

GCPC EPISODE 614 - May Cacher Coffee

SB: Welcome everyone! It's Wednesday, it's 8:30 which means that it is once again time for the Geocaching podcast. I'm Scott Berks, we have shortyknits manning the phones and please welcome to my virtual left, my co-host: Chaz427

CC: Howdy All! May the fourth and Cinco de Mayo have come and gone, so it's time to get your Coffee Ready!

SB: Tonight's Episode **614**, recorded live on **May 6, 2020** is **May Cacher Coffee**. The phone lines are open so give us a call at 808-468-7924, that's 808 GOT SWAG

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NEWS:

- Don't forget to join us this Saturday night for the Saturday Night Anti-Social Club! It'll be on Facebook, Twitter, Youtube & our website at 8pm Chicago time. Every Saturday night until the quarantine is over.
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EMAIL:

- STNolan
- Hey guys,
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- Just started listening to the show recently and I have to say I've thoroughly enjoyed going through the annals of your past episodes. With that being said I wanted to add my 2 cents to this past week's conversation: community maintenance.
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- One thing that you didn't really hit on was caching in remote areas. While the ET trail seems pretty remote, it's not too far (relatively speaking) from a major metropolis and it gets plenty of visitors. On the flip side I've cached in some truly remote areas where, without communal community maintenance there would BE no caches. Places where caches might get found once every year or two because there are no locals to maintain OR find them.
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- Take for instance one of the caches I was second-to-find on - GC40BGG "Hut Ridge Trail End" there are isn't a local maintainer and really not consistent local finders (unless you count penguins). Should this cache then not exist? It COULD not exist without the assistance of every single person who finds it.
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- Sometimes we forget the world is wide and not as inhabited as we might think and caches couldn't be in all the cool places they are at without some community maintenance.
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- Of course there's always Earthcaches... but that's a topic for another conversation! Thank you all for hosting such a great show!

SB:

- <https://www.geocaching.com/blog/2020/05/happy-20th-birthday.-geocaching!/?newsletter=PM>
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CC:

- I know we mentioned it briefly on Saturday's show, I wanted to get this on our official show. The May 2nd, big blue switch day souvenir for 2020 can be earned by getting a cache anytime from May 2nd until the end of the year. For those who don't know what's special about May 2nd, on May 2nd 2000 the US Government disabled selective availability which added upwards of 300' of error intentionally for signals received by civilian equipment, and allowed civilians to get more accurate GPS location info.
- <https://www.geocaching.com/blog/2020/05/five-ways-to-keep-the-spirit-of-geocaching-going/>
 - **Geocaching films for the great indoors!** Bring the Geocaching International Film Festival (GIFF) home and watch films to help provide adventure and inspiration. These films will whisk you away, right from your couch.
 - **Bring the outside in.** Take up birding from your balcony, or try to see how many plant varieties you can spot on your neighborhood walk. Training your eyes to be more observant is a skill that will serve you well in geocaching too!
 - **Get moving...in your living room.** If you're worried about staying in Geoshape while staying home, fear not! [GeoFit](#): At home edition is all you need to stay in tip-top condition. Then, try these new moves out at some socially distant geocaches!
 - **Live through your future self.** Plan a future geocaching adventure with Lists and organize your gear so you're ready to go. Get the research done now so you can maximize your trip time later.
 - **Stay in touch even while distant.** Some of the best parts of geocaching are not even about the geocaches, but the friendships you make along the way. [Message Center](#), [Geocaching organizations](#), and scheduling virtual meet-ups on online platforms are great ways to avoid missed connections.

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- Announcement from local IL reviewer, Reviewer Smith:
 - P.G.A.F.R.S.(Public Geocaching Announcement From Reviewer Smith). As most of you have probably seen the news that the governor today announced a plan to slowly reopen the state in a total of five phases for which we are now in phase II. The state will be broken down into regions to determine eligibility to move up to the next phase starting May 29th. The data analytics required for each region to be eligible to move onto the next phase are dynamic and unique and only can be accessed every 28-days as of now.

- After reviewing the guidelines, unfortunately at THIS time, I DO NOT see the ability to publish ANY events through the END OF JUNE, without violating the state mandate. We simply have no means to control the number of cachers whom may attend any event published and restricting access to events is of course against the guidelines.
- I know that SOME of the STATE PARKS have opened, but the time and effort needed to track the ever changing list is not something I have time for now given the current workload of 20-30 caches per night. Therefore, I will still not publish any caches in the state parks until they have opened as per region in phase III. (Disclaimer....this is subject to change based upon workload)
- Cache publication will still continue in non-restricted areas that meet the guidelines as I have done the past few months. We should appreciate the fact that in the early state mandates, specifically noted that most outdoor activity should still continue. The outdoor statements with the state mandates is what made the difference in whether or not cache publication would continue. I participated in a Zoom meeting this past Sunday with over 20 of my peer reviewers from both the United States and Internationally. The majority of the reviewers on the call had ceased almost all cache publication at one time or another or were still under those restrictions. Event publication was also postponed, some indefinitely as of Sunday's meeting. Some reviewers were going to open the publication this week as determined by each of their individual state mandates.
- I know the event postponement is disappointing, frustrating and quite frankly, probably "smokes your goat", but we as reviewers must follow the state mandates as they are directed.
- I will continue monitor the state updates on a daily basis for any news that may affect cache/event publication in the state of Illinois. I will include a link today's announcement.
- <https://coronavirus.illinois.gov/.../down.../069t000000BadS0AAJ...>
- As always, please feel free to contact me with questions or concerns.
- Reviewer Smith
- Illinois Community Volunteer Reviewer
- Pushing buttons since 2013

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- Premium Caches Pros & Cons
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That's all we got this week so we'll see you next week talking geocaching and taking your phone calls. In the meantime, be good, be safe, and mentally hug your loved ones. Talk to ya next week.