



Jane:

I agree, I don't think DARPA would use a that kind of public place.

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Chris H:

I agree. 10balloons has shown signs of being disreputible.

Like us. It's time to start disseminating a higher grade of disinformation. I have a half-decent fake that is based on a photo taken near Vail, CO. I need to find someone who seems like they live around there but is not connected to us to disseminate it. Ideas?

Dec 5



Jane:

I would think ALL those balloons on that website are bogus. The contest has only been on for a bit over an hour.

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Chris H:

[ChristieLynn87](#) I just **saw** a huge **red** balloon by the mall in Monroeville, I thought it was for Christmas but there wasn't really anyone by it.

Better phrasing than most. Not as overbearing.

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Chris H:

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Jane:
eek, how secure it this?

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Chris H:
We're on https and only people we invited are here, so pretty secure i'd say.

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Chris H:
I have confirmation from Agent Fuchs in Ohio that our Fake Balloon #9 is successfully deployed. He's trying to get connectivity to send us photos.

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Jane:
Great. We got a report it's snowing in Maryland and they're having a hard time getting around.

Dec 5



William Coldwell:
Total Submissions: 15 what's the point of submitting incorrect information to darpa?

Dec 5



Jane:

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Chris H:

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Jane:

William, because if you have 75% right in any one entry, you may win. Nothing in the rules says you're penalized if some of your locations are incorrect.

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Jane:

I tried to look at a webcam at a mall that someone reported by my flash plugin is not working - again...

Dec 5



Chris H:

Lane are you here?

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Chris H:

Anyone here have extra invites? Dunno if we'll have time, but we might need to add a couple more people.

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Jane:

I have 6 more.

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Jane:

OK, I do want to save one invitation for my other gmail addresses so I can use this for something else. Going to do the invites.

Dec 5



Chris H:

Thanks.

Dec 5



Chris H:

If you invite your other address, it will receive 8 new invites.

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Chris H:

Checking this now:

<http://twitpic.com/s97qu>

Dec 5



Chris H:

The gal apparently lives in LA, presuming her mom does too. Balloon doesn't look like it has a number to me.

Dec 5



Jane:

It does not have that triangular number attachment on it that I saw in DARPA's test pictures.

Dec 5



Chris H:

The user "JustGen" is tainted. A previous tweet of her says "I woke up at 6:45am on a Saturday because I am excited! If you see a big red balloon today, let me know! It's for charity!" so she is part of a team. It's disinformation, I think. She wouldn't post that if she knew it were legit.

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Jane:

all your suggestions are added. we need to know when they accept so we can add them to this wave. I did invite one of my junk gmail addresses so I have 8 more.

Dec 5



Jane:

We just got a sighting on our website with an image and this one does not have a number attached either.

Dec 5



Chris H:

Ok.
Probably disinfo. are you the one enabling new users?

Dec 5



Jane:

yes, I look at their info and if it seems OK I add them. Should I not do this?

Dec 5



Chris H:

Go ahead and add them. I was just curious.

Dec 5



Jane:

I think we should not add any new members, as I said in the forums after a certain time - like 2:00 eastern or for lefties, 2:00 pacific.

Dec 5



Jane:

I thanked the seeker and asked if s/he could get another picture with a number on the balloon.

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Chris H:

What about this one?

<http://decinena.com/content/kroeger-food-and-drug-blacklick-oh>

No number visible to me.

Dec 5



Jane:

that's the one I was talking about - I sent the seeker an email asking for another image.

Dec 5



Chris H:

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Lane Ellis:

I'm here now Chris. I'll be in and out mostly today, checking in.

Dec 5



Chris H:

Lane do you know anyone near Vail/Minturn, Edwards or who has a social media footprint in that Colorado mountain area? We need to disseminate some disinfo through someone not visibly connected to the team.

Dec 5



Lane Ellis:

<http://twitter.com/tomhaupt>

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Lane Ellis:

Yeah, I have a former co-worker who lives in the Vail area - Thom Haupt - his site is vaillife.net.

Dec 5



Lane Ellis:

He lives in Avon, C

Dec 5



Chris H:

Excellent. Can you contact him yourself and explain that we'd like him to tweet/twitpic something exactly as we write it? If we win, I'll buy him a nice dinner.

Dec 5



Lane Ellis:

Thom's Twitter account is actually <http://twitter.com/Coign>

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Jane:

Chris, I'm looking at the status reports and don't see the balloon numbers in them. Is this being saved somewhere? I saw the picklist in the reporting for the number.

Dec 5



Chris H:

It's in the data, but the View didn't get updated to display the field. I couldn't figure out how to. If we see a legit report, we can visit the actual Sighting Node's Page and it should be there.

Dec 5



Jane:

OK, but it will be kinda difficult to me to start adding entries for DARPA because I don't know how to see the node. We're getting ready to go and hike. I'll be back in about 3 hours (if I don't slip on the snow/ice and break my arm or leg).

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Chris H:

Ok, I'll tackle it.

Dec 5



Lane Ellis:

Sure Chris. Get me what you want him to Tweet and I'll e-mail him and send his a Facebook message.

Dec 5



Chris H:

Ok, avoid Facebook, it'd be too on the record. He can call me if he wants. I'm still finishing the image.

Dec 5



Lane Ellis:

OK.

Dec 5



Chris H:

Another faker: <http://twitter.com/darcio90>

Dec 5



Lane Ellis:

OK, I e-mailed Thom and gave him your phone number. You can either e-mail him directly or send what you want him to tweet to me and I'll pass it along to him.

Dec 5



Chris H:

Thanks. Finishing the fake. Will post here in a sec.

