberty Coin and Precious Metals](#) along with our friends at [FreedomsPhoenix.com](#) will be helping put on a one-night event to remember at the Pollack Tempe Cinemas! The address of the theater is [1825 W Elliot Road, Tempe, AZ 85284](#). We will have tickets available here (<http://silvercirclephoenix.brownpapertickets.com/>), or pending the show isn't sold out, you can purchase your tickets at the door.


Activists, students, families (kids over the age of 13), and more are all welcome! We'll be selling merchandise and you can learn about our awesome sponsors as well.

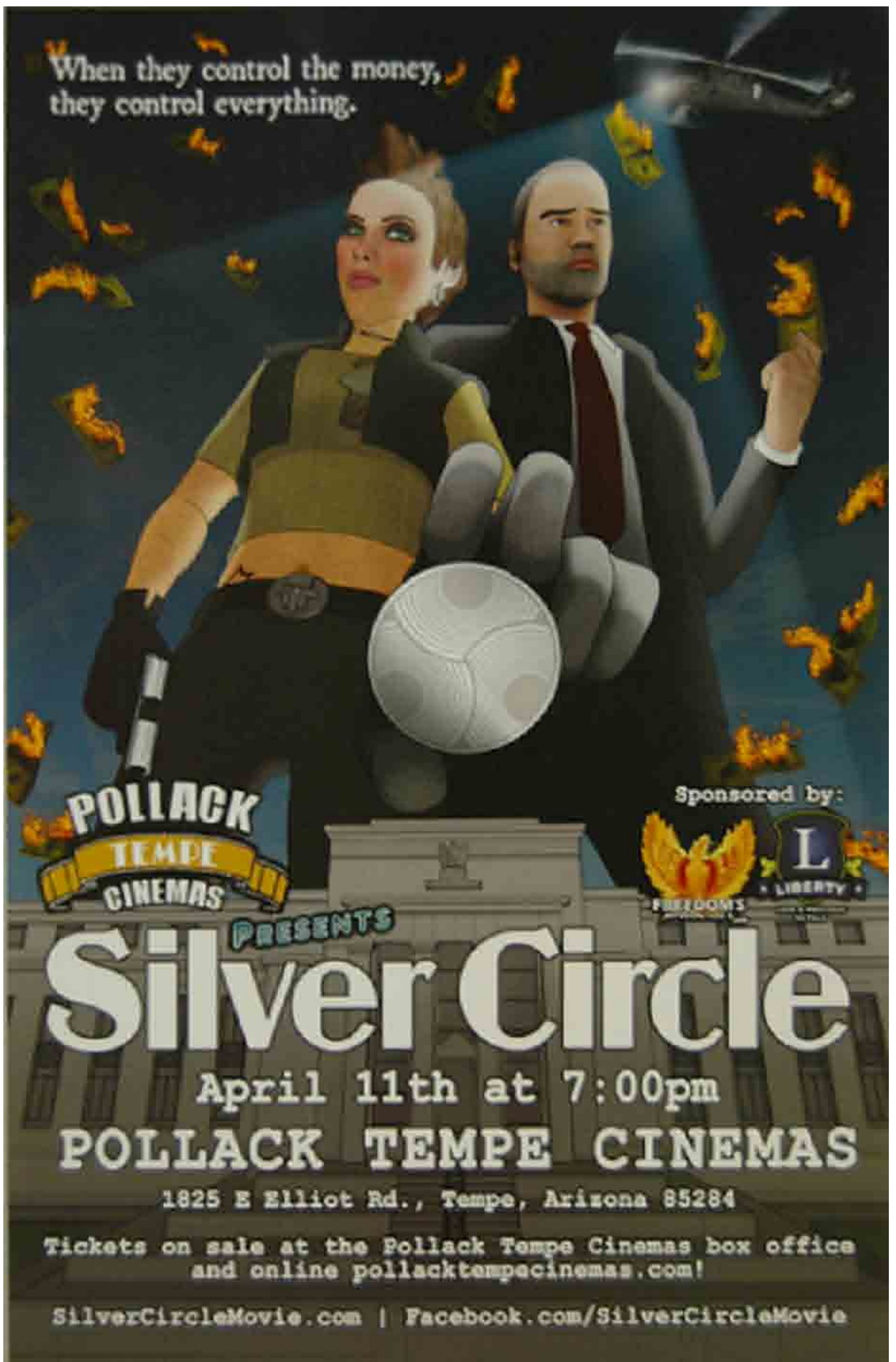
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Tour de Peace: The Road Less Taken

Cindy Sheehan

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Cindy Sheehan's [Tour de Peace](#) is a bike ride for peace from California to D.C. beginning at Casey Sheehan's grave in Vacaville, CA to Washington, D.C. to demand true and positive change. The ride will begin on the anniversary of the day that Casey was KIA in Iraq, April 4th, and end in D.C. on July 3rd, 2013

We are hoping that MANY riders will join us for all or part of the way, but especially join us for a convergence at Arlington Cemetery on July 3rd, to ride on the White House to present our demands.

