

Summary of Reports for

19 Sept 2018

mc3cats called WSGA's 19 Sep 2018 Business Meeting order at 6:32pm.

Board Members in attendance: mc3cats, Chris Brue, President, Sproutter, Seth Deadman, VP, Broncos Fan 4 Life, Chandra Day, Treasurer, Terrible Ts, Jim Tollefson, Secretary, Martin 5, Jerry Martin, IE Chapter Rep, rambudo, Russell Brendel, 48 North Chapter Rep, Mr. Gadget #2 Gene Reed, Cascadians Chapter Rep, TeamPAST, Patrick McColley, SW Chapter Rep.

Also in Attendance: jtcoffee, Jessie Maxwell, Social Media, PeachandPete, Annette Bailes, Parks Liaison

Proxies: Mr Gadget #2 has SirKarp's proxy

Martin5 has squirrel50's proxy

mc3cats welcomed the board members, appointees and visitors in attendance.

OLD BUSINESS

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes

Minutes from 16 May 2018 and 19 Sept 2-018 were approved unanimously

Comments: None

Financial Report

Report by Broncos Fan 4 Life

January 1, 2018 starting balance: \$9,546.61

Income:

- Sales: \$2682.02
- Membership: \$1940.00
- **Total: \$4622.02**

Expenses:

- Stripe Fees: \$197.79
- USPS: \$433.76
- Merch Orders: \$115.25
- APE Event: \$350.00
- Chapter Allocations: \$188.80
- **Total (\$1285.60)**

January 31, 2018 ending balance: \$12883.03
(\$3336.42 increase)

February 1, 2018 starting balance: \$12,883.03

Income:

- Sales: \$226.96
- Membership: \$405.00
- **Total: \$631.96**

Expenses:

- Stripe Fees: \$29.49
- USPS: \$65.69
- APE Event: \$1482.40
- Chapter Allocations: \$51.93
- **Total (\$1629.51)**

February 28, 2018 ending balance: \$11885.48
(\$997.55 decrease)

March 1, 2018 starting balance: \$11,885.48

Income:

- Sales: \$36.99
- Membership: \$200.00
- **Total: \$236.99**

Expenses:

- USPS: \$15.99
- Stripe Fees: \$10.52
- Dues/Licenses: \$10.00
- Campout: \$418.88
- APE Event: \$380.80
- Chapter Allocation: \$105.04
- **Total (\$941.23)**

March 31, 2018 ending balance: \$11181.24
(\$704.24 decrease)

April 1, 2018 starting balance: \$11,181.24

Income:

- Sales: \$181.69
- Membership: \$200.00
- Campout: \$905.70
- **Total: \$1287.39**

Expenses:

- USPS: \$45.14
- Stripe Fees: \$47.87
- Ofc Supplies: \$108.81
- Internet: \$109.83
- Chapter Allocation: \$50.00
- **Total (\$361.65)**

April 30, 2018 ending balance: \$12106.98 (\$925.74 increase)

May 1, 2018 starting balance: \$12,106.98

Income:

- Sales: \$166.33
- Campout: \$55
- Membership: \$50.00
- APE: \$2795.23
- **Total: \$3066.56**

Expenses:

- USPS: \$106.00
- Stripe Fees: \$99.48
- APE: \$5275.87
- Chapter Allocation: \$75.87
- **Total (\$5557.22)**

May 31, 2018 ending balance: \$9,558.27 (\$2490.66 decrease)

June 1, 2018 starting balance: \$9,558.27

Income:

- Sales: \$159.95
- Membership: \$190.00
- APE: \$2658.23
- **Total: \$3008.18**

Expenses:

- USPS: \$30.49
- Stripe Fees: \$187.99
- Internet: \$79.00
- Dues/Licenses: \$206.72
- Merch Orders: \$3239.15
- APE: \$5520.22
- Chapter Allocation: \$114.70
- **Total (\$9378.27)**