Dec 5



William Coldwell:

<http://twitpic.com/s9hg8> fake?

Dec 5



Chris H:

I think I see a triangle banner below it, but it's turned away a bit. "Plausible".

Dec 5



Chris H:

I think the banner is too small, the location (near MIT) is suspicious and I don't see a DARPA banner hanging from it. And coincidentally, the number is not visible. Less Plausible.

Dec 5



William Coldwell:

looks like the twitter spambots are starting to repaste stuff

Dec 5



Lane Ellis:

Heading out for an hour or so ; will be keeping my eye out on the off chance anything is up here. OK Chris, I'll hold off a bit here.

Dec 5



Chris H:

One sec, lane.

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Chris H:
Anyone know how I paste and image in here?

Dec 5



Chris H:
Found it.

Dec 5



Chris H:
Take a look at this one.



file

Dec 5



Lane Ellis:
Looks great Chris.

Dec 5



Lane Ellis:

I've got to run. Back in a bit.

Dec 5



Chris H:

Another reported sighting. Interesting:

<http://decinena.com/content/nnicholas-burgess-balloon-9>

Dec 5



William Coldwell:

looks legit. yay

Dec 5



Chris H:

I dunno. No piccy, no laundry. No team member would be out without a camera. It's a lot easier to fake a piece of paper than a photo of a balloon.

Dec 5



William Coldwell:

more people are talking about waterfront park in portland

Dec 5



Chris H:

If we believe it for real, we could call a cab company and ask them to go meet there and pick up a package.

Dec 5



William Coldwell:

awesome idea .. have them pick up the slip and read it

Dec 5



Chris H:

Should we make a chart with ten slots, and list all the candidates and what we think of them?

Dec 5



William Coldwell:

love the google map on 10balloons.com

Dec 5



Chris H:

Awesome.

Dec 5



Chris H:

Bill, I assume you've seen most of the tweets this guy is replying to and vetted them?

<http://twitter.com/geohot>

Dec 5



William Coldwell:

no.. I'm trying not to faceplant on the keyboard

Dec 5



Ethan:

I got online - have pix of "Balloon #9" - where should I post/send it?

Dec 5



Chris H:

DeciNena@gmail.com

You're awesome! Has anyone approached you or seemed to notice you?

Dec 5



William Coldwell:

if it's waterfront park, it's noticed by a lot :)

Dec 5



Chris H:

Nope. Ohio. Do we think the WFP one is legit? Anyone seen a photo of it?

Dec 5



Chris H:

If I could get this to only sort/show by most recent, it would be good:

<http://twitpic.com/tag/balloon>

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Ethan:

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Ethan:

No notice, it seems. Strangely enough, it's somewhat close (couple of miles) from the "Kroger's in Blacklick" balloon someone posted a link to earlier

Dec 5



Chris H:

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Chris H:

Weird. The Geocachers claim to have one (#4), and the photo looks legit:

<http://www.10balloonies.com/2009/12/this-was-submitted-by-geocacher-who.html>

Dec 5



William Coldwell:

yeh looks like it... bleh

Dec 5



Chris H:

Ok, I have paper sheets submitted from users who claim to have #2 (*Chaparral Park* Scottsdale, AZ) and #9 (Waterfront park). The two sheets look the same. Either there's good collusion, or they're legit.

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Chris H:

Here is our master list now:

#1 San Francisco, 37 47 16 N 122 24 26 W Rebecca Chernoff, ground confirmed Clay Reboeson (with paper)

#2 *Chaparral Park*, Scottsdale, AZ, 33° 30' 33.156" N, 111° 53' 56.5188" W (corrected to 33° 30' 33.156" N, 111° 54' W), User ScottsdaleWalker (Gail Carrey) paper

#3 Charlottesville 38 01 33 North 078 29 23 West User GregBurek via www.readthehook.com

#4 Santa Barbara, CA 34° 24' 40.9284" N, 119° 41' 6.648" W User User Rebecca Chernoff, no paper, but photo by twitpic

#5

#6

#7

#8

#9 Waterfront Park, Portland, OR, 45d 30m 44sN 122d 40m 28s W, User nicholasb (Nicholas Burgess) paper

#10

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Chris H:

<http://www.flickr.com/photos/myself248/4161099570/>

With coordinates 42.48745, 83.14104 but i don't see the number, so I think it's fake.

Dec 5



me:

The map at <http://10balloons.com/> seems to just be a graphical playground! FARK, PENUS, smiley face, etc.

Dec 5



Chris H:

Yup.

Dec 5



Chris H:

We need to be on top of twitter more. I think we're losing ground.

Dec 5



Chris H:

I think #4 is in Santa Barbara

<http://twitpic.com/sa0rx>

<http://twitter.com/ptone>

<http://www.holmesonthego.com/>

Now to pin down where.

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punkprotocol:

got some invites I guess, not used any

Dec 5



punkprotocol:

Who's spreadsheet64? was in my wave account contact when I joined, other contact there is phdpnz

Dec 5



Chris H:

Not sure, but he's one of our team members.

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Chris H:

We need to contact this guy discreetly and get the actual position info from him. Don't use a twitter account that others might be watching, please.

<http://twitter.com/ptone>

Dec 5



Chris H:

I think I know where #1 is, looking for someone to confirm.

<http://www.flickr.com/photos/jeffreywarren/4161126140/meta/>

Dec 5



Jane:

that flickr picture sure look real. it has a number 1 clearly visible.

Dec 5



Jane:

I searched and found two more balloons on flickr, uploaded today but have a taken date of Nov. 24. These may be some that are going to be used as decoy images. #2 and #8

Dec 5



punkprotocol:

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Jane:

I'm back. Can you tell me how to get the node numbers so I can get the balloon numbers from our sightings?

