

GCPC EPISODE 762- April Cacher Coffee

SB: Welcome everyone! It's Wednesday, it's 8:30 which means that it is once again time for the Geocaching podcast. My name is Scott Berks, we have our co-host shortyknits in the next room (Hello) and please welcome to my virtual left, my other co-host: Chaz427

CC: Howdy All! It's that time again, so sit back, relax and grab your Coffee!

SB: Tonight's Episode **762** recorded live on **April 5, 2023** is **April Cacher Coffee** The phone lines are open so give us a call at 808-468-7924, that's 808 GOT SWAG and for international callers, you can call us for free via the web at callinstudio.com/show/gcpc

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- Hey Guys!
- I've been using this free Upside app to save money on gas and other everyday errands — I love it! Give it a try. It's super easy to use and is basically free money that really adds up.
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- Anonymous
- I enjoyed listening to the discussion of apps last week. I'm sorry I couldn't call in. But I have a controversial geocaching app though that I want to share.
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- Wherigos – anyone who does them at best has a love/hate relationship with them. At worst we avoid them because we all know the issues. But there is an app out there that can take away all that frustration.
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- It's called WIGHelper. Available for iOS at least, not sure about Android. I don't even remember how I found out about it.
- In a nutshell here's what you can do – once you download the cartridge, you can load it into WIGHelper and it will show you the text, zones, source code, media files, basically everything in the WIG cartridge. Which means you can jailbreak the WIG and get final coords without having to go through the full experience. It also includes a Reverse Wherigo solver. There are some caveats – it doesn't work for all Wherigos. The “play anywhere” types with multiple state options can't really be broken. And some cartridges won't show the final zone (GZ). But in my experience, probably 90% can be solved with the tool.
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- Is it cheating? Is it just a good TOTT? Is this the epitome of “play your way”? For the record – I DO like a good WIG. But as you all talked about - many people don't do them anymore because of all the issues. Anyway, I would love to hear your thoughts on this approach.
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- PezGremlin
- I liked listening to your geocaching apps podcast, but I have a few more for you, some you have used, and one new one.
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- 1) FaceTime
- I can't believe you forgot about using FaceTime for phone a friend assistance. Then your friend who is out caching in a dry prairie can see you hunting in snow and try to guide you to the right place by seeing what you're seeing.
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- 2) Camera
- Using the phone's camera has been indispensable when trying to see things up high or under tight spaces. Both the forward and rear cameras have uses. Kind of like using a mirror at times, but with zoom.
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- 3) Go Paddeling
- This is an app for kayakers to see where put ins, take outs, parking, etc are located. Users leave their own comments and recommendations. Perfect for figuring out water caching courses.
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- Nando108
- I was hoping to catch the live stream last week, but completely spaced out on time.
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- I had to watch the video announcement from Geocaching.com twice, just to see if it really did make a full rotation. It technically did, it landed on the same space it started on. A little too convenient? Coincidence? I don't know, but it's possible it's weighted to make sure it lands on a specific spot.
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- Also, at the bottom of the video it looks like the remainder of the challenges as icons. On Sonny and Sandy's podcast this week (PodCacher), they speculated what the icons could represent. Like the heart one could be for favorite points, the question mark for mystery caches, etc.
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- ShortyKnits mentioned Atlas Obscura last week, I absolutely love that website. It brought me and one of my partners last August to a bottle tree farm out near Victorville, CA. It allowed us to drive on a section of Historic Route 66 and me to find some of the Adventure Labs along it (Helendale to Oro Grande, CA - one of the stops was at the bottle tree farm). Link to that section of Rt 66: Historic Route 66: Helendale to Oro Grande, CA <https://adventurelab.page.link/kuYH>

SB:

- GC asking cachers to check on caches

The Data Team at Geocaching is soliciting your help. We have selected you from thousands of users to participate in an important study measuring the health of geocaches. We are performing a study on cache health and quality and need your help and input as a valued member of our community.

ENTER ME IN THE STUDY

WHAT YOU WILL DO:

- **Visit 25 caches**

You will collect data from 25 traditional geocaches nearest to your home. You must visit them by March 31, 2023. We will provide you with a list of the nearest 25 traditional caches in your area, even if you have already found them in the past.

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GOALS OF THIS STUDY



DETERMINE THE TRUE DNF RATE

New and experienced players alike often don't log DNFs. Assessing when caches have gone missing requires going beyond the logs.



ASSESS THE STATE OF THE CONTAINER

What is the condition of the cache container? Is it damaged? Leaky?



ASSESS THE STATE OF THE LOG

Is the cache log in good condition? Is it damaged? Is it missing? Is it full?



HOW APPEALING IS THE CACHE LOCATION?

Is the cache in a favorable spot? Is the area muddy or inaccessible? Is it a location you would recommend to a friend?

STEP-BY-STEP INSTRUCTIONS

COMPLETE THE STUDY TO GET YOUR FREE GEOCACHING T-SHIRT

1.

SIGN UP

Click the link above to sign up and confirm your participation. You will need to enter your shipping details for your free t-shirt that will be sent out after completion of the study.

2.

VISIT EACH OF THE 25 CACHES ON YOUR ASSIGNED LIST

Visit each of the caches in your assigned cache list by **March 31st, 2023**. Your target list is available from menu item 5 on the left side of this page. You may have found many or even all of these caches, but it is important to report on them all in order to get an accurate picture of the cache condition in your area.

3.

REPORT ON THE CONDITION OF EACH CACHE

Remember to collect photos of the cache container, the log/contents, and the area where the cache is located. All will be required as part of the data submission process.



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- Roll out the red carpet for 10 years of GIFF!

- And the award goes to... you! For helping us make ten years of GIFF possible!

We are excited to announce that the Geocaching International Film Festival is back to celebrate its 10th anniversary in 2023. We took a brief intermission in 2022 to focus on the 20th anniversary celebration festivities, but the beloved film festival is returning for the tenth year since its inception in 2013, and we are rolling out the red carpet to welcome it back!

- GIFF has seen nearly every color of the rainbow up until now; with such a momentous occasion, we had no choice but to cover everything in gold.
- If you're a filmmaker, a geocacher, or something in between, GIFF 2023 is the time to make your red carpet debut. **GIFF will take place in November 2023—stay tuned for the call for submissions and more details on when and how to submit your film!**

NEXT WEEK'S SHOW:

- Geoclash Mega Discussion w/Ian (Scott late?)
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