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# NNJC NEWSLETTER



## AFTER: THE GREAT SWAMP BIOBLITZ

This years BioBlitz was a great success. The "scavenger hunt," was a blast for cachers and non cachers, while the BioBlitz itself was both enjoyable and informative. The NNJC stand had activity

all day long from people who were interested in geocaching. Big thanks to all those who attended and helped out at the booth, especially Old Navy who organized the event. *-by colliesoftheborder*



The Geocaching Booth



One stage of the hunt



Watch this quick video that includes clips from this years event!

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kE2SzwascU>

# NNJC PRESENTS:

10/1/11

# GONE 7

GC316RF

## THE 7 WONDERS OF THE ANCIENT WORLD

LOCATION: Camp Jefferson, Jefferson Township, NJ

WHEN: Friday - 5 PM 9/30/11, through Sunday, 10/02/11 (For Campers)

**DAY EVENT: Saturday, October 1st, Starts 10 AM for those not camping, stay as long as you want, all day into the night.**

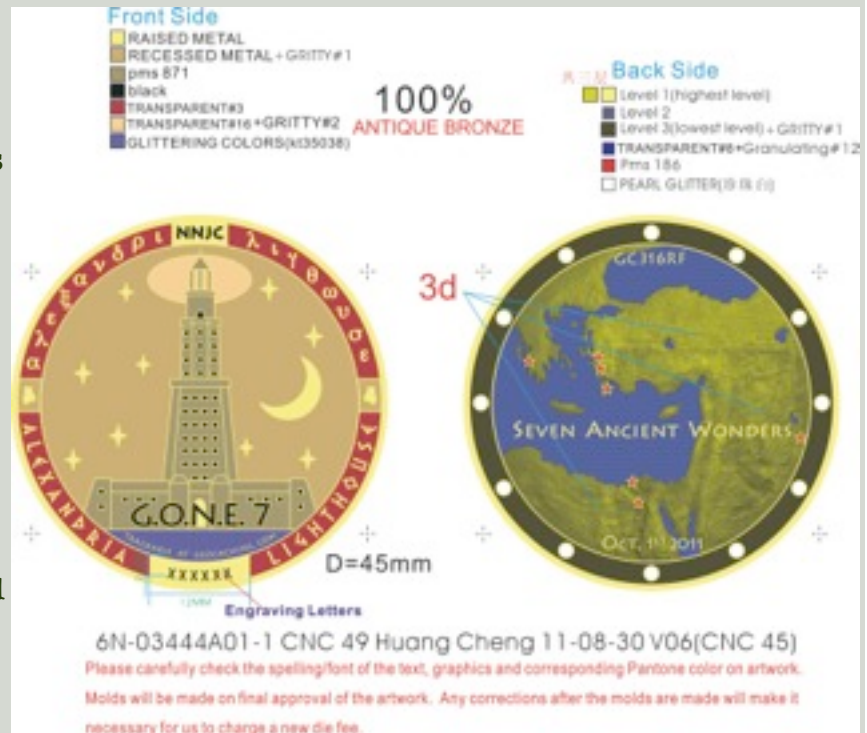
PICNIC MEALS: Lunch and Dinner will be available.

NIGHT TIME: We will have a fun campfire after dark and a movie at 8:00 PM at the amphitheater, (Movie TBD). Perhaps we hold a fun night cache hike throughout camp Jefferson too!

CAMPERS: There are some cabins available, you will need an air mattress or cot, this will be on a first come first serve, otherwise there is also plenty of family tent sites available. More info on registering will follow.

ENTERTAINMENT: Camp Jefferson has a very nice amphitheater, If you are interested in bringing your band, guitar, sax, or comedy stand up routine, the stage is all yours. Please volunteer to entertain your fellow Geocachers! all suggestions welcome!

## GEOCOIN



THIS YEAR'S COIN IS NOW IN 3-D!

We are producing 100 unique collectable GONE #7 Ancient 7 Wonders Geocoin. Keeping our traditional GONE Owls within the coin, which have appeared on all the past GONE coins, with the exception of the first event. These geocoins will be produced in antique nickel, and will be trackable on [Geocaching.com](http://Geocaching.com). Details will be posted on [NNJC.org](http://NNJC.org) Please put your preorder in asap to insure you get a coin! If you have emailed me already, please email again so I can confirm you are on the list!



## PICTURE OF THE MONTH



CRdude at a well known cache

## DID YOU KNOW?

On 10 October 2010 geocachers around the world held events and went caching to commemorate 10 years of geocaching. In the process they broke the record for the most geocachers to find a cache in a day, with 78,313 accounts logging a cache.