Dec 5



Chris H:

If you click on the link: view text it should open a node view. Edit will show you the drop-list at the bottom, but some people aren't filling it out.

Dec 5



Jane:

that's what I was doing. Are we going to count them as sightings and ask the people for the number or just skip them?

Dec 5



Chris H:

one sec...

I'm sending a friend to confirm #1 now. ETA 1 hr.

Dec 5



Jane:

How about if we sent out a mass email and tell people to put the balloon number in the text area?

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punkprotocol:

used screen capture showing only number 1 on ballon, for further recruitment purposes in facebook, no other info disclosed, screen capture upload safe no trackpack to source

http://photos-f.ak.fbcdn.net/hphotos-ak-snc3/hs108.snc3/15543_223953860539_505640539_4681280_2357927_n.jpg

Dec 5



punkprotocol:

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Jane:

Good idea, punkprotocol.

Dec 5



Chris H:

#1 appears to be a fake. If you look carefully, it's not a balloon in a red sleeve, it is a red balloon. Also, lacks DARPA insignia.

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Chris H:

URGENT. Do we know anyone in the actual City of San Fran?

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Jane:

I don't.

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punkprotocol:

how far is that from sacramento?

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Chris H:

A LONNNG way.

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punkprotocol:

can ask my known contacts in facebook if anyone there at the moment

Dec 5



punkprotocol:

just said san fran to find someone local, can't say Cali as that's to big an area

Dec 5



punkprotocol:

my facebook been locked down since yesterday, so no one else could have infiltrated

Dec 5



punkprotocol:

okie will cancel request and stick in some disinfo instead

Dec 5



Chris H:

No. Don't give anytig away yet.

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Chris H:

I have someone on the ground verifying the San Fran balloon, ETA about 10 minutes.

Dec 5



Jane:

Are we ready to make any guesses yet?

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Chris H:

We only have two confirmed, one confirming and one I'm trying to nail down.

Dec 5



Jane:

Do they have to be confirmed? Can anyone see out submissions but DARPA?

Dec 5



Chris H:

They do not need to be confirmed, submissions are private, but we need more than 5 balloons at a minimum. If you want to put together a guess, I'm ok with that. We have plenty of guess slots between us.

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Chris H:

San Fran balloon confirmed.

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punkprotocol:

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punkprotocol:

brb in 30 - have to go out get some more cigs

Dec 5



Jane:

see ya in a few

Dec 5



punkprotocol:

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punkprotocol:

someone in DARPA Network with info, not sure which team,

"

[Sara Reffler](#) Found and confirmed balloons #3 (by me) and #5 (by [Greg Needel](#))!

[18 minutes ago](#) · [Comment](#) · [Like](#) · [Report](#)

[Asam Bashir](#)

Which team?

"

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Ethan:

[Decoy #9](#)

Dec 5



Jane:

That woman on twitter who said she found a balloon in her backyard and gave the address is sure getting a good laugh a people's expense.

Dec 5



Ethan:

<http://www.facebook.com/album.php?aid=2041264&id=1454651914&l=fea3508586> Number 9 decoy

Dec 5



Chris H:

ethan, you rule. Did anyone ever notice it? Is it donw now?

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Chris H:

We ahve #4, unconfirmed, but looks correct.

Dec 5



Jane:
Great.

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Ethan:

Nobody approached close enough to talk to - dunno about visibility from the other side of the school. We took it down just after 16:00 EST.

Dec 5



Chris H:

Ok, thanks. Do we have an established twitter account associated with colorado but not associated with the team to send out some disinfo?

Dec 5



Jane:

I put out some tweets about our team. :(If I created a new user account for the di, it would be suspect right away.

Dec 5



Chris H:

Exactly.

Dec 5



Chris H:

#3 chorlottesville

<http://www.readthehook.com/blog/index.php/2009/12/05/ten-red-balloons-and-ones-in-charlottesville/>

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Chris H:

#1 in San Fran is ground confirmed with paper. We have five now and should submit something.

Mindy is submitting it.

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Chris H:

Confirmed, no ballon in boulder.

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Chris H:

I need to share this Wave with Rebecca, but I've added her and she's not seeing it. Any ideas?

Dec 5



Rebecca:

Yo. Closed the window and reopened and voila. Weird.

Dec 5



Rebecca:

Ah, I see you've got #3. Was just getting ready to submit it but got distracted by trying to figure out why I wasn't seeing the wave.

Dec 5



Chris H:

Yes. I'm negotiating for #5, but I don't know if it's legit. The paper for it is B&W and all the others have been color.

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Rebecca:

pics? i could check with street view and try to match it like i did with others

Dec 5



Chris H:

I don't ave any idea where it is. The Southwest.



file



file

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Rebecca:

Did you get the raw images? Are they geo-tagged? lol

Dec 5



Chris H:

They're scrubbed. No info. Negotiating with their owner to join our team.

Dec 5



Chris H:

From twitter "BLOON FIVE LOCATED OUTSIDE OF PANORAMA ORCHARD IN ELIJAY, GA" Do we believe that?

Dec 5



Rebecca:

Panorama Farm Market

[Write a review](#) - [more info](#) »

63 Talona Spur

Ellijay, GA 30536-6725

(706) 276-3813

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Chris H:

The balloons say they have 7 & 8, but nobody seem to have 5, 6, 10. If you know of someone with these, let me know.

Dec 5



Rebecca:

"#redballoon Just learnt about the strange balloons! Next to Renaissance Hotel Tennessee, guys! I'm not finding them all, so I'm telling you." Don't see TN on our list, not sure about this one. No pic or anything. ETA: Can't conclude the user is in TN.

