



# Geocachers of West Tennessee

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## Message From the President

September has been another active month for GOWT. The EC passed a couple more by-laws changes that we have been discussing for awhile. 76Stinger hosted an excellent event in Munford and helped introduce a few new cachers to GOWT. Also we are introducing a new feature this month – a section on missing travel bugs.

Hopefully you all will be able to take advantage of this cooler weather to cache and have fun!

As always, 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](mailto:newsletter@gowt.org)

Sincerely,

Hoot Owl

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## Geocaching At Munford Celebrate

Saturday the 15<sup>th</sup> of September was another excellent day for introducing muggles and fledging geocachers to geocaching in Munford, Tennessee.

76Stinger had a few obstacles to overcome in order to get this event approved, but it was worth it.



76Stinger and poohbear94 arrived early to set up the booth. The booth contained promotional material about geocaching and several copies of the GOWT newsletter. A few cachers brought their geocoin collections to show. Poohbear94 brought a very large ammo can full of goodies for the kids who came. Numerous door prizes were donated by a variety of sponsors. Titansfan donated a fully-stocked ammo can that was later won by a new family of cachers. Mackheath brought a travel bug belonging to spencersb that made its way from Oregon and had the goal of being logged by all of spencersb's West Tennessee friends.

Many types of visitors stopped by the booth during the course of the day. Various GOWT members came by to visit and man the booth, people who had recently started geocaching came

by to meet other cachers. A few visitors stopped by because someone they knew was a geocacher and they wanted to learn a little more about geocaching.

There were three caches placed in the vicinity of the event and several cachers took the opportunity to hunt them. Later in the afternoon, names were drawn for the donated prizes. Everybody who signed up received at least one door prize.



[PharmD93, Titansfan, Mackheath, Prontopup, and 76Stinger]

The booth was shut down around 5 pm. It was a long day for those who manned the booth, but it was rewarding to see the enthusiasm in the faces of the visitors many of whom only recently discovered geocaching.

There are more pictures and additional commentary on the event page.

# Celebrate Summer in the MidSouth Event



This event was hosted by lacey38655 and SniperChicken on July 21 and we have been promising to tell you about it in the last two newsletters!

The event was sponsored by: Delta Geocachers Association, Geocachers of West Tennessee, Mississippi Geocachers Association, and Deep South Geocachers. Many members of GOWT were present for the event including the members of the GOWT Executive Committee. It was held at the western end of Enid Lake just south of Batesville, MS. Bad weather threatened to make a mess of things, but by the morning of the event skies had cleared and it was a great day.

After a short meet-and-greet period a potluck lunch was served that included grilled hamburgers and hotdogs. In the afternoon, Seven MSGA members received gold ammo cans for reaching milestones of 1, 2, or 3K finds. There was also a decorated ammo can contest and awarding of door prizes from a number of sponsors. The door prizes included coins and walking sticks. There were temporary caches set up for the kids as well as a craft table. No one was left out of the fun!



Chibongo took many of the attendees out on the lake to go after a newly-placed cache that was contributed by DeltaGeo. Later that evening many of those who stayed including our own FamilyInFilm, CodeMission, CoolZX11, and GirlinFilm went after [The Bell Witch](#) by REDLEG1SG (GCGNJQ).



45 people signed the log for this event. There are many more pictures and stories on the event page.



[SniperChicken and lacey38655 not only hosted the event, they were among those receiving the coveted golden ammo can for reaching 1k finds.]

## Executive Committee Adopts New Bylaw Changes

On Tuesday, September 11, the Executive Committee passed a change to the bylaws allowing members outside of the territory served by GOWT in a form of a residency waiver. Applicants for such a waiver must have some interest in the business of GOWT. Caching within the GOWT area on a regular basis and attending or hosting GOWT events are examples of such interest. If such a waiver is approved, it is good for a year. See Article II, Section VII of the bylaws for the exact wording.

On Tuesday, September 13, the Executive Committee passed a change to the bylaws requiring members interested in running for the GOWT Executive Committee to nominate themselves. In the past anyone could nominate an eligible member and that member had the option of accepting or declining the nomination. The reason for the change is the belief that only members who are serious about holding an office should run. See Article II, Section VI of the bylaws for the exact wording.

## September Milestones

The following milestones were reached in September:

cgeek—2300 (9/22)  
 sskaysee - 1200 (9/23)  
 pcsenn— 1100 (9/11)

Milestones we missed when they happened:

bevofan—300 (7/7)

## Missing Travel Bugs

In this section, we are announcing travel bugs that were picked up at GOWT events and not logged as taken:

On 7/7/2007, sskaysee brought "Nam Som, Thailand" Unite for Diabetes Travel Bug to pcsenn's 1k event in Dyersburg. It was picked up or possibly handed to someone who never logged it. Sskaysee didn't record the TB number so they couldn't log it as picked up or dropped off. If you were at the event and picked up this travel bug, please contact sskaysee via PM on the GOWT forums.



## In Next Month's Newsletter

By the time this newsletter is published another GOWT event will have taken place: Intro to Geocaching at Big Cypress Park by Titansfan and Salamander60 (GC12WQ2) will take place on September 29. During the event, geocachers will explain our sport and escort non-geocachers to the geocaches placed within the park. The event will be made public in two area newspapers. The event will begin at 10 am sharp.

# 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](mailto:newsletter@gowt.org)

This newsletter is published monthly when possible and will hopefully be of interest to everyone.

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