

GCPC EPISODE 536 - The Always Controversial FTF

SB: Welcome everyone! It's Wednesday, its 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 my co-host, Taz427!

CC: Howdy all, I know we got some FTF Hounds listeners out there. Let's hear your stories.

SB: Tonight's Episode 536, recorded live on **11/7/18** is The Always Controversial FTF! The phone lines are open so give us a call at 808-468-7924, thats 808 GOT SWAG

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SB: And by our newest sponsor, **Logwerk!**

Logwerk is the creators of the FANTastic logbook. The logbooks designed for the micro containers of the present and future, geared towards the hider who would rather go caching than doing cache maintenance. Find them at Logwerk.com.

Oh Beep! From the UK is back, Check them out on your podcatchers if you've never listened to them.

SHOW NOTES:

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- None

Discussion Points (Feel free to add to them):

- The always controversial FTF
- What is an FTF?
 - An acronym written by **geocachers** in physical cache logbooks or online when logging cache finds to denote being the first to find a new **geocache**.
- How many do you currently have?
 - SB: 508
 - CC: 80 + Some I never took credit for
 - SK: 161
- Are you a “hound”?
 - SB: Used to be. Now I just try to get one a month to keep my streak alive. In January it will be 1 a month for 10 years. That's since Jan 2009.
 - CC: Nope, I tried for a while, and it's fun, but not a hound.
 - SK: Not really. I only run for them if they're within 5 miles of where I am or it's something special. Had a 3 year streak (Dec 13- Dec 16, 37 months). I broke it when I went back to school and did very little geocaching.
- Group FTFs? Pro or Con
 - SB: Pro
 - CC: Pro
 - SK: Pro, unless it's my “frenemy”
- Is it only official when you log it online as well? Some think so.
 - SB: When you log it in the book. Some do a FTL
 - CC: IMO, it's the first to find the cache (including group finds.) Though, I did take credit for an FTF, that another cache had found and forgot to sign the log. I thought the series has already been FTF'd and I was seeing his name on all the logs, and then a blank one. I called him, he described the unique container perfectly (all the containers were unique in the series) so

he did find it. He said, he'd pull his FTF claim, if I sign the log for him.
Team Work!

- SK: No, when you sign the log.
- What is the protocol if someone walks up on you?
 - SB: if I am closing the cache back up you missed it. Other than that, welcome!
 - CC: Unless I found it already, I invite them to help find it. I have had a couple of occasions where I was putting the cache back, and no, I didn't share FTF. Nor, would I expect to get an FTF share.
 - SK: If I haven't put the cache away yet, I'm happy to share.
- Can there be more than one FTF?
 - SB: absolutely!
 - CC: Definitely!
 - SK: Yes
- In the age of cells, should you log immediately?
 - SB: yes, I definitely do. Usually on the way back to the car. Some people I know at least write a note
 - CC: Yes, a minimum of a 'FTF - Will write more', to let any chasers coming across town know that it's been found.
 - SK: You should, yes. Doesn't always happen though. At least log a field note.
- Best Prize you ever got?
 - SB: Digital camera / movie tickets
 - CC: Unactivated Geocoin, \$2 bill, the pride of beating TexasWriter by 2mins. Took the coin, left the \$2 bill, and teased TexasWriter (has over 3,500 FTFs) that I beat him to an FTF by 2 mins.
 - SK: An FTF coin that turned out to already be activated!
- Best FTF story you got
 - SB: Got a drunk test from a cop / storm drains of Northbrook
 - CC: FTF a cache in Brazil that had been out for months.
 - SK: Too many to mention -
 - GC6AMTJ (Sugar Water) A huge group of people got together to FTF a cache that was hidden on a dead tree in the middle of a frozen pond. It was about a 20 minute walk from parking. Turned out the water wasn't as frozen as we thought. Two guys waded out in freezing cold water with huge chunks of ice floating in it and the water was higher than their waders! But you do what you gotta do for the FTF.

- GC6RQW5 (The Ultimate Goonies Adventure) - Another group FTF, at night, on a Whereigo. We had 5 phones/GPSs doing the cartridge and by the end only 1 was still working. It was a very well-crafted Whereigo that took us around a park and recreated parts of the movie. The final ended up being on what was an island when we found it, but I don't think it was supposed to be. We had to wade out to it, and none of us were prepared.

Another controversial topic - prepub vs post pub FTF.

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It really does help the show and we really do need it. Thanks so much.

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 hug your loved ones. Talk to ya next week.