# THE HISTORY OF G.O.N.E. (GEOCACHERS OF THE NORTHEAST) EVENT

NNJC's G.O.N.E. event is where everyone comes to have a great time. The event is an annual three day camping event which brings geocachers together from all over the Northeast. Camping starts Friday night until Sunday. The Day events is on Saturday.

The event is a day full of geo-activity, great food, planned hikes, theme caches with prizes, regular caches, plenty of geo-chatting, a scary night hike, movie and stories around the campfires!



### G.O.N.E HISTORY

In 2005, the very first G.O.N.E. event took place at the beautiful Camp Glen Gray in the Ramapo Mountains. At that time there were not many Geocaching organizations nor many events. Events were far and few, unlike today with the growing numbers of geocachers, clubs and events just about every weekend.

In 2005 there were about 2000 caches in NJ compared to well over 9000 today,

The First G.O.N.E. was a special event, Avroair and Dhenninger were instrumental in managing and making the first GONE event a success! Geocachers searched the mountains for



Earth Medallions for clues to the final cache. I have great memories of this event, the September weather was perfect and the turnout was amazing with folks from CT to DE attending and camping.



The first 4 G.O.N.E. events were held at Camp Glen Gray. The years that followed the first G.O.N.E. event it only improved. NNJC added different themes to enhance the geo-adventure.

2006 ~ G.O.N.E. 2 ~ Murder Mystery clues,  
2007 ~ G.O.N.E. 3 ~ Harry Potter's golden snitches  
2008 ~ G.O.N.E. 4 ~ Indiana Jones!

# G.O.N.E. (CONTINUED)

After 4 years at Camp Glen gray, we decided to make a location change and we were lucky to work with the folks at Camp Jefferson. NNJC volunteers spent many hours and installed a 1 1/2 mile trail for the township, and we were given the use

far and wide to attend, to see old friends and make new ones.

We at NNJC hope to see you this year, so mark you calendars!

NNJC mints a trackable Geocoin to celebrate each G.O.N.E. event. The G.O.N.E. geocoin is very collectible, and a way for NNJC to raise funds to be able to put on great events.

The 2011 G.O.N.E. coin Artwork will be available soon and will be posted on the NNJC.org site. Please



GONE 4 coin (above)

of this beautiful camp for G.O.N.E. 5

2009 ~ G.O.N.E. 5 "Crossroads of the American Revolution" theme. Geocachers had to locate the NJ signers of the Declaration of Independence around the camp.

2010 ~ G.O.N.E. 6 Poker Run We moved the event to Voorhees State park. Geocachers enjoyed a fun Poker Run around the park. Collecting sealed playing cards from caches, we all opened them together to see who had the best and worst hands to win prizes! Impspider had the best hand!

## 2011 ~ G.O.N.E. 7

"The 7 wonders of the ancient world" This event will be held again at Camp Jefferson on October 1, 2011.

The annual G.O.N.E. event is very special and has become a premier NJ geocaching event. Folks still come from

support NNJC by placing your coin order today!

-Old Navy

## POLL

Are you excited or disappointed to see virtuals return (as challenges)?

[https://spreadsheets.google.com/spreadsheet/viewform?hl=en\\_US&formkey=dGZDaThaOVZmM1pKcVVma1hQLXAxZEE6MQ&lfq](https://spreadsheets.google.com/spreadsheet/viewform?hl=en_US&formkey=dGZDaThaOVZmM1pKcVVma1hQLXAxZEE6MQ&lfq)

### Last Poll-

What do you prefer to collect; pathtags or geocoins?

### Winner-

Geocoins, in a landslide.

## PARK CLOSURES

During the fall hunting season there are many parks which will be closed due to Deer Hunting.

Morris County Parks (3 pages list):

<http://www.morrisparks.net/deer/whitetail-schedule.asp>

Check out the county parks before you head out this fall and winter.



# CAN YOU NAME THOSE GEOCACHERS?



At Mo Cannes along the Passaic!

## FEATURED GEOCOIN ICON

We all love to collect and add cool icons which are part of the traveling geocoins. We will feature an unusual, unique, or special icon which we come across.

Featured Icon



The “Moun10bike Geocoin” was the first geocoin ever made. This icon is treasured by those who manage to discover one.

TBGP4T

# GEOCACHING CHALLENGES

The long awaited challenge caches have hit geocaching.com as of August 18th, 2011, introducing a long awaited new cache type to replace virtuals.

Currently, there are two types of challenge caches; Action and Photo, with more planned for the future.

An Action Challenge consists of a cacher completing an action, as the name implies--such as hiking a trail etc. A photo cache on the other hand is obvious as well; a cacher must take a picture of themselves or something to receive credit for the challenge.

