

GCPC EPISODE 790 - November 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 **790** recorded live on **November 1, 2023** is **November 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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- L&N Railroad
 - I enjoyed the 20 year old FTF tale very much. About half way through I started wondering what their reaction would have been if they found the cache and discovered that a month before one of those annoying “I don’t log my FTFs until someone else finds it” cachers had already been there.
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 - It sounded like they just used phones. Do you know if that was correct?
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 - JustJolene
 - Hello, Long time listener, first time emailer
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 - On a recent trip to Boston, I found myself thinking about your recent show that encouraged listeners to suggest places that should have a virtual.
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 - My husband and I stayed in an AirBnB in Boston’s Dorchester neighborhood and walked past a perfect location every day on our way to the nearby public transportation stop.
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 - In 1765 Baker’s Chocolate opened the first chocolate factory in the US and this company still exists. The chocolate factory has now been turned into condominiums, but an archway sign that says, “The Baker Chocolate Factory” and a historical plaque mark the location of the factory. A nearby grocery store even has a large iron door from the factory along with an informative sign.
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 - How does this place not have a virtual geocache? Who doesn’t love a chocolate factory?
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SB:

- Archiving caches
- New Pinpoint magazine is out - Issue 6 (quarterly)
 - An amazing AL in a castle!
 - Locationless caches article
 - Cachers racing to 9000
 - Pinpointer - anon article thats controversial
 - Get a digital or print subscription
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- <https://pinpointmag.co.uk>
- Andy Wright

SK:

- GIFF events coming up Nov 9-19
 - Bookmark list:
<https://www.geocaching.com/plan/lists/BMCJF9T?sort=name&sortOrder=asc&skip=0&take=500>
 - List of finalists:
<https://www.geocaching.com/blog/2023/09/the-2023-geocaching-international-film-festival-finalists-are/>
- GCHQ wants input from the community about how to celebrate their 25th anniversary:
 - <https://www.geocaching.com/blog/2023/10/help-us-decide-how-to-celebrate-25/>
- Another update in the Adventure Lab app - statistics!
 - <https://forums.geocaching.com/GC/index.php?/topic/394553-release-notes-adventure-lab%C2%AE-statistics-october-19-2023/>
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- [Wheel of Challenges - By the numbers](#)

The challenge with the most participants was Seeking Smileys, with geocachers earning souvenirs by increasing their find count by 5, 10, or 100 caches.

Each challenge had souvenirs for different levels of difficulty. The “easy” challenge with the highest number of earned souvenirs was [Seeking Smileys](#) with 206,602 souvenirs earned. The “hard” challenge with the highest number of earned souvenirs was [Teamwork Makes the Dream Work](#) with 42,759 souvenirs earned.

Even though the [Streak Star](#) challenge had the fewest number of “hard” souvenirs earned, over 15,000 geocachers still completed a 28-day streak during the challenge timeframe! A round of applause for all of those Streak Stars!

The top five countries that earned the most souvenirs for Wheel of Challenges were:

1. Germany
2. United States
3. Netherlands
4. France
5. United Kingdom

265,000 geocachers were sent a survey about their experience with Wheel of Challenges. In the survey responses, geocachers shared which challenges they enjoyed the most and the three most popular were:

1. [Favorite Fan](#)
2. [Seeking Smileys](#)
3. [Iconic Cacher](#)

NEXT WEEK'S SHOW:

- All Things Night Caching Discussion
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