June 30, 2018 ending balance: \$3,188.18 (\$6370.09 decrease)

July 1, 2018 starting balance: \$3188.18

Income:

- Sales: \$45.85
- Membership: \$215.00
- Campout: \$30.00
- APE: \$2487.00
- **Total: \$2777.85**

Expenses:

- USPS: \$15.99
- Stripe Fees: \$11.90
- Campout: \$1090.92
- APE: \$2104.00
- Chapter Allocation: \$228.55
- **Total (\$3451.36)**

July 31, 2018 ending balance: \$2,514.67 (\$673.51 decrease)

August 1, 2018 starting balance: \$2,514.67

Income:

- Sales: \$18.00
- Membership: \$225.00
- APE: \$3477.74
- **Total: \$3720.74**

Expenses:

- USPS: \$256.87
- Stripe Fees: \$91.97
- Merch Orders: \$2287.00
- APE: \$1000.00
- Misc: \$600.00
- Chapter Allocation: \$550.00
- **Total (\$4785.84)**

August 31, 2018 ending balance: \$1,449.57
(\$1065.10 decrease)

September 1, 2018 starting balance: \$1,449.57
(as of 9/10/18)

Income:

- Membership: \$25.00
- **Total: \$25.00**

Expenses:

- USPS: \$124.94
- Stripe Fees: \$1.03
- **Total (\$125.97)**

September 10, 2018 ending balance: \$1,348.60
(\$100.97 decrease)

APE Breakdown

2018 APE Income	Merch Sales	TOTAL	Notes
January		\$0.00	
February		\$0.00	
March		\$0.00	
April		\$0.00	
May	\$2,795.23	\$2,795.23	
June	\$2,658.23	\$2,658.23	
July	\$2,487.00	\$2,487.00	
August	\$3,477.74	\$3,477.74	
September		\$0.00	
October		\$0.00	
November		\$0.00	
December		\$0.00	
TOTALS	\$11,418.20	\$11,418.20	

Net APE \$ (\$4,695.09)

2018 APE Expenses	Refreshments	Coin Design/Coins	SWAG	Insurance	Parking	Parks	Misc.	TOTALS	Notes
January		\$350.00						\$350.00	
February				\$458.40		\$1,024.00		\$1,482.40	
March							\$380.80	\$380.80	Spot the Ape Tags
April								\$0.00	
May		\$450.00	\$4,825.87					\$5,275.87	Patches/Hats/Bags/Pens/Smashlights
June		\$4,002.46	\$1,517.76					\$5,520.22	Tags/Coins
July			\$2,104.00					\$2,104.00	T shirts for orders and volunteers (200 total)
August					\$400.00		\$600.00	\$1,000.00	state park passes/porta pottis
September								\$0.00	
October								\$0.00	
November								\$0.00	
December								\$0.00	
TOTALS	\$0.00	\$4,802.46	\$8,447.63	\$458.40	\$400.00	\$1,024.00	\$980.80	\$16,113.29	

Chapter Allocations

	Puget Sound	48 North	Olympic Peninsula	Cache-Cadia	Inland Empire	Southwest	South Central
2017 Carryover Funds	-\$118.74	\$120.28	\$229.50	\$0.00	\$164.35	\$3.15	\$252.59
2018 Start Total	\$831.00	\$465.50	\$263.00	\$306.00	\$399.00	\$250.00	\$279.50
March Additonal Funds	\$176.00	\$50.00	\$34.00	\$7.00	\$60.00	\$10.00	\$27.00
May Additonal Funds	\$50.00	\$40.00	\$10.00	\$0.00	\$40.00	\$0.00	\$20.00
July Additonal Funds	\$66.50	\$6.50	\$10.00	\$0.00	\$20.00	\$0.00	\$10.00
September Additonal Funds	\$70.00	\$6.50	\$10.00	\$0.00	\$16.50	\$0.00	\$30.00
November Additonal Funds	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Used	\$550.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$444.68	\$200.80	\$224.30
Remaining Funds	\$524.76	\$688.78	\$556.50	\$313.00	\$255.17	\$62.35	\$394.79