Unlike virtuals, challenges are not owned by anyone--rather it is a community owned challenge that is issued by a specific cacher, and not reviewed by a reviewer. Cachers can vote on the quality of the challenge, or report it, if it breaks the guidelines.

After much controversy on the forums and feedback site, Groundspeak decided to split the find count for geocaches and challenges, in essence allowing players to choose to participate or not.

As with most early projects released from Groundspeak, Challenges are a work in progress and will get altered more as time goes on. *-article by colliesoftheborder*

A screenshot of the Geocaching Challenges website. The page has a blue header with the title "Geocaching Challenges" and a white silhouette of a person with a red cape. Below the header, there is a white box with a circular icon and text: "Turn every location into an adventure. Premium Members issue a challenge and persuade fellow cachers to accept and complete it. Whether for bragging rights or personal ambition, find a challenge near you and test your mettle. Are you up for it? Learn More." The main content area features a map titled "Latest Worldwide Challenge" with a pop-up window for "Team J&amp;K - Completed 20". The pop-up text reads: "Jerry braved this one while getting a nearby cache. Last time he climbed a tree while caching, he fell and broke his foot. No such problem today." To the right of the map is a "Find a Challenge" search box with "Near Me" and "Worldwide" buttons, a "Search by Location" field, and a "Find My Location" button. Below that is a "Create a New Challenge" section with the text "Are you a Premium Member? Create a Challenge for others to complete!" and a "Get Started!" button.



# FEATURED GEOCACHERS



**SUE & BARRY**

## Sue and Barry at a North Jersey Cache

This Month I decided to profile Sue&Barry, as the geocacher community would agree are a wonderful geocaching team, placing some on the most fun and creative cache hides in New Jersey.

Sue&Barry's caches are very well thought out with many interesting and creative themes. Their puzzle caches are all very kid friendly and creative, some using youtube videos to find the coordinates. Sue&Barry, started caching December, 25th 2005, they are a Pathologist & Former Math Teacher. They have many caches around The

**Cachin' Since  
2005!**

South Mountain Reservation and the NJ shore areas. Sue&Barry are educators which shows in the cache pages, teaching cachers about many subjects like ticks, the human body, old movies, TV shows, money, and dinosaurs just to name a few! You will never be disappointed when searching for one of their caches. Thank you Sue&Barry for all your great contribution to the Geocaching community. *By Old Navy*

Each Newsletter we will feature a fellow NNJC geocaching member, please submit an outlined profile below (of you or another cacher), to be considered as a possible Featured Geocacher Profile.

Please submit to [newsletter@nnjc.org](mailto:newsletter@nnjc.org).



Sue and Barry are well known for leaving a souvenir, such as the one above, in their caches for cachers to collect and trade.

# THE WAYWARD TRAVEL BUG/ GEOCOIN

**TBN61P** ~ Mongolian Gerbils

Released: Sunday, November 29, 2009

Origin: Stredocesky Kraj, Czech Republic

Current Location: Louisiana, United States

This is a cool little travel bug that has traveled a lot around the world, but still has yet to reach Mongolia.

Link:  
<http://www.geocaching.com/track/details.aspx?id=220310>

Currently 8565.6 miles traveled.

Tell us about the TB's and Geocoins you have come across while geocaching. What geocoin and cool icon did you find? Perhaps you found a cool Travel bug with an interesting mission? A Travel Bug that has traveled from far away lands, or a Travel Bug that has been traveling for many years, and have racked up many miles. We want to feature these TB's. Tell us about what you found!

**Send in your TB's and coins to be featured in the next NNJC Newsletter. [newsletter@nnjc.org](mailto:newsletter@nnjc.org)**



TB (right)



## FUTURE EVENTS

09/05/2011 NNJC - "First Monday" Monthly Meet & Greet 2011 by Northern New Jersey Cachers NNJC

09/10/2011 NNJC ~ Trail Maintenance Event & Picnic by Old Navy

09/17/2011 Birthday, House Warming, Caching Event #2 by Chinster, Flower\*Power\* and Pumpkin\*

10/01/2011 G.O.N.E. 7 ~ THE 7 WONDERS OF THE ANCIENT WORLD by Old Navy ~ Northern New Jersey Cachers ~ NNJC

*Please see the Calendar on [nnjc.org](http://nnjc.org) for all area events!*

## WILDLIFE SIGHTINGS

Remember to send in your sightings!