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Chris H:

Can we determine the location? We could call thr Hotel Front Desk.

Dec 5



Rebecca:

Looking. [Initial search](#) (615) 255-8400 is in Nashville.

Dec 5



Chris H:

You rock.

Dec 5



Rebecca:

Front desk passed me to concierge who put me on hold to ask a manager. Nobody knew what I was talking about. Doesn't mean they definitely DON'T though. |:

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Jane:

Hello Rebecca.

Dec 5



Rebecca:

Hi :)

Dec 5



punkprotocol:

Any new forum posts?

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punkprotocol:

had to do some errands, having bite to eat and catching up...

Dec 5



Chris H:

Trying like mad to negotiate with people who claim to have 5,7,10 to join us.

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Jane:

how many others do they have?

Dec 5



Jane:

so we have 1,2,3,4,9 that would leave 6 and 8.

Dec 5



Chris H:

Dec 5



punkprotocol:
need any help with 5,7,10?

Dec 5



Rebecca:
Any of them in TN? lol

Dec 5



Jane:
we're still getting new users but no more new sightings. people have to submit a status report to get a share, right?

Dec 5



Chris H:
Or they have to give it to me personally. I have #5, verifying now. Can someone prepare a new filing including #5 on the DRPA site?

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Chris H:
#5 35 08 17, 90 03 43 Can someone check it out and see if it looks legit?

Dec 5



Jane:

where is it supposed to be? do you have a town/city?

Dec 5



Chris H:

No, just look at the photo we have of it and see if it looks plausible.

"Yeah just of the balloon.. Woke up this morning and looked out the window and saw the balloon at Tom Lee Park in Memphis, TN. Walked down there to see what was going on and saw the DARPA guys so stopped and talked to them for a bit. There were 3 of them there and chatted with them for a bit. They said only 1 other person had been there so far.

I took the photo from my house which is why it's so far away. I was actually in a hurry to get back home to key in the coordinates but did not realize how hard it would be to get the rest of the coordinates so have been trying to leverage a bit since to get some more coordinates.

I also emailed the local news outlets so will let you know if they pick up the story. It's legit 100%."

Dec 5



Rebecca:

[Map](#) Hmm, not sure that searched right, sec.

Dec 5



Rebecca:

Looking at street view, this could jive.

Dec 5



Rebecca:

Wait, we have a photo of 5?

Dec 5



punkprotocol:
geocachers got 7,8 that we need but no 100% sure of their authenticity
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punkprotocol:
could offer to trade them 5 for 7,8 to kill all other teams
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punkprotocol:
wait yet anyway, but good start negotiations
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punkprotocol:
need to know if geocachers claims are confirmed by darpa
Dec 5



punkprotocol:

NO WINNER YET!

Entrants: 4310 Total Submissions: 678

Entrants making submissions: 183

Correct balloon locations submitted: 271

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Chris H:

Jane, can you get ready to do a filing on the Darpa site, enter all the ones we already have. I'm about to get some more. I now have #7

39 36 30

75 43 51

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Jane:

no Jack had problems with our printer and needed help NOW. Do we have a list of all the others?

Dec 5



Rebecca:

Rock on Delaware. :)

Dec 5



Rebecca:

Can someone point out the pic of 5? I'll do my best to match via street view to those coords we have.

Dec 5



Chris H:

It's here in the Wave, up a bit.

Dec 5



Rebecca:

N/M Enlarged the pic. :P

Dec 5



Chris H:

Dec 5



punkprotocol:

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punkprotocol:

geocachers got 8 and missing 5,10

Dec 5



punkprotocol:

trying to open a loc with them, discuss killing other teams and leaving it to fight between decinena and geocachers for last one, cut out all the the other disinfo

Dec 5



punkprotocol:

but not mentioned anything else apart from confirms on site

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Chris H:

Somebody better get ready to file ASAP. I'm negotiating for #8.

It's gonna be a photo finish here, so get the form filled in with what we know. Jane, are you ready, or someone?

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Jane:

where is all the info?

Dec 5



Chris H:

There's a table here, and then I posted 5 & 7 a short ways above. Can someone help jane find this stuff so we can get a filing prepped? Go

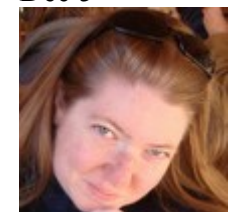
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Jane:

the table is wrong for #2 and has a decimal minutesfor #3 I have the rest of the form filled out.

Dec 5



Rebecca:

The table isn't correct? What does your form look like?

Dec 5



Rebecca:

Or are you fixing the table here?

Dec 5



Jane:

se we have 1,2,3,4,5,7,9? Not 6,8,10?

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Rebecca:

Check these? Accurate?

Year	Region	Region	Region
1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
9
10
11
12

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Chris H:

Decimal not needed. Someone else check, I'm busy negotiating. No decimal needed.

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Rebecca:

Not too good with coords...do you think I need the decimal positions in there too?

Dec 5



Rebecca:

Nope, won't let me enter a ".". Either way, it'll still be within a mile.

Dec 5



Chris H:

File with what we have, and get ready to re-file immediately when we have more, ok?

Dec 5



Rebecca:

I think Jane has it. A couple of mine are wrong according to ^^^. Looking for those lats couple balloons.

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punkprotocol:

so only 10 left? but a wide call on twitter verse for info

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Chris H:

Wait

DON'T let anyone know how many we have. Be passive.

Others won't trade w/ us if they know we only need 6 & 10. But if they think we're aways away, they will trade.