We are also hoping that activists and groups along the way will sponsor meetings, rallies (with vegetarian potlucks), comfy beds, and support, to help us organize for PEACE, to help us to raise money to help fund the tour AND raise money for good causes to help the devastated people of Iraq and Afghanistan.

In his inauguration speech, Barack Obama, (the Drone Bomber) said: TIME TO ACT!

We wholeheartedly agree, but we believe that it is WAY PAST TIME TO ACT:

- To End Wars
- To End immunity for US War Crimes
- To End Suppression of our Civil Rights
- To End the use of Fossil Fuels
- To End Persecution of Whistle blowers
- To End Partisan Apathy and Inaction

[Click Here](#) to sign the Petition

Tour de Peace Video:



The Route

California

- March 24- **Kick off Event Grass Valley** [Details contact Linda](#)
- April 4- **Vacaville** [Details Contact Dede](#)
- April 4- **Sacramento** [Details contact Karen](#)

- April 5- Make way to Fresno
- April 6- **Fresno** [Details contact Dan](#)
- April 7- **Santa Monica** [Details contact Kathleen](#)
- April 8- Rancho Cucamonga [contact Gus](#)
- April 9- **Palm Springs** [Details contact Tom](#)
- April 10- **29 Palms** [contact Nikohl](#)
- April 11- Down Day
- April 12- Amboy
- April 13- Needles

Arizona

- April 14- **Kingman**
- April 15- Peach Springs
- April 16- Seligman
- April 17- Williams
- April 18- Down Day
- April 19- **Flagstaff** [contact Anna](#)
- April 20- Possible commute to Phoenix for Event?
- April 21- **Phoenix** [contact Lizzy](#)
- April 22- Winslow (Commute from Phoenix?)
- April 23- Petrified Forest National Park
- April 24- Sanders

New Mexico

- April 25- **Gallup**
- April 26- Down Day
- April 27- Bluewater
- April 28- Laguna
- April 29- **Albuquerque** [contact Susan](#)
- April 30- Clines Corners

MAY

- May 1- Santa Rosa
- May 2- Down Day
- May 3- Tucumcari

Texas

- May 4- Adrian
- May 5- Cinco de Mayo: Rest, Recharge, Rebuild
- May 6- **Amarillo** [contact Rusty](#)
- May 7- Groom
- May 8- Shamrock

Oklahoma

- May 9- Elk City
- May 10- Weatherford
- May 11- El Reno
- May 12- **Norman** [contact Zakk](#)
- May 13- Rest, indigenous sites
- May 14- Chandler
- May 15- Sapulpa
- May 16- **Tulsa** [contact Brandon](#)
- May 17- Chelsea
- May 18- Miami, OK
- May 19- Down Day

Missouri

- May 20- Sarcoxie
- May 21- **Springfield, Mo** [contact Midge](#)
- May 22- Lebanon
- May 23- Waynesville
- May 24- Cuba
- May 25- Down Day

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May 26- Pacific
 May 27- **St. Louis** [contact Jacquelyn](#)

Illinois

May 28- Litchfield
 May 29- Springfield
 May 30- **Peoria** [contact Tonya](#)
 May 31- **Pontiac**

JUNE

June 1- **Joliet**
 June 2- Chicago
 June 3- **Chicago** [contact Debra](#)

Chicago to DC route Michigan

June 4-
 June 5- **Ann Arbor**
 June 6-

OHIO

June 7- Fayette
 June 8- **Toledo** [contact Mike](#)
 June 9- Toledo
 June 10- Down Day
 June 11- Norwalk
 June 12- **Cleveland**
 June 13- Kent
 June 14- East Palestine

PENNSYLVANIA

June 15- **Pittsburgh**
 June 16- Pittsburgh
 June 17- Connellsville
 June 18- Meyersville

To DC

June 19- **Cumberland, Md**
 June 20- Berkeley Springs, WV
 June 21- Brunswick, Md
 June 22- **Gaithersburg, Md**
 June 23- Manassas, Va
 June 24- Culpeper, Va
 June 25- **Charlottesville, Va** [contact David](#)
 June 26- Gum Springs, Va
 June 27- **Richmond, Va** [contact Rain](#)
 June 28- Fredericksberg, Va
 June 29- **Manassas, Va**
 June 30- Down Day
 July 1- Media Day
 July 2- **DC** [contact Malachy](#)
 July 3 @ 9am: Meet at Arlington Cemetery, Press Conference, Ride to White House, Present Demands

Tour de Peace: New Jersey Ride

Some in NJ are in the planning stages for a 3 day (or more) 230 mile ride from NJ.

We invite cyclists of all strengths to consider becoming part of this effort, which is both a

physical personal challenge and a strong political challenge to the endless US war regime.

