



Geocachers of West Tennessee

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Message From the President

This month's edition of the GOWT newsletter will focus on many of the geocaching events that have taken place in our area over the last two months.

Most events are happy times, but one recent event was a bit sad in that we said "Bon Voyage" to two individuals who were not only instrumental in the formation of GOWT but are also two of my best friends!

Enjoy the newsletter and remember – if there is anything you would like to see in future newsletters or if you would like to contribute a story, send an e-mail to: newsletter@gowt.org.

Sincerely,

Hoot Owl

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GOWT Says "Bon Voyage" to Two of Its Founders

A large number of geocachers turned out Saturday night, June 9, at Bozo's BBQ in Mason, Tennessee to say goodbye to two of GOWT's founders and their families. Spencersb, founding President of GOWT and his family will be relocating to Salem, OR. They are leaving next weekend and have a long trip planned that includes stops to visit family in a number of different states. Tuck Sackett, founding VP of GOWT, and his wife Tuck's Treasure are relocating to McKinney, TX a little later in the summer.

Geocachers were invited to sign the GOWT banner, a tradition started this past Spring at the GOWT CITO.

Since this was the first GOWT-sponsored event in a while, there were many geocaching milestone awards to give out. Milestone awards were given to Tiger130, Leigh421, Cachestalker94, MinnieMouse, and 76Stinger each of whom had passed the 100 find mark since our last couple of events. Leigh421 was presented a special award from her sister Tiger130. She received a sash that said "Beverleigh Hills Cacher" for apparently behaving like a city girl during a group hunt of the cache [Night Time Squirrel Hunt](#) by Tuck Sackett, Hoot Owl, Gibbenator (GCR91D) back in March of this year.

PCSenn, who was attempting to reach his 1k mark on this day was able to log this event as find number 1000. Congratulations!

Hoot Owl had prepared a gold ammo can and 1K coin to give to dalls. Since dalls did not make it to the event,

Titansfan delivered the award to him in Jackson later in the evening. The can even had a special surprise inside for dalls!



Many pictures were taken at the event by unofficial GOWT photographers Chibongo and Prontopup; some of which can be found on the event page.

[editor's note]

Hopefully Steve will continue his presence on the GOWT forums so we can benefit from his wit and wisdom and at the same time hear "Who asked you, Steve?!" from the peanut gallery.

Tuck, I look forward to the day I am brave enough to tackle [Chibongo's Challenge – Celebrating Biodiversity](#) by Tuck Sackett (GCYT52) as it is the only cache of yours I have not gone after.

GOWT Hosts Three Events on 7-7-7

7-7-7 GOWT Breakfast Meet-and-Greet (GCI3ROK)

Hosted by Chibongo, this event was held at 7am at the Shoney's in Bartlett, TN. This event lasted just over an hour (since we had only reserved the room for an hour) and was attended by well over a dozen people. There were quite a few coins and travel bugs on display and several cachers had interesting stories to tell. Several new geocachers joined us at this early hour and we were all glad to meet tasrunner, masmason12, and poptart12! It was also great to see Tuck Sackett, who took some time out of packing up for his impending move to join us at another great GOWT event!

Many of the Memphis-area cachers used this opportunity to carpool together north to Dyersburg for two events held later in the day. Thanks to everyone who got up for this early event!



[These red jeeps were on display at PCSenn's 1k event held later in the afternoon]

PCSenn 1k Event held in Dyersburg (GCI3MPN)



Following GOWT tradition where the previous 1K celebrant hosts the party for the next, Prontopup hosted this event for pcsenn at the Ryan's Steakhouse in Dyersburg, TN at 1:30pm. Many cachers had taken the opportunity to hunt a few geocaches in the morning before the event. The weather was excellent on this day and cachers showed up from all over the GOWT area. We had roughly 30 people in attendance including pcsenn's wife "Wifey" and his brother "Tweakers".

We were happy to meet Tonya of G-T-Martin who is a new cacher from Kenton, TN and Two Dog Knight, a traveling

geocacher from Tulsa who likes to attend events while on the road.

We also took this opportunity to hand out some milestone awards. B@shful and Jimmylogan receive golden tupperware for passing 500 finds. SpyGirl2011, and PharmD93 received gold film canisters for passing 100 finds. Many of these cachers are well on their way to their next milestone awards.



[pictured are from l-r: Jimmylogan, SpyGirl2011, pcsenn, and Pharmd93]

Many more pictures are posted on the event page

Don't Forget Dessert (GCI3RRR)



Hosted by cgeek this event was held at the Dairy Queen in Dyersburg, TN at 5pm. This event gave folks another chance to chat before heading home or in many cases off to do more caching!

Around two dozen folks attended this event and most enjoyed an ice cream treat before hitting the road. After the event, B@shful and Jimmylogan led several cachers to hunt "Cache Raider", another excellent geocache by Canoe Guy. Great fun was had by all!



Upcoming GOWT Events

August 12, 2007: [The Perseid Meteor Shower](#) by minismiths and 76Stinger (GC14MDA)

This event will be held just east of Atoka, TN and will be an all-night event where we observe the Perseid Meteor Shower and discuss all things geocaching. The longer you stay awake, the more profound the discussions will be!

September 15, 2007: [Geocaching At Munford Celebrate](#) by 76Stinger (GC14B4V)

For the past 21 years, **Celebrate Munford** has sponsored the Munford Arts & Crafts Fair in September. The fair is a day-long event that is held in the downtown area of Munford, TN and features vending areas for local artists to sell and show off their works. It also features two entertainment stages, featuring music and dancing. GOWT will have a booth to promote geocaching both through promotional literature as well as live demonstrations. Geocoins and travel bugs are also expected to be on display.

In Next Month's Newsletter

It's hard to say what will show up in the August newsletter. We hope to finally get back to profiling geocachers. If we get desperate, we will profile the editor of the GOWT newsletter.

On July 21st, an event hosted by GOWT, DeltaGeo, MS Geocachers Association and Deep South Geocachers at Enid Lake Pavillion in Mississippi. Many GOWT members attended and we hope to provide a report on the fun that was had!



About Geocachers of West Tennessee

Welcome to Geocachers of West Tennessee!

Our members are helping something that will benefit our great hobby, its devoted participants, and the land owners and managers we work with to make our hobby better. Our goal is to promote responsible geocaching, both by hunters and hidiers. We will work with local authorities and land owners to ensure access to as much public land as possible.

We also participated in the development of the "Geocacher's Creed," which emphasizes environmental responsibility and helps show skeptics that our hobby can be enjoyed, not only without damaging the environment, but actually benefiting it by promoting efforts like CITO.

The Executive Committee for 2007 is:

President: Hoot Owl

Secretary: cgeek

Treasurer: chibongo

The newsletter is edited by: Mackheath

If there is anything you would like to contribute to an edition of the newsletter, perhaps you would like to provide a review of an event you attended or would like to write a geocaching article, please send an e-mail to: newsletter@gowt.org

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