Updated: 9/10/18

WSGA BUDGET & HISTORY	2016 Proposed	2016 Actual	2017 Proposed	2017 Actuals	2018 Proposed	2018 Actuals	2018 Variance
INCOME							
Membership	\$4,600.00	\$3,040.00	\$3,500.00	\$5,819.50	\$5,000.00	\$3,450.00	-\$1,550.00
Merchandise Sales	\$5,500.00	\$8,580.57	\$5,000.00	\$1,530.39	\$1,500.00	\$3,517.79	\$2,017.79
Campout	\$2,200.00	\$223.00	\$1,500.00	\$894.48	\$1,000.00	\$932.65	-\$67.35
Ape Weekend	\$9,000.00	\$8,215.32	\$9,000.00	\$23,580.18	\$15,000.00	\$11,418.20	-\$3,581.80
Miscellaneous			\$0.00	\$519.47	\$0.00		\$0.00
Fundraisers	\$250.00	\$333.21	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00
Total Income	\$21,550.00	\$20,392.10	\$19,000.00	\$32,344.02	\$22,500.00	\$19,318.64	-\$3,181.36
EXPENSES							
Postage	\$750.00	\$343.36	\$1,000.00	\$1,774.43	\$2,000.00	\$1,094.87	-\$905.13
Internet	\$1,500.00	\$727.97	\$500.00	\$798.32	\$500.00	\$188.83	-\$311.17
Supplies	\$500.00	\$197.73	\$300.00	\$383.22	\$300.00	\$108.81	-\$191.19
Dues/fees	\$50.00	\$20.00	\$50.00	\$42.66	\$50.00	\$216.72	\$166.72
PayPal/Stripe fees	\$800.00	\$574.21	\$800.00	\$1,361.77	\$1,500.00	\$678.04	-\$821.96
Chapter Allocat'ns	\$2,900.00	\$4,135.32	\$3,200.00	\$2,185.37	\$4,500.00	\$1,364.89	-\$3,135.11
Campout	\$2,600.00	\$1,634.80	\$1,500.00	\$1,095.44	\$1,500.00	\$1,509.80	\$9.80
Ape Weekend	\$6,000.00	\$9,805.42	\$8,000.00	\$17,540.03	\$10,000.00	\$16,113.29	\$6,113.29
APE Promot'n							
WSGA coin/tb's	\$3,200.00	\$2,796.43	\$3,000.00	\$5,468.83	\$3,000.00	\$5,641.40	\$2,641.40
Merchandise	\$3,000.00	\$1,196.52	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00
Small Grant Program	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$700.00	\$0.00	\$500.00		-\$500.00
Sponsorships	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,100.00	\$1,000.00		-\$1,000.00
Outreach	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$330.35	\$100.00		-\$100.00
Park Liasion	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00
GeoTour	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00
NW Trails	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00
projectors	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00
GPS units	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00
Miscellaneous	\$150.00	\$328.50	\$100.00	\$878.23	\$500.00	\$600.00	\$100.00
Total Expenses	\$23,750.00	\$21,760.26	\$21,850.00	\$32,958.65	\$25,450.00	\$27,516.65	\$2,066.65
Net Budget	(\$2,200.00)	(\$1,368.16)	(\$2,850.00)	(\$614.63)	(\$2,950.00)	(\$8,198.01)	(\$5,248.01)

Membership Report

Report by Broncos Fan 4 Life

Membership Summary – 2018

Premium % - 80% Basic % - 20%

Updated: 9/10/18 Chapters	2018 Members		TOTALS		Total New Accounts YTD
	Basic	Premium	Accounts	Members	
Puget Sound	23	87	110	110	28
48 North	9	33	42	42	16
Inland Empire	7	30	37	37	14
South Central	4	14	18	18	3
Olympic Peninsula	4	11	15	15	4
Southwest	0	6	6	6	1
Cache-Cadia	5	8	13	13	5
Out of State	0	17	17	17	0
CURRENT TOTALS	52	206	258	258	71
LAST REPORTED	50	192	242		2-Jul-18
Net Gains	2	14			