Dec 5



punkprotocol:

[maRvln9r](#) Cam800 & decinena on home run, just looking for balloon 10? got info? Join the winning team, <http://decinena.com> #decinena #darpa @antiorp @cw4t7abs

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punkprotocol:

Asam Bashir

who speaks for geocachers here?

18 minutes ago · [Delete](#) · [Report](#)

Asam Bashir

Speak when you're ready for defeat, decinena vs geocache, way it's gonna go down

37 seconds ago · [Delete](#) · [Report](#)

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Chris H:

We need 6 & 10. Do we see any sign anyone has 6 or 10?

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Jane:

where is 8?

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punkprotocol:
geocache missing same

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punkprotocol:
how come we don't have someone infiltrated into geocache team? we got someone on inside?

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punkprotocol:
what's status on 8?

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punkprotocol:

30 MINUTES UNTIL BALLOONS GROUNDED - STILL NO WINNER!

Entrants: 4322 Total Submissions: 718
Entrants making submissions: 195
Correct balloon locations submitted: 289

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Rebecca:

Jane is this what you submitted/are submitting?

	Submit	Verify
	Region: Midwest, South	Region: Midwest, South
1	██████████	██████████
2	██████████	██████████
3	██████████	██████████
4	██████████	██████████
5	██████████	██████████
6	██████████	██████████
7	██████████	██████████
8	██████████	██████████
9	██████████	██████████
10	██████████	██████████
11	██████████	██████████
12	██████████	██████████
13	██████████	██████████
14	██████████	██████████
15	██████████	██████████
16	██████████	██████████
17	██████████	██████████
18	██████████	██████████
19	██████████	██████████
20	██████████	██████████

darpa2

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punkprotocol:

What about 8, we not get that?

Chris Hanson

Which ones? We're openly announcing we have 1-4 and 9. We're trying to verify 5.
about an hour ago · [Report](#)

Greg Needel

Chris,
We have 5, 8, and 3

Greg

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Rebecca:

Who is Greg?

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Chris H:

I'm getting #8 now from another source. We don't need greg now. Source also claims to have #6, will trade for that next. We will have all but 10. Gt ready to filing, we may be ahead of balloonies, but do NOT announce that or everyone will turn against us and nobody will trade #10 for us.

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Jane:

I've got the form up - still question 5 so am submitting it both ways. in another browser as FireFox keeps crashing.

Dec 5



Chris H:

I have number 6. Go with filing!

Miami 25°43'14.04"N 80°19'19.47"W 6

Reported via website, confirmed by businesses across highway.

Dec 5



Jane:

submitted. Rebecca, I am submitting with 2 lon either 111 54 0 or 111 53 56 as I don't know which is correct. All our other number jive.

Dec 5



Jane:

so we still need 8 and 10?

Dec 5



Chris H:

Working on #8.

Dec 5



punkprotocol:

mining for 10

Dec 5



punkprotocol:

if you're negotiating with greg, work him to infiltrate geocache team

Dec 5



Jane:

I just checked my form against Rebecca's again and we're the same.

Dec 5



punkprotocol:

all others free, infiltrate geocache team

Dec 5



Chris H:

Get ready to file immediately when we get #8, we may be the first to have all but 10. And first 9 filed wins if 10 never shows up. Seriously, is anyone ready to file, we may be about to win, if #10 isn't found.

Dec 5



punkprotocol:

what twitter accounts are know to belong to geocache teams?

Dec 5



punkprotocol:

@[TheMikeWalsh](#) Don't forget Ga Tech's www.ispyaredballoon.com They claim 9. [16 minutes ago](#)

Jeremy has left the building:<http://www.10balloonies.com/> [27 minutes ago](#)

The missing locations must be in some remote spots. Waiting for geocachers to get back into cell phone / laptop range [about an hour ago](#)

@[thepcmanger](#) Dude, it's Saturday. And you're on Twitter! #zing [about an hour ago](#)

RT @[DARPA_News](#) DARPA Network Challenge: No winner yet! [about an hour ago](#)

Dec 5



Chris H:

[findredballoons](#) says they have #10, but I doubt it.

Dec 5



punkprotocol:

@airigami do they put them back up tomorrow? or is the contest over soon? can you share your #10 i have 4,5,7,9

Dec 5



punkprotocol:

opening negotiations with airigami

Dec 5



Chris H:

I already e-mailed larry about it. Let me negotiate with him, he knows me.

Dec 5



punkprotocol:

k

Dec 5



Jane:

I'm still standing by - go the form open in another browser ready to go. Some one else needs to be here to do a quick submit. I too was dumped off wave and have gotten a script error.

Dec 5



Rebecca:

I'm back. Direct link worked, thanks!

Dec 5



punkprotocol:
here as well
Dec 5



punkprotocol:
run me down with what you do for form submission
Dec 5



Rebecca:
Think this is current, right Jane?

Index	Category	Language
1	Medical Research Service	Medical Research Service
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7	Medical Research Service	Medical Research Service
8	Medical Research Service	Medical Research Service
9	Medical Research Service	Medical Research Service
10	Medical Research Service	Medical Research Service

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Dec 5



punkprotocol:
these the ones that get uploaded direct to darpa?

Dec 5



Rebecca:

That's a screenshot of the "Enter Balloons" link on their site, yeah.

Dec 5



punkprotocol:

okie, so just fill in remaing blanks and submit it

Dec 5



punkprotocol:

edit here in wave or do you have to download it?

Dec 5



Rebecca:

Huh?

Dec 5



punkprotocol:

sorry, let me check darpa site

Dec 5



Chris H:

Hopefully we'll get some more organizers back.

