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Geocacher of the Month

This month's geocacher is from the Southeast Texas Region and he has a challenge for you!

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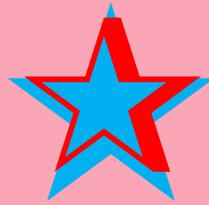
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Lone Star Roundup

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CITO Across Texas

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TEXAS GEOCACHING
ASSOCIATION

MISSION STATEMENT

The Texas Geocaching Association (TXGA) is a volunteer organization. We strive to be the foremost advocate for Geocaching in Texas and to promote the family-oriented activity of geocaching through a central website, social media, workshops, events and information displays, while encouraging responsible stewardship of public lands. TXGA is committed to celebrating the diversity of our membership in all regions of Texas and beyond. From finders to hidiers, veteran to novice geocachers, our differences allow us to serve and support each other while building a dynamic geocaching environment in Texas and the greater community.

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Story Board

Ca\$hQueen – Patricia Maldonado
Board Secretary

After co-hosting (with MsPatt) a Texas Challenge volunteer appreciation event one Spring April day, GeoGurl61 and I set out to do some more caching in Downtown Houston. We targeted an Adventure Lab called “Haunted Houston” that highlighted five locations where paranormal activity has been experienced. However, anything we saw on the Adventure Lab paled in comparison to what we discovered afterwards...

We were at one of the AL stops - Dean’s Downtown, and within that old department store complex was Clark’s – you know - the old shoe store. The Clark’s building now houses an art bar called notsuoh, and we felt comfortable exploring all the quirky decor, so much so, that we dared to climb up some stairs, despite a sign prohibiting entry. The stairs led us to a small roof-top terrace with some funky art. Once there, GeoGurl61 mistook a door for the one we came out of and we were met by a young guy on the other side of the door. “Oops! We are sorry!” GeoGurl61 said. “No, come on in!” said the guy. As we entered, there was an older man (the owner) coming down the interior stairs. He ignored us as the younger guy gave us a tour of this fantastical place. He showed us the inventory of old Clarks shoes still there and we even tried some on. They hurt our feet! We swung on a ring that hung from the ceiling. Then we were shown what I would call a “disco alcove”. The rotunda of a space was set up with a disco ball, dancing neon lights, and disco music, played to our liking. Then, it was offered to us to go into a space under a trap door in the floor. That was the creepiest of all! For sure, we had our guardian angels on call for this! I will stop writing so I can show you more pictures of this crazy space! This adventure was made possible by Geocaching in Texas!



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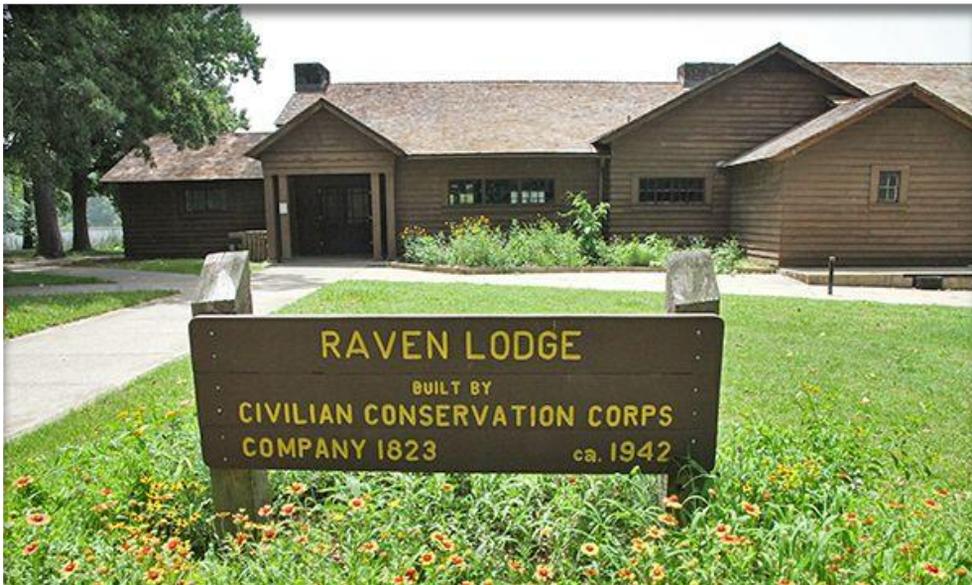
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Alicia Mullins (BigDaddy_BabyDoll)



LONE STAR ROUNDUP



Huntsville State Park - The Raven Lodge

Roundup has published!
Make your plans to attend.