YOY Change from Legacy to New As of 9/10/18

Chapters	Accounts
Puget Sound	12
48 North	14
Inland Empire	4
South Central	(4)
Olympic Peninsula	2
Southwest	(3)
Cache-Cadia	2
Out of State	15
Totals	42

Social Media

Report by *jtcoffee*

WSGA Social Media Report

September 2018

Overview

- August continued and ended the Spot the Ape game, which was overall very successful (lots of engagement with the posts – likes, shares, comments, etc.)
- The engagement has settled down once we passed Going Ape.
- I'd love to do a membership drive or a photo contest for the fall again this year.
- If you participate in any of the following social media platforms, please engage by following the WSGA social media pages, 'liking' posts, sharing out posts onto your social media pages etc. Nothing draws a crowd like a crowd
- Is there anything we want to know about our SM users? Instagram and Facebook have great polling methods and these insights could potentially be useful.
- I am working on streamlining the Chapter pages. If you would like me to co-Admin with you, please feel free to add me and I am happy to post.

Facebook

- See the graphics below: This shows that Spot the Ape posts are very popular, and posts that apply to all users are more popular than the posts which only apply to some (ie, CITO souvenir vs. localized event)

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Published	Post	Type	Targeting	Reach 	Engagement	Promote
09/10/2018 6:48 am	 Tip of the week: Log a Will Attend on an upcoming CITO! Anyone who			495 	8 18 	Boost Post
09/05/2018 11:15 pm	 Have you earned the new souvenir yet? You have until October 1 to			759 	92 21 	Boost Post
08/31/2018 6:18 am	 Can't make it to the picnic? No worries - head over to Walla Walla			228 	8 5 	Boost Post
08/31/2018 6:15 am	 Looking for a great way to start off your Labor Day weekend? Join the			124 	22 3 	Boost Post
08/20/2018 6:21 am	 Thank you all for an amazing #GoingApe2018! We had a			683 	330 67 	Boost Post
08/19/2018 11:01 am	 Spotted - another tag inside the tunnel! Look in the right alcove as			736 	62 18 	Boost Post
08/19/2018 10:19 am	 Spotted - a tag behind the clasp! Tott required!			664 	48 9 	Boost Post
08/19/2018 10:12 am	 Spotted: tag number 169! Find the trackable ape near the trailhead and			361 	16 9 	Boost Post
08/19/2018 10:00 am	 Spotted: 137, 128, and 155. Ask this man if he had spotted the Ape, and			895 	97 42 	Boost Post
08/19/2018 5:55 am	 Washington State Geocaching Association			14 	9 42 	Boost Post
08/15/2018 6:24 am	 Spotted: Ape tag #41 N47 26.470' W122 50.330' The Apes' final stop			518 	63 13 	Boost Post
08/14/2018 6:40 am	 Spotted: Ape tag #46! N48 07.953' W122 46.130' The Ape continued			678 	64 20 	Boost Post
08/13/2018 6:16 am	 Spotted: Ape tag #66! N47° 02.508 W122° 54.254 This Ape wanted to			638 	62 7 	Boost Post
08/09/2018 6:21 am	 Spotted: Ape tag #165! N47 38.499' W122 49.524' The Ape continues to			672 	70 17 	Boost Post

currently doing a tip of the week on Mondays.

- Currently we have 2,016 followers up from 1,967. At this time last year we had 1,764 followers.

