

Show 34.0 - Challenges with the Puzzle Posse



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SHOW NOTES



- **Intro tidbits**

- We are your hosts Emily (emilierene) and Tim (Merlin1392)
- So how's your month been?
 - Emily
 - Numbers! Working toward my 10,000 milestone
 - Recent challenge finds: 8x38 Challenge and a few mini Jasmer challenges for one year
 - Tim
 - Another good month! 300 finds, and a 365 Streak challenge signed
- Email any of your challenge caching questions, big or small, to challengetalkpodcast@gmail.com

- **News items:**

- New Vault Clue
- New Geocaching HQ promotion - The Wheel of Challenges



- April 3 - 30 First Challenge - number of finds
 - Easy: Find and log 5 caches to earn the first souvenir.
 - Medium: Find and log 10 caches to earn the second souvenir.
 - Hard: Find and log 100 caches to earn the third souvenir.

- Comparatively, the Hidden Creatures promotion in July 2018 had many steps from 1-50 then jump from 50 to 100 for the last souvenir.
 - Coincidence? Maybe.... Challenge Accepted!!!
 - “I’m excited that the newest GC promotion is like a big fat promotion for this podcast.” (zippertiff)
 - HQ is focusing on challenging players to achieve a goal and collect a souvenir
 - Challenge Talk focuses on finding challenge caches or qualifying to claim the find.
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- **Challenge Statistics update % Project-GC:**
 - **Monthly Challenge Cache location update**
 - 36749 active challenge caches worldwide (by attribute [search](#)) up from 36493 +256 (as of 4/2)
 - USA has 15573 active challenge caches, followed by Germany, Canada, Norway, France
 - No change in the Challenge Leader stats Worldwide or USA . GA=33rd (158)
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- **TOPIC: Challenges with the Puzzle Posse**
 - Introductions and how challenges are a part of your game.
 - How challenges are used in the Georgia Geocaching Association
 - JCCA - Ag-mazing Cow-nty Challenge
 - 39 cache challenge series - 13 challenges each with 3 difficulty levels (labeled with an ag theme)
 - See <https://coord.info/GC9F749> for the general area of the challenge caches
 - Super creative themes
 - Puzzle Posse contacts:
 - Anne Poe (poeanne) - poeanne@gmail.com
 - Matt Janiak (GeoMonkeyTiger!) - matthewjaniak@yahoo.com
 - Dena PPruitt (Bragger407) - dwpruitt47@gmail.com
 - Sue LaFave (LaFavoriteCacher) - slafavorite@gmail.com
 - Terri Osborne (TOsborne0711) - tosborne0711@yahoo.com
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- **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: “What animal is in the gold level challenge in the challenge series?”
 - The answer to the question was: “Heifer”

- Randomly selected challenge from the wheel:
 - [GC5PAE1](#) (2.5D) A Piece of Pi Challenge
- “Congratulations to **zippertiff** on the win!”

● 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:
 - **simmsquest**: <https://coord.info/GCA3360> **365 Non-Traditional Progressive Variety Challenge** - fill 365 calendar days (leap day not included) with non-traditional caches, with a minimum number of each of the non-traditional cache types on unique dates (see cache page)
 - **Kneel More**: <https://coord.info/GC91DMJ> **Zoned Out Challenge** - find at least one cache in each of the four time zones of the continental US
 - **bedstefader skjule**: <https://coord.info/GC1K08V> **One Busy Day: The Arizona Icon Challenge** - Find Six Different Cache Types in One Day
 - **Starkacher**: <https://coord.info/GC4KH5A> **Who's an Extreme Social Butterfly? Challenge Cache** - Attend at least 8 events in one month (thanks for promoting Challenge Talk in your logs on challenge caches!)
 - **Teamtailwagger**: <https://coord.info/GC70AB6> **MaxB's Events in Adjacent Counties Challenge** - Attend Events in at least 10 adjacent (contiguous) Counties in continental US.
 - **zippertiff**: <https://www.geocaching.com/geocache/GC9B99N> **Challenge: 16 Types of Geocaches** - find 16 different types of geocaches (found while visiting her daughter in Hawaii)
- Remember, to enter for next month, send in your email before next month's show.
- This month's winner is: **zippertiff**

CLOSING THOUGHTS

- Spread the word about ChallengeTalk! We need more submitted challenges for the monthly give-away.

REMINDERS

- Next show is the first Sunday of May, the 7th, and we'll be introducing this year's CacheFest Pre-Event Challenge, and more
- Show notes will be posted shortly after the show airs in the video description.
- THANKS FOR WATCHING AND LISTENING!
- As General George Patton once said, “Accept Challenges, so that you may feel the exhilaration of victory!”
- And 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
- GC1h (Little Helper) extension: <https://github.com/2Abendsegler/GC1h>

[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](#)