Go to the [Facebook Page](#) for more information

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If you would like to help, or want more information on the logistics, SPONSOR THE TOUR, host a rider, or would like to volunteer to help us plan and organize, please email Dede Miller at: Dede4Peace@gmail.com or fill out form below and tell us how you can be a part of Tour de Peace:

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- **Become a local Organizer -** [Local Organizer Tool Kit](#)
- **Host the Riders in your Town -** [Hosting Information](#)
- **Can you help Tour de Peace with supplies? View the Tour de Peace -** [Supply Wish List](#)
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Tour de Peace Charities:

Tour de Peace hopes to raise awareness of the devastation caused to the people of Iraq and Afghanistan through the United States wars of aggression. Any money we have left over at the end of the tour will be donated to charities operating in Iraq and Afghanistan. We have chosen to benefit the following charities:

*****Afghan Youth Peace Volunteers*****



About a year ago a small group of young people in the Bamiyan Province of Afghanistan began sharing their call for understanding in

order that they could experience peace someday in their country. The Youth Peace Volunteers of

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Afghanistan have framed their message well so we direct you to their site: <http://ourjourneyto-smile.com>.

Here is a link to the most recent interview [Cindy did on the Declare Your Independence with Ernest Hancock](#) radio show:

A love letter asking for forgiveness from our Afghan friends (Video):



*****Iraqi Health Now*****



Picture Haider Al-saedy made his first trip home to Basra for the first time in 16 years and discovered a humanitarian catastrophe. When he returned to Kalamazoo, Michigan he starting looking for organizations that could help and together with friends, Kathy Murphy, Maia Storm, and Helen Salan, Iraqi Health Now was formed as a project of Healing the Children Michigan/Ohio in 2006.

<http://iraqihealthnow.org/>

If you are in the Phoenix area on Saturday, April 20th, 2013 - we will be having a party/fundraiser for Cindy (and the riders) as she passes thru town on her bike tour. Here is the information:

[Spring Party and a chance to meet Cindy Sheehan and other riders at the Hancock's, Sat 4/20/13 @ 4pm til ???](#)

Spring Party at the Hancock's and a chance to meet and hang out with Cindy Sheehan as she travels thru Phoenix on her Tour de Peace bike ride across the country. There will be other riders here along with Cindy, so come down and show them the LOV3!

Iraqi Health Now (Video):



Cindy Sheehan is an internationally known author, radio talk show host, and peace and justice advocate who opposes the Empire no matter who is in office. Cindy started her quest for peace and justice after her oldest son, Casey Sheehan, was killed in the Iraq War for profit on 4 April, 2004. Cindy can be reached through her websites Tour-DePeace.Org and www.CindySheehansSoapbox.com

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GUEST SPEAKERS



Lisa Bedford
The Survival Mom
SATURDAY AT NOON



Chef Tess
Honeyville Farms
ALL WEEKEND

FREE LED FLASHLIGHT TO THE FIRST 100 ATTENDEES EACH DAY

Some of the vendors expected to exhibit and demonstrate:

- ANIMAL HUSBANDRY**
Goat, Chicken & Rabbit Supplies
Bee Keeping & Organic Honey
Petting Zoo
- ENERGY**
Hi-Insulation Building Materials
Solar Power
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Water Filtration & Storage
- GARDENING**
Valley Permaculture Alliance
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- HEALTHCARE**
Naturopathic Healing Classes
Herbal/Essential Oil Remedies
- SURVIVAL**
Wilderness Survival Gear
Medical Supplies
- MISCELLANEOUS**
Smart Gold & Silver Investing
Distillation Supplies
Ham Radio Gear & Education

TICKETS

Adults **\$10** in advance
\$12 day of event
Kids 6-12 **\$5** day of event
Kids under 5 are free

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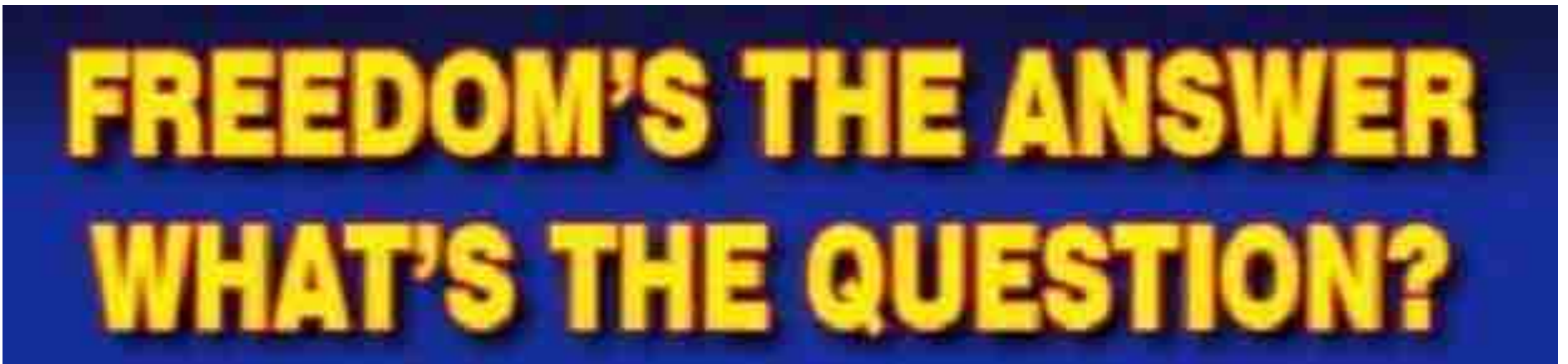
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