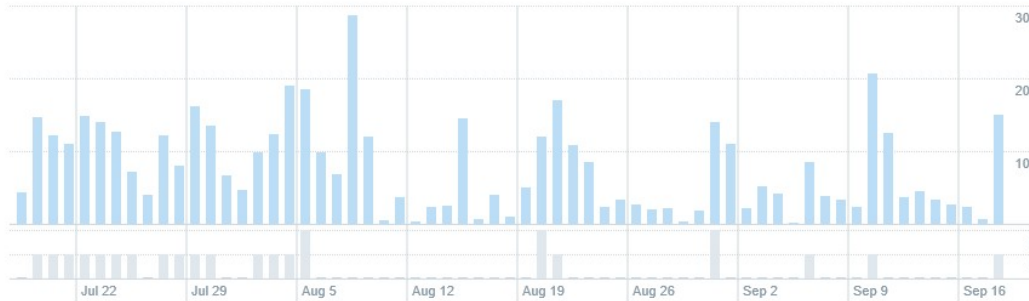
Twitter

- Most popular tweets are connected to our facebook feed
- Currently at 166 followers, up from 158. Last year at this time we had 126 followers

I tweet activity

Jul 18 – Sep 18, 2018




Your Tweets earned **4.9K impressions** over this **63 day** period



YOUR TWEETS
During this 63 day period
impressions per day.



Tweets Top Tweets Tweets and replies Promoted Impressions Engagements Engagement rate

Tweet	Impressions	Engagements	Engagement rate
 WA St. Geocaching @WaSt_Geocaching · 6h That feeling when you finally #findit! Evil camo: love it or hate it? #geocachers #geocaching #geocachingwashington #explorewa #micro #youhideitwefindit instagram.com/p/Bn3pJGXlkHs/... View Tweet activity	142	6	4.2%
 WA St. Geocaching @WaSt_Geocaching · Sep 10 Tip of the week: Log a Will Attend on an upcoming CITO! Anyone who attends at CITO between Saturday September 15 through Sunday September 23 will earn a shiny new souvenir for their page. :) — feeling accomplished View Tweet activity	364	8	2.2%
 WA St. Geocaching @WaSt_Geocaching · Sep 6 Have you earned the new souvenir yet? You have until October 1 to accumulate 50 points (as tabulated in your Friend League) to earn yours! geocaching.com/blog/2018/08/y...	98	9	9.2%

Engagements
Showing 63 days with daily



Link clicks
105



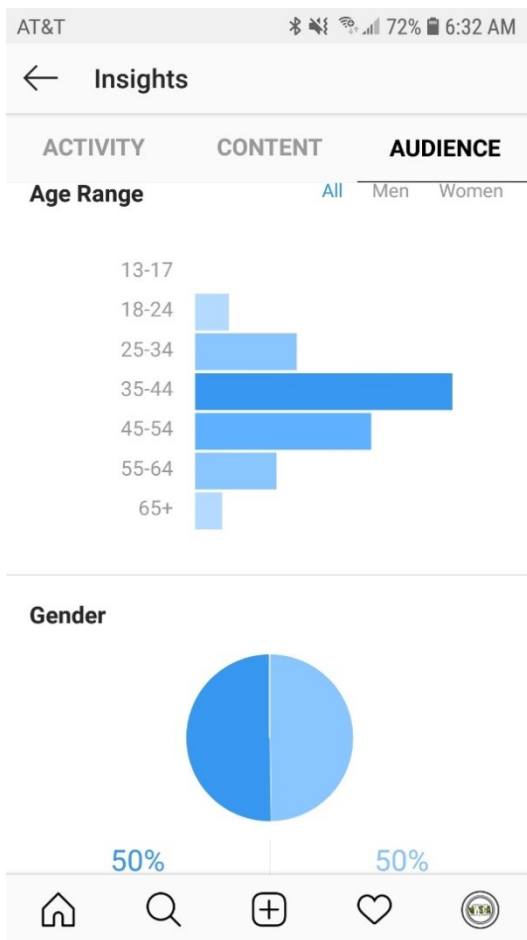
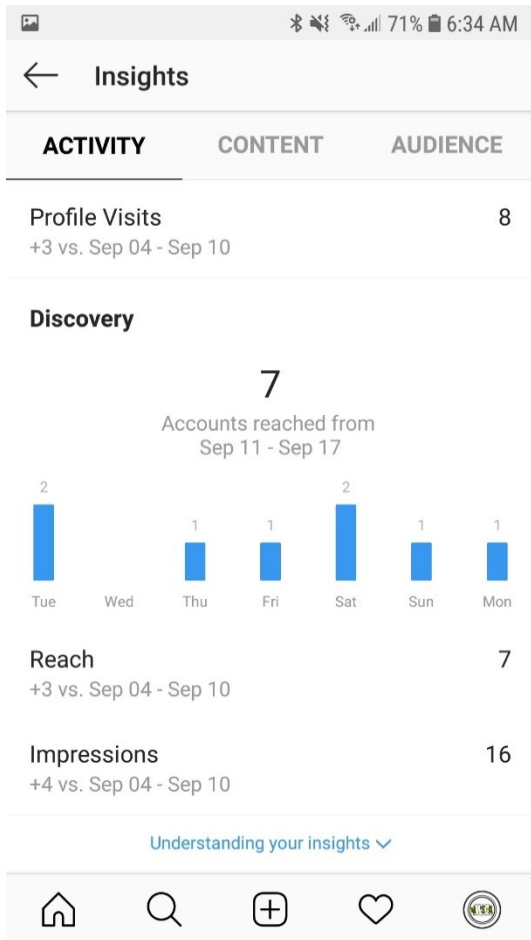
On average, you earned **per day**

