

Show 5.0 - A chat with fizzymagic

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Hello everyone, and welcome to Challenge Talk, part of the Geocache Talk Network.

We broadcast live on the first Thursday of each month. Feel free to jump over to YouTube or Facebook to watch the broadcast live and join the wonderful and active chat room, or listen to the entire show on your favorite Podcast player.

In this episode we have our first ever special guest on the show to chat about challenges - the fizzy grid namesake himself, fizzymagic. We also have prizes to give away each show to our listeners. Between each show, be sure to email your challenge cache finds to challengetalkpodcast@gmail.com, and you could be a winner.

SHOW NOTES



- **Hosts and challenges**

- We are your hosts Emilierene, and Geoff from Cache The Line.
- **Community Q:** What makes a challenge appeal to more people?
- Don't forget to email any of your challenge caching questions to challengetalkpodcast@gmail.com

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

- According to Project-GC (based on [checkers](#)) as of Oct 1st:
 - 5427 active scripts (handling all the challenge algorithms) up from 5248 (+179)
 - 34126 unique challenges (different parameter sets) up from 33569 (+557)
 - 41088 active tags (unique checkers by GC code) up from 40352 (+736)
- 29998 active challenge caches worldwide (by "challenge" [search](#)) up from 29713 (+285)
- 29578 active challenge caches worldwide (by attribute [search](#)) up from 29276 (+578)

- **News items:**
 - Challenge cache attribute: As of Oct 13th all existing challenge caches should have had the attribute added automatically. From now on it's manual (or required by reviewers for publishing)
 - *Followup Community Feedback:*
 - jokeerus: challenge caching strategies - Kimberly says "I create bookmark lists broken down into categories such as Challenge: Date Related; Location Based; Icon Related; In the Name (such as titles with specific words - dog, guard rail, etc or titles that start A-Z); D/T Related; CO or Reviewer Related; Challenges Met, and so forth. Some challenges fit more than one list."
- **TOPIC: fizzymagic**
 - History of challenges since 2002
 - Career in physics
 - The fizzy grid - inception, what were your thoughts?
 - Kealia's been asked about a date change on the cali fizzy challenge requirements
 - California fires, state of the challenge
 - Now you write scripts - PGC scripting, what's involved, how many done
 - Ultimate fizzy - GC2JQGQ
 - FizzyCalc
- **Community Q's** (emailed in questions, comments, or list at end of doc)
 - "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!**
 - One live viewer each month will be selected to face off against the wheel
 - Have a chance to win the grand prize (1 year membership on Project-GC)
 - To enter, send an email with a subject containing "SPIN ME" followed by your geocaching username 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 two geocache properties does a "fizzy grid" display?
 - The answer to the question was: "difficulty and terrain"
 - The first to answer by email correctly was TerraViators - unfortunately, they didn't qualify for GC9119D
- 1. **Monthly Challengers**
 - Every month we give a congratulatory shoutout to listeners who email us proof of qualifying and logging a challenge cache. 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 a prize giveaway.
 - This month's prize is a nice big announcement - Challenge Talk geocoins!
 - Shoutouts:
 1. butrlygirl: GC8Y6KW I Love the Night Life Challenge (125 w/Recommended at Night)
 2. Gary of the GB's: GC73KFN Red Baron challenge (min non-Trads over all 365 days, max 40 trads)
 3. Awol: GC8ZZF5 20 years of geocaching (n finds in each year of 20nn)

4. curiouskdb: GC4HWFK "All" terrain mini fizzy (found all 9 mini fizzy challenge caches =full grid)
 5. curiouskdb: GC18AWE NH High Low North South East West (closest caches to each)
- Remember, to enter for next month, send in your email before next month's show.
 - This month's winner is: **Awol**

- **IRONBINGO Challenge update**

- Any new qualifiers for the Ironman Bingo challenge? [GC3D5EB](#)
 - i. **Gary of the GB's**, self-proclaimed challenge addict (who's completed his Challenges fizzy grid), has qualified for the challenge - top row and upward diagonal.
- The challenge remains - anyone who qualifies for the entire bingo card will earn themselves a special geocoin (once it's minted)

REMINDERS

- **Next show is the first Thursday of November, Nov 5th**
- **Show notes will be posted shortly after the show airs in the video description.**

THANKS FOR WATCHING AND LISTENING!