

Show 27.0 - Community Accomplishments

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SHOW NOTES



- **Intro tidbits**

- We are your hosts Emily, and Geoff from Cache The Line
- First off, we've got some big news... CacheFest Memphis 2023
- So how's your month been?
 - Emily
 - Another great "mega month" seeing so many geocaching friends and having outstanding adventures
 - All the legwork for a challenge cache - just need to hide a container somewhere
 - Had the summer "off" from geocaching on specific days to increase my daily number of finds - until today
 - Geoff
 - Super Pic Me dnf, Challenge Bear, minus 1
 - August DTs, done! 19k milestone July/August
 - Targets, and favs given out, logging took time; GC day record?
 - Met so many show fans and community this summer!

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

- According to Project-GC (based on [checkers](#)) as of Sep 11:
 - 8335 active scripts (handling all the challenge algorithms) up from 8187 (+148 /145)
 - 42581 unique challenges (different parameter sets) up from 42143 (+438 /338)
 - 52710 active tags (unique checkers by GC code) up from 52110 (+600 /492)
- 34820 active challenge caches worldwide (by attribute [search](#)) up from 34597 (+223 /196)

- **News items:**

- Cachefest profile badge guide - on [TB8JNEE](#) - wwwcfbadge

- **TOPIC: Inspiring Accomplishments**

- **ncibiscuit** - Vertical Madness - [log](#)
- **Tim Matthews** - Project-gc 101, 22 countries, 22,222 in UK - image timmatthews
- **The Great Gornys** - My wife is visually impaired (almost blind). She still joins us for most all of our adventures.
- **Patricia Bell** - I broke my arm back in March and wasn't able to do much caching while it healed. I now have some extra metal in me and I'm still doing physio, but I'm proud to say that I managed to find 100 caches last month! - doublehelix
- **Tom Brotherman** - The day after the HQ event I got my last current attribute. I still need Cactus which is only available at one cache. - [Ice Age Vista](#)
- **Curious KDB** - I finished a challenge (GC5HN4J) that I signed in 2019 in Washington that could only be completed in Washington (didn't know that when I signed it). I connected British Columbia, Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana together by counties. I found my 5000th traditional cache. I also found my 23rd oldest cache (US states)
- **GeoVet91** - I did on either end of Cachefest! Shortly before Cachefest I finished getting rid of all my 1 cache days (took 1 ½ years once I decided to do that), & the biggie was after Cachefest I drove to Atlanta & got Lake Lanier & finished my Jasmer! Doesn't everyone go from Memphis to Dallas via Atlanta? It's only 2 states over & hey, I can get the oldest in Georgia & Mississippi while on the way home. Drove just over 2000k miles by myself, toured Memphis, rented a boat & met Captain John, met Bookclub people in person, made new friends & saw other friends! & had a wonderful week!
- "Geocoinfest" - Got 50th state, Alaska, in 2015 with 12 Geocaching HQ lackeys
- **Zippertiff** - GC8JFP1 - Washington County Challenge - find caches in 10 different Washington counties. Here is my log from 5/2/2021:
I recently went on a road trip to move my muggle daughter from Texas to New York for a temporary travel-nursing assignment. She is very tolerant of my geocaching addiction, and I was able to find caches in 35 new counties along the route. I mentioned to her that I had recently signed this challenge log and that I was excited to have added 2 Washington counties during the trip - bringing my total to 9. I also mentioned that we had passed a Washington county in Alabama but I wasn't willing to drive 30 minutes out of the way to get it. She immediately asked about the locations of other Washington counties and began researching their locations (there are 31 states with that county name). She spotted one in Rhode Island and made it her mission to get me that last county. After a fun day of taste testing lobster rolls at three beautiful waterfront eateries in Connecticut, we drove an extra 15 minutes just across the border in Rhode Island to get the last county I needed. I appreciated her enthusiasm for this difficult challenge, and I'm giving her credit for helping me qualify for it.
- **emilierene** - various trips to find specific caches for specific goals - 50 states, Jasmer, D/T, Oregon counties and DeLorme - these have led me to popular geocaching destinations and unique spots; met people through the travels by getting for the trip or at the destination; comaraderie of the achievement and experience
- **thebruce0** - Ironman Challenge, 366 days / Iceland Kristinartindar / Event hosting / Hikes

- **Community Q's**

- 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!
- This month's question: "In what city will CacheFest 2023 be held?"
- The answer to the question was: "Memphis"
- The first to answer by email correctly was **starkacher** and unfortunately, they didn't qualify for GC9119D 31 Dates of Tree Climbs.

- **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 **new prize that is coming soon!**
- Here are a few of the interesting challenges we heard about from our listeners:
 - **Kneel More: [GC2YNEB](#) RTT Challenge Cache - Michigan County Challenge** - found at least one cache in each of Michigan's 83 counties; A last minute trip to the Upper Peninsula with my wife and son gave me the opportunity to finally complete this challenge by finding caches in the last two counties that I needed. It was a great weekend!
 - **Justfindingourway: [C6N6HC](#) The New Wyoming County Challenge Mystery Cache** by Pathfinder33 - find a cache with a physical logsheet in each and every county in Wyoming
 - **zippertiff : [GC7JQF8](#) Monkey Caches In Deep Winter Challenges!** - Log a number of caches with these attributes: Available During Winter: 25, Snowshoes: 10, Snow Mobile: 5, Cross Country Skis: 5; This one took me almost 3 years to complete. I found the last cache I needed while I was in Seattle for the HQ Anniversary Celebration. I needed one more "may require snowshoes" cache - which I found near the parking lot for the Snoqualmie Tunnel where I hiked for a second time with my geobuddies so they could find the Ape cache.
 - **SouthernGrits: [GC7G772](#) GW Challenge - States/Provinces/Regions (Veteran)** - found caches in forty (40) different states/provinces/regions. I originally signed this log on 5.26.2018 during the First GIGA in North America, held in Cincinnati Ohio, but I had to WRITE NOTE as I did not yet qualify. On 8.13.2022 during the First Giga in Abbotsford, BC / CANADA, I Qualified and was able to change my WRITE NOTE to a FOUND IT!
 - **SouthernGrits: [GC3V3PK](#) 025 ICS - Date Challenge** - June- found a cache on each date in June. This particular cache was not super special in and of itself, but it did complete my D/T grid for me. YEAH!! I left on the trip with 3 boxes unchecked and

during the course of the trip targeted caches that would fill those squares. On a back 2 lane road in Idaho, I made this find that completed my grid.

- Remember, to enter for next month, send in your email before next month's show.
- This month's winner is: SouthernGrits

- **IRONBINGO Challenge update**

- Iron Bingo challenge updates? [GC3D5EB](#)
 - i. equestrian0525 qualified, still going
 - ii. korsgat is actively working to qualify
 - iii. tyroneshoelaces
 - iv. ejkpbr
- The challenge remains - anyone who qualifies for the entire bingo card will earn themselves a special geocoin (in blueprinting phase!)

CLOSING THOUGHTS

- CacheFest 2023! - GC9ZEFF
- We started before the challenge attribute! Episode 3 - challenge attribute added
- According to Project-GC (based on [checkers](#) stats)
 - 4836 (+3499) active scripts
 - 32196 (+10385) unique challenges (different sets of parameters)
 - 38530 (+14180) active tags (unique checkers by GC code, includes duplicate challenge setups)
 - 28942 (by title) (+5878) active challenge caches worldwide (by attribute [search](#))

REMINDERS

- Next show is the first Sunday of October, 2th
- 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](#)