Retweets
6

- Spot the Ape has provided a large jump in engagement, and you can see in this graph when the game ended.

Instagram

- Pictures of the Spot the Ape spots are somewhat popular, but more popular are beautiful scenes and interesting caches.
- Currently at 240 followers, up from 223. This time last year we had 144 followers.
- Instagram now offers more stats to help review how posts are received, how many people are engaging with our profile, and the demographics of our users.



Outreach

Report by Mc3cats

Outreach Report for September 2018 Meeting

The following are outreach activities that took place since the last meeting:

Recent Outreach Activities/Events

8/04/18 - The Friends of Lake Sammamish State Park reached out to us asking for a volunteer to teach a geocaching during their "Camp S'mores" camp out on 8/4/18. Squirrel50 and I are worked this event together. Had a few kids and parents stopping by to learn about geocaching.

GPS Requests

There has been no requests since the last meeting.

Upcoming Outreach Commitments

Things have significantly quieted down in the outreach department. With the fall approaching, I see that continuing. I do have a request from a repeat outreach requester from last March. Joe McPherson is a geocacher as well as a counselor at Cascade Elementary School in Renton. He is inviting the WSGA back for

their March 2019 STEM night. I will definitely be looking forward to this event, especially since the school is in my neighborhood.

Chapter Reports

48 North Chapter Report by Rambudo

No report submitted.

Cache-Cadian Chapter Report by Mr. Gadget #2

Cache-cadian Chapter report for the Sept 19, 2018 WSGA Meeting

The summer months were extremely slow for activity. With all of the wildfires in the area and the very hazardous smoke conditions folks did the wise thing and did not go out and play.

Activity for the month of July was a meet and greet by Sir Karp GC7X0ZF Come (Marsh) Mellow With Us.

Events upcoming are Ski Hill CITO GCyX0ZF Sep 22, and the 11th annual TO Wheat To Eat event on Sep, 22 also. Then on Oct 6, 2018, Muddy /tea Pot will host a event in Moses Lake GC7XK2B.

South Central Chapter by Mc3cats

South Central Chapter Report for September 2018 Meeting

South Central 2018 Summer Picnic

9/1/18 – Squirrel50 and Mc3cats headed down to Kennewick at Columbia Park to hold an “end of summer” picnic. Had a fantastic turnout. Met quite a few cachers in that area. Enjoyed the hospitality, a beautiful park and could not have asked for better weather. We held some raffles and even met the future chapter rep for tajournedhe South Central chapter.