GCB5361

Cacher of the Month

Southeast Texas - TxGo4Fan

TXGA: Tell us a little about yourself. Here are “Two Truths and a Fib” about Paul Nagel: I was born outside of Chicago, grew up a Cubs fan, moved to Minnesota, and became a Twins and Gophers fan. I have flown around the world and have been to Challenger Deep - the bottom of the Marianas Trench. I am a season ticket holder for the University of Texas Longhorns. As a teacher, I often receive questions from my students. Can you guess which statement is incorrect? Ask me at the next CITO.



TXGA: How did you get started geocaching? In April 2007, I responded to an email from the Geological Society of America inviting me to a workshop about Earthcaches in Boulder, Colorado. I was one of twenty teachers who learned about Earthcaches from Gary Lewis, the “Father of Earthcaches.” One of the tasks at the workshop involved creating an Earthcache. I developed “40 Acres” (GC17CDF) on November 11, 2007, encouraging geocachers to reflect on how humans modify and adapt to the world around us. Fast forward to January 2013, when my wife and daughters went on a Girl Scouts trip, and my youngest returned to share this exciting game - Geocaching. My wife added, “I think you will like it, Paul.” I still wasn't convinced, but at an education conference in New Orleans, I met a fellow teacher, David, aka Faerbers, who told me how he would print the description of the cache, print pictures, and try to find the container. That did not sound like fun at all. However, with my wife's encouragement again, I was hooked.



TXGA: How did you come up with your caching name? In 2007, when I created “40 Acres,” I had to establish an account with Ground Speak. I graduated from the University of Minnesota, where their mascot is the Golden Gophers. I chose the combination of Texas and Minnesota – txgo4fan.



TXGA: What do you enjoy most about geocaching? The best part of geocaching is that it gets my daughters and me outside. My daughters love exploring new places. Living in Texas, there are 254 unique counties to discover and explore.

TXGA: What are some highlights of your geocaching career so far? I took my oldest daughter, Sweet Thing, to Palau, where we discovered “Jellyfish Lake” (GC11A56), where my daughter and I could swim with jellyfish that evolved without stingers. During that trip, I also found caches in Guam and Hawai'i. A highlight in Texas was climbing Guadalupe Peak and finding GC4EEF with my youngest daughter, Buddy598.

TXGA: What else would you like to share? As part of a Girl Scouts badge, Buddy598 asked one day if we could hold a CITO to give back to the community. That first CITO took place in April 2016. Since then, Buddy598 and I have organized 108 consecutive monthly CITOs in Southeast Texas, along with several in Port Aransas and for Earth Day (GCB2JKM) each year. In addition to the CITOs, I have ten Earthcaches in Port Aransas.

Save the Date!

Second Annual...



Saturday, September 20, 2025!

We'll have more info to come!



CACHE OF THE MONTH

SOUTH TEXAS



GC Code:	GCAJJ2B
Name:	Bloom
Cache Type:	Virtual
Region:	South
County:	Bexar
Cache Owner:	Paper_Moon
Published:	December 9, 2024
Favorite Pts:	14



Our cache this month comes from the South region: GCAJJ2B. It's called "Bloom", a virtual cache placed by Paper_Moon.

This simple, yet delightful cache is a "must visit" for several reasons: It is easily accessible at a trailhead and one can enjoy a walk down the trail, if you like. The art is fun, and the cache owner has encouraged the finders to be creative with their photo logs. If you have time to review the photos, folks are taking the creativity seriously! I really love that we not only get to see the cool artwork, but learn about and celebrate a local artist.

