

# Re: MY MISERABLE STORY .....Hurricane Wilma

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In article <R2W8f.17767\$\_31.7587@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>, write@xxxxxxxxxxxxx (jonathan) wrote:

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- > "Jo Schaper" <joschapern4ospam@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message
- > [news:11m2qo67btmjgde@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:news:11m2qo67btmjgde@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)
- >> Several comments:
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- >> Hey, if you chose to stay, great.
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- > Chose? It was half the size of Florida. A small error in the
- > track could make Key West no safer than Tallahassee on the opposite
- > end of the state. The whole point is that hurricanes are getting
- > much larger in size. There was no point in trying to evacuate from
- > this one.
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- >> But shouldn't you have prepared a bit
- >> beforehand, in terms of squirreling water/gasoline/food and so forth?
- >> How about Parrot food?
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- > Had 8 lbs of parrot food, 8 cans of tuna, 4 cans of chicken, 3 jars
- > of mayo, a box of pudding cups, 2 boxes of fruit things in syrup, one large
- > bag of pot, 4 12-packs of mountain dew code red (nectar of the caffeine gods)
- > instead of water, a small bottle of bleach to purify water, 2 bottles of
- > wine, 4 cans of beans, 8 cans of soup.
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- > And no can opener.

All you need is a sharp strong knife, something like a Bowie Knife, and you can open a tin with that. You stab the lid, force the knife in and cut the top open.

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- > A knife and a needle nose vise grips work ok though.
- > The day before I decided to buy a little table top barbecue
- > and charcoal. Note, having charcoal makes you very popular~

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- > Spent the first two days grilling up everything we could
- > before it spoiled. Ate great the first two days, then
- > ...'urban camping' begins.
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- >> People in earthquake areas have supplies, and houses reinforced.
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- > So do we, we have the best building codes anywhere since Andrew
- > in 92. Most buildings here can take 110 mph winds. Which is no
- > small thing.
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- >> People in flood zones have a plan, and usually a small boat. They know
- >> which roads flood easily and which stay dry. They know when to stay and
- >> when to go.
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- > So do we.
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- >> People in tornado alley have basements and storm cellars.
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- > There are no basements in Florida. Any hole more than 12 inches deep
- > fills with water. The whole place is built on a swamp...er....wetlands.

It's O.K. This is a Geology newsgroup and we can call a swamp a swamp.

- >> People who live in ice and snow winterize their cars, carry a sleeping
- >> bag, a change of clothes, and usually some snacks in the winter.
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- >>> What is it about hurricane "victims"? All I ever see them on TV doing is
- >>> hammering plywood over windows. That is a good start, of course. When
- >>> the storm is over, the first thing which happens is the appeal to
- >>> charities and the feds. "Oh, pity me, I'm stupid..."
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- > That's what I say whenever I see those cavers getting stuck underground.
- > I root for the cave.
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- >>> Just came back from a town whose downtown a mile wide was leveled two
- >>> years ago from a 4–5 strength tornado
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- > A mile wide! This was essentially an f2 tornado that was two hundred and
- > fifty
- > miles across. Six million people lost electricity. Which means losing
- > perishable
- > food, water pressure, gas and money for days to weeks. Another category
- > of two stronger it would've been six million homeless and another hundred
- > billion dollar hit on the economy.
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- > in SW Missouri. You can't tell
- >> now---the town only lost two businesses permanently (people on the verge
- >> of retirement) and Main Street is back in business. Yeah, the town dealt
- >> with FEMA and SEMA, but mostly the town put itself back together, with
- >> local contractors doing cost-share labor. No people screaming "we need
- >> jobs and health care." Hey, if everything's broke, there is plenty of
- >> work that needs doing, and you don't need to be a journeyman carpenter
- >> to know how to hammer a nail straight.
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- >> The \*Government" doesn't help. It seems to harass self-sufficient
- >> people, while abandoning the clueless.
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- >> I really don't understand this. Of course, I am of an age where civil
- >> defense training and preparedness were part of our science/health
- >> classes...we expected nuclear attack any day, so we were taught and
- >> learned tricks for living on one's own, with little external
- >> infrastructure for weeks on end. Things like purifying water/wilderness
- >> medicine/what you needed on hand to 'get along' for some time until
- >> things got back to normal. Even something as simple as keeping two
- >> week's worth of canned/boxed food in the house at all times--and even
- >> how to use your refrigerator as an 'icebox'. Of course, there was no
- >> way to mitigate radiation...except burrowing underground.
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- >> I'm just tagging here on Jonathan's experience...but there is something
- >> seriously wrong with a culture which does not teach its children how to
- >> find water, food, and shelter without a supermarket and a big brother
- >> government to assist you. Or, even, to "know when to hold 'em and know
- >> when to fold 'em" in dealing with a natural disaster. Sometimes,
- >> running to safety temporarily is a \*good\* idea...
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- > Considering the size of this storm, it's been a remarkably civilized and
- > efficient recovery. The worst civil disturbances were a few shouting
- > matches at gas lines and such. The police were out enforcing the
- > dawn to dusk curfew the first night. They were stationed at all
- > open gas stations and grocery stores the second day, as were
- > dozens of sights for free ice and water. Ice and water were
- > ready and waiting before the storm hit and distributed quickly.
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- > Also the building codes are so good that it's remarkable how little
- > structural damage occurred. The big hole seems to be having generators

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- > at gas stations, many are demanding they be forced to have them.
- > Not having gas kept people from work and opening everything back up.
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- > All in all the pace of repairs and civility after this one was inspiring.
- > This one pretty much culled any weaknesses around the city, we
- > can take just about anything now. Miami is now as close to hurricane
- > proof as any city can get. Virtually all the recovery efforts were local.
- > Fema was a non-issue because the local govts were very well
- > prepared.

I did hear that FEMA was pretty much a non-issue in New Orleans too, apart from getting in the way.

Alan

?Our own soldiers are returning contaminated with depleted uranium and now they're fathering children that are horribly deformed because they've been contaminated with radiated material,?

Peter DeMott

Nemesis Peace Centre

<http://www.velociraptor.free-online.co.uk/protector.html>

Abuse of Women and Children

<http://theoriginalfirebird.blogspot.com/>

Nemesis News

<http://lordcerneabbas.blogspot.com/>

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