Sweet, It's a Walla Walla Event

9/2/18 – The following day, we took the WSGA road show over to Walla Walla for an event at Pioneer Park. This is easily the city of Walla Walla's most beautiful park Had an informal meet and greet right by the huge gazebo. Had a blast chatting with the local cachers. Small turn out, but still a lot of fun meeting with folks out there.

Yakima Randall Park Event

9/5/18 – Headed back over to the SC Chapter for an event at Yakima's Randall Park. Mc3cats met Squirrel50 in the area and we put on this low-key event in a nice park in Yakima. Met a couple of local Yakima area cachers

as well as a couple of cachers that came down from Ellensburg. Had a great time chatting up the WSGA and geocaching.

Future Events

9/22/18 – WSGA SC CITO Kick Off – This will be held at Columbia Park in Kennewick.

Puget Sound Chapter Report by SirKarpajourned

Puget Sound Chapter Report September 2018,

Previous Chapter Events:

There have not been any chapter held events since the last meeting.

As mentioned in Gene's report, I did hold a personal event, at Daroga State park in July, it was GC7X0ZF Come (Marsh) Mellow With Us. It was fun to get to meet some cachers we might not have otherwise.

The next scheduled event is the Nightmare in Preston event, the theme will be aliens / ET highway / area 51. The date is October 27th. That is the Saturday before Halloween. The cache page is now live it is GC7VM92, other details can be seen on the cache page, but I do want to mention that this maybe the last year for the nightmare event.

Adopt-a-Road: Within the last few weeks I learned that someone has adopted a stretch of road in Kent in the name of WSGA Puget Sound. This appears to have occurred during the winter of 2018. I am awaiting a return phone call from King County to find out who authorized the adoption, because it certainly was not me. It is very unfortunate when something like this occurs, and there was a previous incident, where someone had adopted a stretch of road under the PS chapter name, before I was chapter rep. No one knew about that one until several years later when I was contacted in 2015 by the county wondering if we were planning to do anything with it. I in turn contacted the previous chapter rep who was quite upset to learn that someone had done this without the chapters permission.

That is what I have. I will update the adopt-a-road in my next report.

Inland Empire Chapter Report by Jerry Martin (Martin 5)

Inland Empire Chapter Report
September 18, 2018
by Jerry Martin (Martin 5)

Past Chapter Events:

07/28/2018

2018 WSGA Campout – Metaline

GC7GYG9

Approximately 65 attendees

07/29/2018

2018 WSGA Campout CITO

GC7H013

Approximately 20 attendees

09/15/2018

Centennial Trail CITO #1

GC7X29D

16 attendees

Upcoming Chapter Events:

09/23/2018

Centennial Trail CITO #2

GC7X2C3

Spokane

Upcoming Area Events:

09/21/2018

Do you remember the 21st night of September?

GC7XAQT by Grandkids Rock & D'Dawg

Colville

09/22/2018

Colville Cache Machine Dinner

GC7W54R by TravisL

Colville

10/20/2018

TurtlesHELLS' Birthday Bash

GC7XD68 by TurtlesHELLS

Spokane

10/28/2018

Pumpkin Carving Geo-Party #6!

GC7X5YD by Airrooster and CrazyFrogLady

Airway Heights

IE Chapter News:

It has been a busy summer for the Inland Empire Chapter. In July, we had the kickoff for the 2018 Spokane Geo-Challenge, followed by our chapter hosting the 2018 WSGA Campout. Both were great events, which help bring a few more cachers from out of town to visit our chapter area.

In August, we had two weekends with geo-weddings, with Rocketpianoman and BookwormBadger getting married on the 11th, followed by airrooster and CrazyFrogLady on the 18th. For some, myself included, we were very grateful that the Ape Event followed on the 19th, to allow for attendance to both the wedding and the event. We still had a good showing of IE Chapter members to the Ape Event, despite the distance involved to make it a one-day trip.

