



## Message From the President

The past few months within GOWT have been a bit tumultuous, to say the least. In this month's newsletter we will talk about some of the changes that have recently occurred. Hopefully as a result of some of these changes, we will grow stronger as an organization. We appreciate the patience the membership has shown during this time.

The contents of the newsletter come from the membership of GOWT. Event promotion and a "Member Profile" article are regular features; however, we encourage all members to contribute! If you have an article you would like to have published, or an issue or feature you'd like to have included, please contact Hoot Owl or one of the other EC members.

Summertime events are in the works and will be posted to the forums when more details are available. As always, if you have any constructive suggestions, please do not hesitate to contact any member of the EC. We are committed to working together to keep GOWT a great place to talk, cache, and have fun!

Sincerely,  
Hoot Owl

## Two of GOWT's Founders Leaving Tennessee

It was announced Sunday night, May 20, at the Delta Area Geocacher's Meet and Greet (GC12JGR) that Steve Spencer (spencersb) and Mike Tucker (Tuck Sackett) and their families would be leaving Tennessee. As many of you know, Steve was the founding President of GOWT and Mike was his Vice President. They were two members of the "Funky Five" who were responsible for starting GOWT way back in 2004.

Steve and wife Barbara (BabyBarbara) are moving to Salem, Oregon where Steve has a job lined up at a Salem-area bank. They will be leaving in mid-June and hope to do some sightseeing as well as visiting family on their trip out West.

Mike and wife Debbie (Tuck's Treasure) are heading to McKinney, Texas just northeast of Dallas where Mike has accepted a position at a school there. They plan to leave later in the summer.

Bon Voyage from GOWT by cgeek (GC12X1P)  
A going-away event has been arranged for June 9, 2007 at Bozo's Barbecue in Mason, TN. The event will start around 5pm. Going-away gifts are welcome and be prepared to share some interesting stories (embarrassing or otherwise) as we reflect on their time with us in West Tennessee.

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## Two Executive Committee Members Resign

May saw the resignation of two members of the 2007 Executive Committee. On May 2nd, President Yogi and Member Representative Dalls posted letters of resignation on the GOWT forums. The president's statement was brief: "I hope this settles this whole thing down I QUIT". Departing Member Representative Dalls had this to say: "I just wrote my resignation letter and posted it in the EC. Sorry i couldn't fulfil my duty but its time to move on and enjoy caching not fussing. Thanks to everyone that voted for me, i hated i couldn't keep going but i got to get to work on my next 1k.... Good luck to everyone and hope to see you on the trails....".

The remaining members of the 2007 Executive Committee selected Hoot Owl as the new president and vowed to work together to work out any remaining problems within the organization.

## Executive Committee Revises Bylaws

In late April, the Executive Committee submitted proposed changes to the election bylaws to the membership for feedback. The changes were proposed in order to attempt to eliminate some of the ambiguity in the current bylaws. Several members submitted feedback and the EC continued to work on the changes. Two amendments were voted on and passed by the EC on May 2.

Details of these changes can be found under the Members-Only section of the GOWT forums.

## One-Time Offer of GOWT Membership Refunds

There have been a few requests for membership dues refunds by people wishing to leave GOWT. Although the bylaws state that dues are non-refundable, the Executive Committee voted in May to offer refunds to paid members who wish to leave the organization. This was a limited, one-time offer that expired May 12, 2007.

### **Recent Events (See the cache pages for additional details.)**

[Welcome to the 1K Club Dalls](#) by yogi and dolphin (GC12DCE) – May 12, 2007

This event was held at Corky's in Jackson, TN in honor of dalls' 1K. It was well-attended with folks from all over the GOWT area.

[Deltageo Meet and Greet](#) by Team Sprout (GC12JGR) – May 28, 2007

This was a meet-and-greet event held in Olive Branch, MS by members of the newly-formed geocaching group Delta Area Geocachers. Delta Area Geocachers was formed to support geocaching in Arkansas, Mississippi, and Tennessee. A number of GOWT members attended this excellent event hosted by Paul and Erika of Team Sprout.

### **Upcoming Events (See the cache pages for additional details.)**

[Bon Voyage from GOWT](#) by cgeek (GC12X1P) – June 9, 2007

This event is being held in Mason, TN to say goodbye to two of the founding members of GOWT and their families

[Ice Cream Social](#) by jimmylogan & B@shful (GC12CPM) – July 14, 2007

Although this is a JAG event, jimmylogan & B@shful have worked hard to create an event that folks from all over will be interested in. They have received door prizes from a number of companies and are looking forward to a big turnout for their first event.

[Krispy Kreme Micro](#) by jimmylogan & B@shful (GC12CPX)

This is a 1 minute (micro) event in Dyersburg begin held at 5pm directly after the Ice Cream Social.

If you have an event that you would like mentioned in the newsletter, send an email to [newsletter@gowt.org](mailto:newsletter@gowt.org)