

Show 25.0 - Tools of Project-GC

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SHOW NOTES



- **Intro tidbits**

- 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)
 - 51618 active tags (unique checkers by GC code) up from 51080 (+538 / 1430)
- 34401 active challenge caches worldwide (by attribute [search](#)) up from 34068 (+333 / 740)

- **News items:**

- Escape the [Swamp](#) (to end of July)
 - Note: Geocoin collectibles fit [together](#)!
- 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)
- 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 grids)
 - Hey Project-GC, can you add a filter to limit to a Month and/or Date, apart from Year?
- NESW/Oldest (plus Loop filter)
- 360 from home (Different tool than 360 challenges - bookmark list [BM2B3Y3](#), eg [COG360](#))
 - 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!**
 - 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](#)
 - i. 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
- GCIh (Little Helper) extension: <https://github.com/2Abendsegler/GCIh>

[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](#)