To make this stop even more fun and interesting, there is also an Adventure Lab about the art and artist you can do while you are there!

"Bloom" by San Antonio artist Leticia Huerta is a permanent public artwork located at Tezel Road City Facility. Inspired by trail users and nearby native flora, Huerta created the original "Bloom" installation at McAllister Park. This particular installation is at Culebra Creek Tributary Tezel Trailhead. The Engelmann Daisy and Ironweed can be seen here, while other "Bloom" flowers are "planted" along the Howard Peak Green Way Trail System across San Antonio.

The expanded "Bloom" series sees indigenous wildflowers turned into sculptures with components that resemble larger-than-life bicycle parts. I can't wait to find the other flowers.



24th Annual Texas Challenge

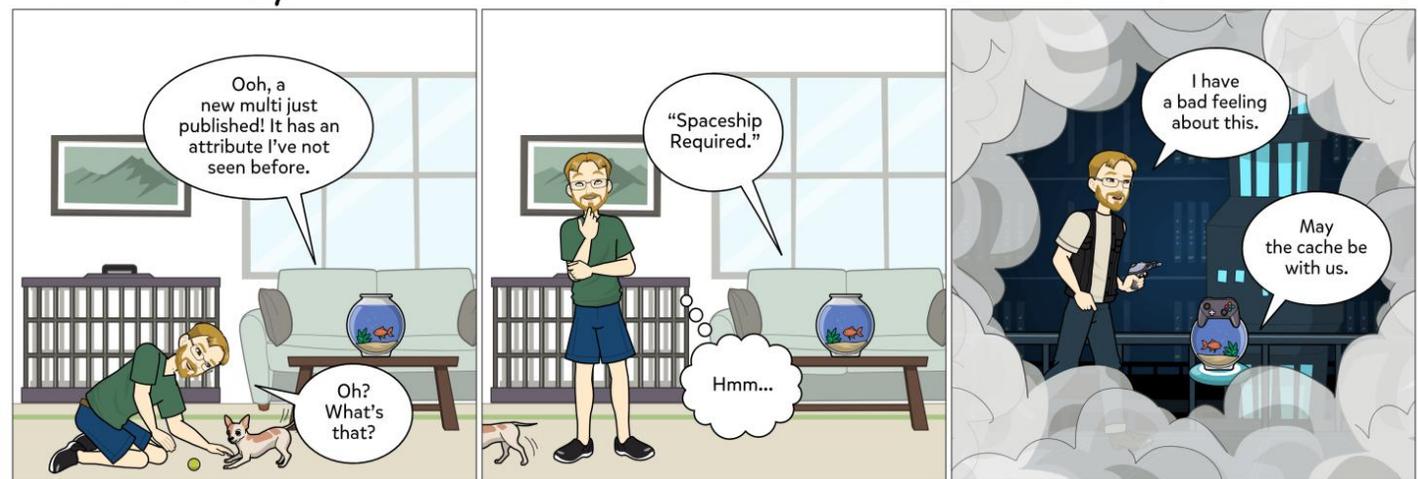


Log your
"Will Attend"

GCB4F75

Taylor, Texas
here we come!





More of myrthman's (Sean Rackley's) comics can be found at myrthman.blogspot.com.

USE THE FORCE TO FIND THESE!

