

Show 62.0 - ReCapping CacheFest and Challenge Academy



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SHOW NOTES



- **Intro tidbits**

- We are your hosts Emily and Tim.
- How's your month been?
 - Emily
 - I was asked to present geocaching at a work event
 - Tim
 - Whew! Time for a break!
GeoWoodstock - Complete
CacheFest Hawaii - Complete
Camp MiGO 2025 - Complete
 - Time to prepare for my Baltic Sea Cruise in September!

- **News items:**

- Jasmer Coins - Loop 1-3 Trackable and Non Trackable Versions available at <https://www.etsy.com/shop/GeocacheTalkShop>
- 2025 Albany Geocoin Challenge August 16 [GCAXH8H](#)
- Puzzle, Games & Gadgets August 23 [GCB7TKD](#)
- Oregon: Where It All Began Block Party, September 13 [GCB32PD](#)

- **Challenge Statistics update % Project-GC:**

- **Monthly Challenge Cache location update**
 - 47890 active challenge caches worldwide (by attribute [search](#)) up from 47442 +448 (as of 8/6)

- USA has 18675 active challenge caches
 - No change in the Challenge Leader stats Worldwide. 85% of challenges in top 10 Countries
 - USA Top Four - Texas, California, Michigan, & Florida (no change)
- **From our Listeners:**
 - **Garretslarrity challenge hide:** [GCBABWJ](#), **10 Years Climbing the Jasmer Staircase Challenge** - 10 years of increasing Jasmer finds per year for 10 years.
 - We love hearing from you. What challenges have you hidden or statistics you are achieving that aren't necessarily a find to submit for the monthly contest?
- **TOPIC: CacheFest Hawaii Challenges and Adventures**
 - **GCAY3VT - Tropical Treasures: A Diving & Geocaching Quest**
 - Great Dive, 3-Cachers, small group attended
 - **Island Hop - The quest for Cache Odyssey**
 - Ooops, Airport debacle
 - Ooops2, What do you mean, no rental vans?
 - Lilypad saved the day!
 - National Comes through! Hawaiian Airlines works some magic!
 - **Side Events - All Great! And well attended**
 - **The Main Event!**
 - Challenge Academy - Did you qualify?
 - Signal shows up!
 - **Challenge Academy coins and more:** <https://cachefest.com/#Academycoins>
 - **Catch the Wave shout-outs!**
 - Wave completers:, TammyB, robuster91
 - Blackouts: Poeanne, kzooOtters, simmsquest, Zman56, Reese486, JAM6100, Ubu, BnJBish, JenOvations, Mathseeker, fuerte24, Go Geiger, CaveatObservator, momshark, emilyjen, flipflopy, mkettel, Peachy1276, Unimoggers, and 20 more players submitted scores
- **Community Q's**
 - Do you have any questions you'd like answered, talk about, explore? Big or small, email them to challengetalkpodcast@gmail.com

GAMETIME

- **Wheel Of Challenges!**
 - It's time for the Wheel of Challenges!
 - One live viewer each month will be selected to face off against the wheel to have a chance to win the grand prize (1 year **membership on Project-GC**)
 - **Limit of three wins**

- To enter, send an email with a subject containing "SPIN ME" followed by your geocaching username in brackets and the answer to the following question. The first verified user *gets the wheel*. Your profile will be checked live on Project-GC, and if you qualify, you win!
- Here is your question: **Where is CacheFest located next year?**
- The answer to the question was: **Savannah**
- The first to answer by email correctly was Reese486, and they successfully qualified for [GC38GBN](#) **ABC 123 - An Alphanumeric Challenge (Cache names & COs)** . Congratulations!

● Monthly Challengers

- Every month we give a congratulatory shoutout to listeners who email us proof of qualifying and **logging** a challenge cache since the last show.
- Anyone who sends an email to challengetalkpodcast@gmail.com with the GC code having a Found it log (including a photo if you'd like to share) for that month will be entered for the prize giveaway for a **Challenge Talk Pathtag**.
- Here are a few of the interesting challenges we heard about from our listeners:
 - **DuneBuddy**: [GCB7QPD](#), **Robuster's Cachefest 25 Climbing Challenge** - 15 Tree climbing attributes, 1-Fizzy Loop, 1-Jasmer Loop, 1-14,000+ Elevation, 700-Puzzles, 365 days.
 - **Bloodycool**: [GC86XVK](#), **Now pokes raahd thayse in thuh thousands challenge** - Find 1,000 Motorcycle allowed attributes
 - **CheekyBrit**: [GCAXEFA](#), **Big ChiefS4 HARDCORE Challenge** - Find 100 T4.5 or 5.0 caches, 25 Must be T5.0, 10 Must be 5/5, 20, Climbing gear or Difficult climb attribute, 20 Long Hike.
 - **AcornMama**: [GC3P4T1](#), **Challenge Cache: First Day of Caching** - Find a cache hidden on the day you signed up for a geocaching account
 - **robuster91**: [GC9F9ZG](#), **Challenge: A Social Traveler** - attend events in 11 different states or countries.
- Remember, to enter for next month, send in your email before next month's show.
- This month's winner is: **DuneBuddy**

REMINDERS

- Next show is the SECOND TUESDAY OF September, the 9th
- Show notes will be posted shortly after the show airs in the video description and linked in the podcast description.
- Remember to say hello, in that special way, when you see Emliy or I at an event.
- THANKS FOR WATCHING AND LISTENING!
- Remember, it's not about the numbers, it's about the challenge!
- *"Challenge accepted!"*

LINKS AND RESOURCES

Helpful browser plugins:

- Project-GC browser helper: <https://project-gc.com/Home/UserScript>
(Requires TamperMonkey or GreaseMonkey)
- GME Geocaching Map Enhancements: https://openuserjs.org/scripts/JRI/Geocaching_Map_Enhancements
- GCih (Little Helper) extension: <https://github.com/2Abendsegler/GCih>

[Challenge cache guidelines - Section 2.12](#)

Challenge Cache Moratorium?!!

A 1 year halt on all challenge cache publishing gave GCHQ time to rework the rules and guidelines for challenge caches. Post-moratorium challenge caches abide by different restrictions than pre-moratorium challenge caches, which have been 'grandfathered' as is.

Moratorium started: April, 2015

Moratorium ended: May 25, 2016

Past shows with introductory topics:

[2.0 - Statistics and you!](#)
[3.0 - Challenging etiquette](#)
[4.0 - Strategies for tracking progress](#)
[8.0 - Challenge badges and souvenirs](#)
[9.0 - Hiding Emily's first challenge cache](#)
[14.0 - Challenge caching on the road](#)
[15.0 - Ask a reviewer: CacheShadow](#)
[19.0 - Lackey interview: Rock Chalk](#)
[21.0 - Fully Themed Challenge Caches](#)
[25.0 - Tools of Project-GC](#)
[37.0 - Project-GC Questions](#)
[50.0 - What's New with Project-GC](#)
[50.1 - The Evolution of Challenge Caches](#)

Challenge Trails Master Document:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1DOxpa4vnLbnJ0f7p0qsfgE07HocdpwJFiThEdGZF0Z4/edit?usp=sharing>