Dec 5



punkprotocol:

I'll just learn how to do it in case

Dec 5



Rebecca:

I haven't submitted, but I wouldn't think it is more complicated than filling it in and hitting submit...

Dec 5



punkprotocol:

need an account on darpa site to submit, don't have one

Dec 5



Rebecca:

Ahhhh. Got it. I registered last night and then realized I wasn't gonna be able to do it alone and looked for groups. ;)

Dec 5



Rebecca:

Can you still register? haha

Dec 5



Chris H:

You cannot register now

Dec 5



Rebecca:

Do we have any hint as to where 8 and 10 might be? A state? Or anything to help?

Dec 5



Chris H:

I'm negotiating for #8, but I don't know if anyone but the geocachers has it.

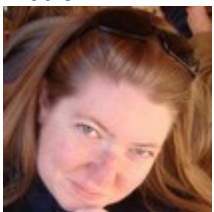
Dec 5



punkprotocol:

registered, balloons grounded now

Dec 5



Rebecca:

searching for 8 is difficult since the balloons are 8 feet lol. amusing in a not so amusing way

Dec 5



Jane:

I registered with 4 email addresses. I can share one or two. Rebecca - our forms match exactly. I do a second submit with @2 changed to 111 53 56 also

Dec 5



Rebecca:

accuracy needs to be within 1 mile. i'm not good with coords. are 111 53 56 and 111 54 0 within a mile? If so, I'd say don't waste your submissions?

Dec 5



Jane:

but if the circle of the balloon is at the edge of one, I've got both covered. I did 6 and have 3 other registered emails so I hvae 94 to go. Boy I type terribly.

Dec 5



Jane:

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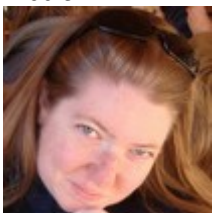


Rebecca:

They're .1 mile apart. So I don't think this is necessary. Your thoughts? How many submissions do you have left?

http://maps.google.com/maps?f=q&source=s_q&hl=en&geocode=&q=33+30+33,+111+54+0+to+33+30+33,+111+53+56&sll=33.509005,-111.899848&sspn=0.016693,0.012209&g=33+30+33,+111+54+0&ie=UTF8&z=19

Dec 5



Rebecca:

Seems like a waste unless google is telling me wrong. .1 mile gives a lot of leeway to 1.0 miles. Guess it doesn't matter with that many submissions. I've got 24 left.

Dec 5



punkprotocol:

how long will it take to show we got 8 ballons on front page of decinena site? or we leaving it at 5 for misinfo?

Dec 5



punkprotocol:

but people know geocache got 8, so may prefer to negotiate with them

Dec 5



Chris H:

Dec 5



Chris H:

Misinfo for now. If people thought we were at 8-9 found, they'd fear us more.



punkprotocol:

pretend we missing just one?

Dec 5



punkprotocol:

now we look weaker compared to geocache, or they're bluffing

Dec 5



Chris H:

Exactly. People are trading with me because they think I'm not a threat.

Dec 5



punkprotocol:

so it's good to look weaker

okie

Dec 5



Chris H:

For negotiations. If it comes down to 1 left, we might need to show our hand to get the holder to cave, but we'll have to see. I should have a #8 shortly from SOMEONE, get ready to file with it and maybe refile if we get two that don't agree.

Dec 5



Rebecca:

I've got the form ready to go in one tab, I'll set up a second tab and fill it in to be ready too.

Dec 5



Chris H:

Great, thanks!

Dec 5



Rebecca:

woah. if you go to the Enter Balloons page in another tab, it already has the coordinates I have ready to go in the other window.

Dec 5



Chris H:

Cooooo. Cookies maybe?

Dec 5



Rebecca:

I did a submit with the 8, probably just filling in what I've submitted already.

Dec 5



punkprotocol:

reengineering tweets, deleting some earlier ones

Dec 5



Chris H:

Ok, be very careful about disclosing any info at this point

Dec 5



Rebecca:

do we have any leads? we must have something if we know who to negotiate with? any clues to help?

Dec 5



punkprotocol:

Dec 5



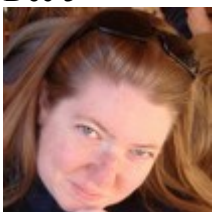
Chris H:

Geocachers claim to have personally found #8, and another team claims this:

Royal Oak Michigan 42°29'14" N 83° 8'30" W

File with it, just in case it's legit. Now.

Dec 5



Rebecca:

Filed.

Dec 5



Jane:

I did also.

Dec 5



punkprotocol:

was one of ours Monroeville, Penn.?

Dec 5



Chris H:

No.

Dec 5



Chris H:

His name looks familiar. Be careful of him.

Dec 5



punkprotocol:

[#dudeitsaballoon](#) [#darpa](#) red balloon(I need some and have a lot want to trade anyone)[about 2 hours ago](#) from web

[Reply](#)

[Retweet](#)

I need darpa balloon locations 1,6,8,10 and have 2,3,4,5,7,9 anyone want to trade?[about 2 hours ago](#) from web

[@TeamRedBalloon](#) omg your funny the balloon is in rhode island its just been taken down(all east coast balloons are down)[about 2 hours ago](#) from web [in reply to TeamRedBalloon](#)

Dec 5



punkprotocol:

from pmanager tweet, but can't see account loc

Dec 5



Rebecca:

Yeah, someone just posted asking if anyone tracked when each balloon was marked as grounded, as that would indicate timezone of the balloon.

Dec 5



punkprotocol:

Don't get that PCManager, maybe trying to play weaker and not show he's got 9?