Geocache name	GC Code	Geocache Type	Favorites	Size	D/T	Last found	Placed on
4 - May the 4th Be With You	GC71A9M	Mystery	0	Micro	2.5 / 2.5	9/11/2020	5/4/2017
Anchorhead, Star Wars series cache #4	GC181JV	Traditional	0	Other	1.5 / 1.5	4/26/2024	12/20/2007
Chewy's Long Walk	GCAV3K7	Mystery	1	Micro	1.5 / 1.5	10/15/2024	7/11/2024
Chewy's Short Walk	GCATDZA	Mystery	2	Micro	3.0 / 1.5	10/15/2024	6/28/2024
Darth	GCAPZG9	Traditional	2	Regular	2.0 / 2.5	1/11/2025	4/28/2024
Darth Maul	GC7FJC6	Traditional	4	Other	1.0 / 4.5	3/15/2025	11/21/2017
Hangman TX Wherigo: Star Wars	GC9KBAX	Wherigo	2	Small	2.0 / 1.5	9/2/2024	12/16/2021
It's LHS Again '17 - Jar Jar	GC763HX	Traditional	0	Small	2.0 / 2.5	8/5/2024	5/17/2017
Luke Skywalker	GC8W5EQ	Traditional	0	Regular	1.5 / 1.5	3/1/2025	7/6/2020
May the Force be your Center Point!	GC6G7KK	Traditional	0	Micro	3.0 / 2.0	6/16/2024	4/22/2016
May the 4th Be With You 2024: Vader's Lair	GCAQ4N4	Traditional	1	Regular	2.0 / 2.0	3/1/2025	5/2/2024
May the 4th Be With You: Grogu Geo	GCA7TZX	Traditional	9	Large	3.0 / 2.0	1/17/2025	4/27/2023
May the 4th Be With You: Wookiee Shrine	GC9T3TQ	Traditional	3	Regular	2.0 / 3.0	2/27/2024	4/30/2022
May the 4th be with you: Ewok Lantern	GC752WR	Traditional	6	Regular	3.5 / 3.0	2/27/2024	5/3/2017
May the 4th be with you: Rebel Spy Cache	GC6GYXZ	Traditional	4	Regular	2.5 / 2.5	3/17/2023	5/2/2016
May the 4th be with you: Yoda's Dagobah Pod	GC6GYZF	Traditional	7	Large	2.0 / 2.5	2/9/2025	5/2/2016
May The Bough Not Fall	GC9T97H	Traditional	0	Small	2.0 / 1.5	11/2/2024	5/3/2022
May the course be with you....	GC9WVMQ	Traditional	2	Micro	2.0 / 1.5	4/21/2025	7/4/2022
May the Force - Part 1	GC7N4JP	Wherigo	22	Small	2.5 / 2.5	11/21/2024	4/29/2018
May the Force - Part 2	GC7N4K0	Wherigo	18	Small	3.5 / 3.0	11/21/2024	4/29/2018
May the Force - Part 3	GC7N4K5	Wherigo	20	Small	4.0 / 3.0	11/21/2024	4/29/2018
May the Force - Part 4	GC7N4KC	Wherigo	20	Regular	4.5 / 3.0	11/21/2024	4/29/2018
May The Fourth Be With You	GC8Q7XD	Mystery	2	Micro	3.5 / 2.0	2/19/2025	5/4/2020
✳ May the Fourth Be With You ✳	GC74EJ6	Multi	3	Micro	3.0 / 3.5	4/25/2025	4/22/2017
Star Wars - The Geocaching Saga	GC7G5FZ	Traditional	0	Small	1.5 / 1.5	3/4/2025	12/17/2017
Star Wars Droid+	GC26QJE	Traditional	0	Regular	2.0 / 2.0	1/1/2025	4/13/2010
Star Wars Empire- Count Dooku	GC3Q1RN	Traditional	10	Micro	3.0 / 1.0	4/20/2024	7/7/2012
Star Wars Empire- Darth Maul	GC3PJMV	Traditional	9	Micro	3.0 / 2.0	3/10/2024	6/30/2012
The Mandalorian	GC9DEJK	Traditional	0	Small	2.0 / 2.0	4/26/2025	7/2/2021
This Is The Way... To Baby Yoda #1	GC93KJ4	Traditional	0	Regular	1.5 / 1.5	4/18/2025	12/6/2020
This Is The Way... To Baby Yoda #3	GC94AME	Traditional	1	Regular	1.5 / 2.0	4/7/2025	12/13/2020
Vader's first hide	GC9JC51	Traditional	0	Small	1.5 / 1.0	4/4/2025	11/13/2021
Yoda the hero	GC3GMEJ	Traditional	0	Micro	1.0 / 1.0	3/16/2025	4/9/2012
Yoda's Grove	GC1AYB8	Traditional	3	Small	4.0 / 3.0	2/20/2022	4/5/2008

HEY, YOU!