It is now time for our chapter to get into planning our fall/winter holiday events, beginning with a Halloween event and Christmas event.

South West Chapter Report by Squirrel50

The SW Chapter is hosting a CITO on Sept 23rd GC7V62B CITO in the Park - Last Chance Souvenir in Vancouver WA

the SW Chapter is also CO-Hosting the CITO on Sept 16th in Long Beach during the Cache Dash Splash IV - Rails and Trails so look for me there I will be in Long Beach all weekend assisting where they need me.

At this time with limited chapter funds I don't for see a GIFF in the SW Chapter happening

Sorry not much more to add

Olympic Peninsula Chapter report by GearGuru

No report submitted

Parks Liaison Reports by Peaches (of Peaches&Pete)

Summary

I am once again pleased to report that no Park Liaison issues have been conveyed to me. If any of you hear of any issues with Parks that have assigned liaisons or those with no current liaison, please let me know so we can work together to investigate and help solve any issues that arise. There are no changes to any liaisons at this time, new or otherwise.

I did an Outreach volunteer session at the request of Chris Brue in North Seattle at Carkeek Park on August 3, 2018. It was described as a leadership-building day camp for students ages 9 – 14, with quite a few teenagers as counselors to help the instructors. I took two groups on a trip to find a cache in the park after talking a bit about geocaching and showing them the different types of containers they might find. The first group was a younger group, but the second group was a bit older and quite interested in this activity. Both groups seemed very appreciative of our volunteering, and I was contacted by the camp leader the following week asking how she could make a donation to our group (WSGA). I referred her to Chris Brue and I believe he worked out with her how to make donation.

I did receive an inquiry from someone wanting to place a cache in a King County Park and wanted to be sure there were no restrictions or paperwork he needed to follow. He was referred to Abby Wolfe, who handles King County Parks.

Also, if you have ideas for the Parks Liaison area of WSGA, I'd be happy to talk to you about them. Just drop me a note through the Messaging section on Geocaching.com, or send me a note to annettepbailes@aol.com.

Looking forward to how we can help serve the WSGA in the coming year.

Annette Bailes (Peach&Pete)

WSGA Parks Liaison

General Discussion:

Introduction of TeamPAST, Patrick McColley.

We received a \$100 donation for the Outreach that PeachesandPete did.

Going Ape over 400 attended logs so Mega is secured for next year. Everything went smoothly and no medical emergencies even with all the smoke from the forest fires. Spot the Ape was a success. Having Signal and the Ape at the event was enjoyed by many of the people there. The 10th anniversary of Going Ape is next year. It was brought that many of the locals considered the Going Ape event not worth attending this year. Next year will need something special to bring more people to the event.

We were impressed with the responses on the Spot The Ape event. People modify their days just to be prepared to see where the latest tag posted - and some people made several attempts before finding one. Our engagement rates soar during the game This is one of our most popular events along with the Ape.

The annual coins will be arriving this week and we are planning on handing them out at GeoCoinFest to save on shipping.

Vacant SW Chapter Rep: TeamPAST was discussed and unanimously voted in to finish out the year as the SW Chapter Rep.

New Business:

GCF Booth: We will have a booth at GeoCoinFest (GCF) this year and we will be selling our new coin as well as other WSGA dated coin stock and older Ape items.

Campout Director Position: After some of the issues with the Campout and following my conversation at the campout with Rich, I have come to the conclusion that we need a formal board position strictly to help with managing the campout. This role will be in addition to a local person running the campout. The 15 anniversary of the campout is next year and it has been proposed that it be held in the Puget Sound Chapter. . Annette agreed to take the duty on and was unanimously voted in. A plan will be developed and presented at the next board meeting.

Brian Roth Meeting: Chris will be meeting with the head of Geocaching HQ, Brian Roth, soon. If people have items they would like presented to Brian let Chris know.

Next Board Meeting: The next board meeting will be on Tuesday Nov 13 due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

Meeting adjourned at 08:53 p.m.