Dec 5



Rebecca:

<http://www.10balloonies.com/2009/12/closing-down-war-room-for-day.html>

Dec 5



Chris H:

Stand by, close to getting #10 from two sources, and maybe a confirm on #8. Ready for fast filing?

Dec 5



punkprotocol:

but maybe they're playing weaker, but they're going on

Dec 5



Rebecca:
sure, could be
Dec 5



punkprotocol:
they got 9, and going low for 10?
Dec 5



Rebecca:
yes, ready Chris. Jane still here? And anyone using the extra account given in here?
Dec 5



punkprotocol:
try some negotiations with pc manager for 9
Dec 5



Rebecca:
9? Wasn't that the first one found? I thought I saw someone saying they found 9 this morning on the forum. I've got 8 (unconfirmed) and 10 blank?
Dec 5



Rebecca:

<http://www.twitter.com/CindyKingLICSW>

Dec 5



Chris H:

Is that anything we didn't already know?

Dec 5



punkprotocol:

pretend need 9, but go for 10, or just confuse them

Dec 5



Chris H:

Dec 5



Rebecca:

Cindy's (the twitter I just linked) has a bit different coords for #4. What do y'all think? :|

Dec 5



Chris H:

Never hurts to get theirs and multi-file with it. Is it within an epsilon of ours?

Dec 5



Rebecca:

Ours (was I the one that did #4 I can't remember): 34 24 41, 119 41 6.

Hers: 34 24 51, 119, 41, 6

Those are close enough, within a mile they don't matter maybe?

Dec 5



Chris H:

Double-file just to be safe. Hate to lose \$40k over a tens digit.

Dec 5



Jane:

did that

Dec 5



punkprotocol:

got to take 20 min break, can't make any mistakes at this stage, need some strategies

Dec 5



punkprotocol:

I need darpa balloon locations 1,6,8,10 and have 2,3,4,5,7,9 anyone want to trade?

[about 2 hours ago](#) from web

that one bothering me from pcmanager tweets

Dec 5



punkprotocol:
does matter

Dec 5



punkprotocol:
enter two forms

Dec 5



Rebecca:

http://farm3.static.flickr.com/2637/4160948931_707f7a6a84_b.jpg

Dec 5



punkprotocol:
colour wrong, looks different

Dec 5



punkprotocol:
if it was scanned would be dark shadows on edge, like one of balloon 5 earlier

Dec 5



Rebecca:

I haven't seen any of the papers. Oh wait, that other image, lemme go look at that again.

Dec 5



punkprotocol:

http://photos-c.ak.fbcdn.net/hphotos-ak-snc3/hs088.snc3/15543_223909900539_505640539_4681071_590191_n.jpg

Dec 5



punkprotocol:

white background

Dec 5



Rebecca:

that doesn't match our coords

Dec 5



Jane:

I just did a submit with the new #4

Dec 5



Rebecca:

#4 is .5 miles difference. #9 seemed way diff though.

Our 9: 45 30 44, 122 40 28

Other 9: 55 80 44, 148 40 28

Um?

Dec 5



Chris H:

Ours is from the actual darpa paper form, so I trust ours.

Dec 5



Rebecca:

You could see the entire paper or something?

Dec 5



Chris H:

Yup.



file

Dec 5



Rebecca:

I'd chalk it up to scanner differences, but I dunno. Wonder where the mystery #9 is.

Dec 5



Rebecca:

Meh, not linking right. But those coordinates give me something in open water lol.

Dec 5



punkprotocol:

hey, that's maybe an idea, make a forged one to use to disinfo negotiate with geocache

Dec 5



punkprotocol:

could do a bit of photoshopping

Dec 5



punkprotocol:

gimme some fake c-ordinates, then will photoshop a fake

Dec 5



punkprotocol:

Dec 5



Jane:

I've got to go. GOod luck with the final submits.

Dec 5



punkprotocol:

have a good night ;)

Dec 5



punkprotocol:

right, gonna have some kebabs and tea, then see if can photoshop a forged one to use just in case with geocache negotiations,

Dec 5



punkprotocol:

back in 20

Dec 5



Chris H:

#8 confirmation coming up. Prepare to file, and prepare for a trial #10.

This waiting is killing me.

Ok. Second team confirms #8 coords, though they don't have pictures. They claim multiple personally-known eyewitnesses, but nobody got the paperwork. Fingers crossed.

Dec 5



Rebecca:

With the coords we already have? Consider #8 good to go?

Dec 5



Chris H:

Yes, as confirmed as we can get at this point. Unless the geocachers cave.

Dec 5



Rebecca:

C'mon 10! :|

Dec 5



Chris H:

Unconfirmed #10. Go:

Dec 5



Chris H:

33 45 25N, 84 23 33W

Dec 5



Rebecca:

Submitted.

Dec 5



Chris H:

I am skeptical of the #8. Still trying to confirm it from other parties.

Dec 5



Rebecca:

Was kinda hoping my computer would start playing party music and the web page would have streamers... :P

Dec 5



Chris H:

Shit.

<https://networkchallenge.darpa.mil/default.aspx>

Dec 5



Chris H:

WE HAVE A WINNER!

MIT Red Balloon Challenge Team

Dec 5



Rebecca:

so what do we have wrong? cities look right at least

Dec 5



Rebecca:

i better not have been too slow :O

Dec 5



Chris H:

Katy, TX and Christiana, DE. #8 and #10 I think.

Dec 5



Rebecca:

We had a Christiana DE. And I thought we had a Katy? One in TX at least I thought. I should put our 10 coords on a map I guess, heh.

Dec 5



Chris H:

Out #8 was in MI.