# MILESTONES

Which of your fellow cachers are hitting the big numbers?  
(Summer 2011)

mblatch-10,000 on 8/20/11

runawaysock-100 on 8/26/10

trowel32-6,100 on 8/10/11

weathernowcast-3,500  
on 8/21/11

escapce06-3,400 on 8/20/11

ekitt10-3,000 on 7/15/11

tmmiller-1,900 on 8/18/11

dehnninger-1,700 on 7/30/11

kenvilguy-1,500 on 8/18/11

D'orrNights-1,400 on 8/16/11

Ranger Lynn-400 on 8/12/11

IntervaleMike-150 on 8/24/11

MustangSally23-100  
on 8/24/11

colliesoftheborder -400  
on 6/29/11

Be sure to send all milestone updates to  
[milestones@nnjc.com](mailto:milestones@nnjc.com)  
We want to hear from you!

# CACHE OF THE MONTH

## *Hustling for Spending Money at Brooklyn College!* GC11RB6

The heatwave had passed, and Old Navy, CRdude and I (colliesoftheborder) were dying to get out caching, we decided to hit up South Mountain Reservation of Essex County. SMR is loaded with Sue&Barry caches, including many puzzles and multi's.

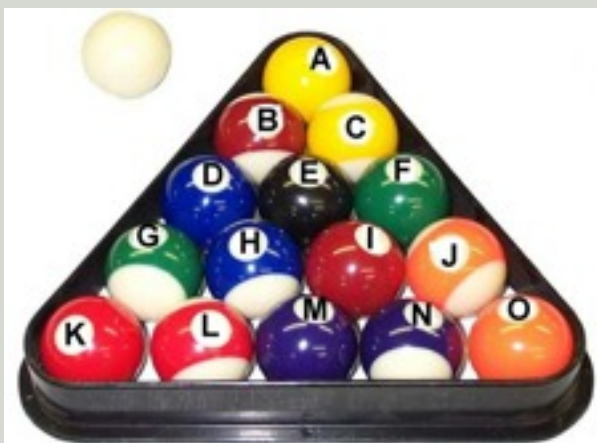
Without a doubt, the cache that stood out throughout the whole day was GC11RB6. The puzzle itself is one to be admired. It takes some

knowledge and skill to complete, yet is solvable by the general geocaching population. To make things even better, the quality of the cache doesn't rely on the puzzle either--the hike to the cache was great as we passed a waterfall and a small creek. The hide itself is perfectly suited for the puzzle, and without giving too much away, asks for some bravery on the finders part.



The cache (credit:ReZappers)

Overall, we really enjoyed our day in South Mountain Reservation, finding a ton of caches in only a few hours. Come out here into Sue and Barry's backyard and find a few of their caches, especially this one!



The Puzzle (left)

Some history in the cache, with a few suitable images. (Example on right)



Opinions are those of colliesoftheborder

# NNJC STUFF FOR SALE

*Sales of all these items will all support the NNJC, a non-for profit organization.*



**NNJC ~ NJ Crossroads of the American Revolution Geocoins ~ G.O.N.E. 5**

**These awesome trackable NNJC Geocoins are still available.**

**NNJC Poker Run Geocoins ~ G.O.N.E. 6**

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**Geocaching NJ T-Shirts are available for \$12 plus S&H. ~ XL ONLY contact [geocoins@nnjc.org](mailto:geocoins@nnjc.org) for ordering**

**NNJC Pathtags are available for \$2 plus S&H, contact [geocoins@nnjc.org](mailto:geocoins@nnjc.org) for ordering.**



# FEATURED **YOUTUBE** VIDEO



<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fMJ2gY5XMW>

Check out a video of GONE 2, featuring lots of local cachers and the event.

**Video by:** TeamRampantLion

**Date:** November 16th, 2007

## COME CHAT WITH US!

Every Monday Night

***at 7:00 PM***

[www.nnjc.org/chat](http://www.nnjc.org/chat)

Feel free to log on at any time and chat with other geocachers!

NOW ON FACEBOOK!

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## NNJC EVENTS

We are looking for your ideas and suggestion for NNJC's 2011 event locations.

Please let us where you would like to see a NNJC event, picnic or hike. All suggestions and volunteers are welcome.

**We want to hear from you!**

Contact Old Navy



# NNJC Member's Corner

## What is it?

This NNJC Newsletter is being sent to all registered NNJC members. If you do not want to be on this mailing list, please let us know.

NNJC is looking for new members!! If you know a Geocacher, who is not a current NNJC member, and think they would like to receive the newsletter and become a member of the NNJC organization, please ask them to sign up and join NNJC.org today!!

We need YOU, our members, to become more active and part of NNJC. Please submit stories, ideas, and articles you would like to see featured in

the upcoming NNJC Newsletters.

NNJC is a non-profit organization, Please support NNJC so we can continue to put on great events for the Geocaching community.

## NNJC Mentoring Program

Are you new to geocaching? or know of a new geocacher who wants a geo-mentor who can give some advise or set up a meeting. Let NNJC help with mentoring, simply contact Glen, Chinster the NNJC Membership Officer and we'll help.



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