Show 25.0 - Tools of Project-GC

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Intro tidbits

- o We are your hosts Emily, and Geoff from Cache The Line
- Email any of your challenge caching questions, big or small, to challengetalkpodcast@gmail.com

Challenge Statistics update % Project-GC:

- According to Project-GC (based on checkers) as of July 3:
 - 8042 active scripts (handling all the challenge algorithms) up from 7924 (+118 /148)
 - 41805 unique challenges (different parameter sets) up from 41404 (+401 /1101)
 - <u>51618</u> active tags (unique checkers by GC code) up from <u>51080</u> (+538 / 1430)
- o 34401 active challenge caches worldwide (by attribute search) up from 34068 (+333 / 740)

News items:

- Escape the <u>Swamp</u> (to end of July)
 - Note: Geocoin collectibles fit together!
- o Academy prizes are rolling in, pathtags and shirts and stickers and digital souvenir
 - Keep posting those photo scavenger hunt pics #ChallengeAcademy

• TOPIC: Tools of Project-GC (aim for 30 mins length)

- Needed found dates (see GC stats, better view of the grid oop)
- Souvenir list (organizing, sorting, group, for fun!)
- Map D/T matrix (talked about in prior episodes 18 and 24)
- o DT History (see episode, 24)
- Map Region / County (see PGC stats for nicer view, but this tool allows loops/filters)

- Map Hidden Month / Date (see PGC Finds by hidden Month / Date drids)
 - Hey Project-GC, c an you add a filter to limit to a Month and/or Date, apart from Year?
- NESW/Oldest (plus Loop filter)
- o 360 from home (Different tool than 360 challenges bookmark list <u>BM2B3Y3</u>, eg <u>COG360</u>)
 - Overlay tool: select the degree link to view caches in the selected region
- 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!

- o It's time for the 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 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's the hashtag to share scavenger hunt photos for the CacheFest pre-event passport?"
- The answer to the question was: "ChallengeAcademy"
- The first to answer by email correctly was AcornMama unfortunately, they didn't qualify for GC8GT8M.

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 geocoin!**
- Choose shoutouts for this show, draw from all individuals who've submitted
 - Bloodycool: GC9QC9V A Busy Day Challenge Cache 10+ cache types in a day (CacheFest?)
 - zippertiff: GC8ZHZZ 300 Challenge Caches Challenge 300 challenge caches
 - zippertiff: GC7K45N Got Oxygen? highest point of 5 states
 - Starkacher: GC8JCBM Puzzled Throughout the Year: A 365 Day Challenge unknown date found grid
 - JustFindingOurWay: GC8464N All The President's Men Challenge 15 counties named for presidents
- Remember, to enter for next month, send in your email before next month's show.
- This month's winner is: **TWHRider**

• IRONBINGO Challenge update

- Iron Bingo challenge updates? GC3D5EB
 - minymag is getting closer!
 - ii. ejkpbr is getting closer!
- The challenge remains anyone who qualifies for the entire bingo card will earn themselves a special geocoin (in samples phase!)

REMINDERS

- Next show is the first Sunday of August, 7th
- Show notes will be posted shortly after the show airs in the video description.

THANKS FOR WATCHING AND LISTENING!

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
- GClh (Little Helper) extension: https://github.com/2Abendsegler/GClh

Challenge cache guidlines - 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