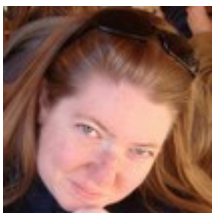
Dec 5



Chris H:

Let me know what you find.

Dec 5



Rebecca:

We had Christiana DE as #7.

Dec 5



Chris H:

Ok, I lost track. So, it was the #8 in MI instead of TX, right?

Dec 5



Rebecca:

Hang on...and then look below.

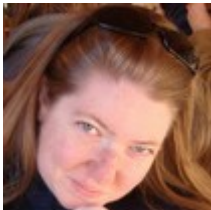
Dec 5



Chris H:

ok

Dec 5



Rebecca:

Putting coords for #8 here to easily compare: 42 29 14, 83 8 30.

Coords for 1-9:

Station	Latitude	Longitude
1	42 29 14	83 8 30
2	42 29 14	83 8 30
3	42 29 14	83 8 30
4	42 29 14	83 8 30
5	42 29 14	83 8 30
6	42 29 14	83 8 30
7	42 29 14	83 8 30
8	42 29 14	83 8 30
9	42 29 14	83 8 30
10	42 29 14	83 8 30

darpa4

Dec 5



Rebecca:

yet another fake #9 it looks like. "confirmed that I saw #9. - I have spotted a #darpa #redballoon in Ames! - 42.015117, -93.630788"

Dec 5



me:

What a waste of a day when I could have helped...Sorry!

Is there anything that I CAN do?

Dec 5



Rebecca:

It is over. >_>

Our cities look right. I hope they release the exact coords.

Dec 5



punkprotocol:

arggggggg

Dec 5



punkprotocol:

still, any win in 24 hours big thumbs up to darpa, so mission achieved in wider perspective

Dec 5



Rebecca:

Our Coords:

Mappy

Dec 5



punkprotocol:

feel guilty for eating my kebab now

Dec 5



punkprotocol:

can we stick out 9 on main page now so can show we were close

Dec 5



punkprotocol:

<https://networkchallenge.darpa.mil/images/BalloonMap.jpg>

Dec 5



Chris H:

Yeah, will update site in a sec.

Dec 5



punkprotocol:
they did have 9 with that odd post on pmanager tweets

Dec 5



punkprotocol:
we didn't use enough dirty tactics, MIT team been playing dirty from start

Dec 5



Chris H:
With the MLM bit? I didn't think they were especially dirty. Wish I'd thought of it.
So Rebecca, was it just #8 then that was wrong? I only counted nine balloons there.

Dec 5



Rebecca:
Yeah I just fixed that. Went cross eyed when I was doing it and skipped one.

Dec 5



Rebecca:
Yes, it looks like only #8 was wrong. Unless one of the other ones is inaccurate over a mile.

Dec 5



Chris H:

I doubt it. Damn geocachers, tried to trade them for #8. But by the time I had #10, I think MIT had already won anyway. I'm going to put a screenshot of your map on our site.

Dec 5



Rebecca:

Who knows. I'm sure the site didn't update immediately?

Dec 5



punkprotocol:

we didn't have random co-ordinate generation and submission strategy as well - for last one should have put in random ones whilst trying to work out real one

Dec 5



punkprotocol:

dunno if they had some kind of system like that, automated submission, brute force type

Dec 5



punkprotocol:

or if we used something like that earlier on could have saved some time later also

Dec 5



punkprotocol:

assuming they had a mission room also

Dec 5



punkprotocol:
geocachers did
Dec 5



Rebecca:
Hehe. Well, to be honest, I was kinda surprised you let me see everything. You don't know me from Jane Doe. Not that I'm kinda of person that would do anything (lucky for you :p), but it did surprise me.



Chris H:
Prisoner's dilemma. You had already clearly demonstrated you were effective and trustworthy. We would not have gotten where we did by that point without you.



Rebecca:
Pfft. I was just searching twitter. >_>



Rebecca:
This was fun. I'm a web developer interested in social media and such, so from that perspective, this challenge was awesome. I only heard about it yesterday from cnn's article.

Dec 5



Edited by Chris H:

punk: We actually had a datacenter power outage. I suspect there may be another next year. I think we'll keep the team intact.

Dec 5



me:

I think that is a great idea! Look how well it went with this small of a group. I wonder how many MIT had?

Dec 5



Rebecca:

Yeah, will be interesting to see what comes out now.

Dec 5



punkprotocol:

be cool to do one worldwide though now

Dec 5



Rebecca:

Haha. Worldwide would be crazy.

Dec 5



Chris H:

I have to run and shower and eat and stuff.

Dec 5



Rebecca:

How many members registered on the site?

Dec 5



Chris H:

150 at the end. Listen, can you guys make it to some kind of team chat tomorrow? I'd like to have us be able to talk with the rest of the team, and public and do Q&A and stuff. I will send out a notice to Organizers via email from the site. You contributed a ton. I couldn't have done this without both of you. I have to run. Talk later. -X

Dec 5



Rebecca:

Nice! Sure, though I dunno if you're talking to me. I feel like I just invaded in here. :P

Dec 5



punkprotocol:

not worth waiting a year, cheaper as well, need to be done next year

Dec 5



punkprotocol:

time fer a tea me finks

Dec 5



punkprotocol:

we posted our 9 on decinena site? so we can claim 2nd place at least

Dec 5



punkprotocol:

okie, me outtie here, be a meeting tomorrow, but remember we on GMT here

Dec 5



punkprotocol:

night night folks, Cam800 signing off fer team decinena, was great fun, cheers all, add me in facebook ect ;)

Dec 5



Rebecca:

Chris, should post that we got 9 of them. <http://redballoon.wikispaces.com/Groups>