ARE YOU GOING TO THIS GIGA IN MAY?



TXGA WILL BE THERE!
COME VISIT OUR BOOTH!

Upcoming Geo-events by Region*



Southeast

5/3/2025	mmmmm donuts - CX	GCB5NMV
5/3/2025	Hey Buddy, Let's Clean Up Another Park - CX	GCB5NM7
5/4/2025	Breakfast with a Geocacher	GCB5V70
5/4/2025	4th Be With You	GCB60GG
5/4/2025	Sweet Thing has a Sweet Tooth - XCIX	GCB5NNH
5/5/2025	WCFF #173 - Cinqitos de Mayitos	GCB60QF
5/5/2025	FIRST MONDAY IN MID COUNTY MAY 2025	GCB5P0V
5/7/2025	Club UFO - A Solid 5 Out Of 7	GCB5MW1
5/9/2025	Birthday BBQ	GCB69YW
5/9/2025	Do you still like burritos on Friday? (XII)	GCB65G5
5/13/2025	W.A.L.K. - WoodLands Area Lunch Klub #45	GCB5WKE
5/13/2025	SE GeoFriends FTF 33 - Mod Pizza	GCB6DYX
5/20/2025	Third Tuesday Eat & Greet in May	GCB5WDX
5/21/2025	Club UFO: National Waitstaff Day	GCB5MDP
5/22/2025	Woodlands Area Thursday Pizza Meetup - WATPM 2.6	GCB65G9
5/27/2025	Nothing to Fear Day	GCB65GQ
10/18/2025	TXGA Lone Star Roundup 2025	GCB5361

Central

5/2/2025	Event for a Treasure	GCB5ZC0
5/3/2025	The Golden Silver Community Celebration Event	GCATKGM
5/3/2025	GeoTx GeoCachers Breakfast May 2025	GCB5AAT
5/5/2025	Celebrating Cinco de Mayo with a Taco	GCB5YPP
5/10/2025	Geocaching 101	GCB5EF5
5/17/2025	2025 Community Celebration Event in Hearne, Texas	GCAW0MZ
5/17/2025	Schnitzel & Polka & Beer - Oh My!!!	GCB5VDC
5/24/2025	Geocaching 101	GCB5EF0
5/24/2025	Park Cleanup CITO	GCB5FDF
5/31/2025	Good Evening Event	GCB4Y31
6/20/2025	Summer Solstice 2025	GCB4K5W
6/20/2025	I'm NUTS about geocaching!	GCB5TCR
6/21/2025	Keep Pedernales Clean!	GCB5TDB
6/21/2025	Texas Geocampers at Pedernales Falls State Park	GCB5NMQ
3/14/2026	24th Annual Texas Challenge & Geocaching Festival	GCB4F75

West

5/17/2025	Memorial Park Egg Hunt!	GCB5WWD
6/21/2025	Breakfast B4 CITO	GCB69R6
6/21/2025	CITO Lubbock Memorial Arboretum	GCB69RM

Upcoming Geo-events by Region*

Mark your
calendar!

North

5/1/2025	PAG goes back to JG's	GCB4B6H
5/3/2025	Get the Yuk out of Duck II	GCB552Q
5/3/2025	🎉 2025 Community Celebration Event-Chisenhall Park	GCAXG07
5/3/2025	Happy GeoBirthday:2025 Community Celebration Event	GCAXHR0
5/3/2025	25 years - A 2025 Community Celebration Event	GCB0Z2Z
5/5/2025	2025.05.05 - D.A.W.G.S. Audition a New Taco Shack	GCB52BY
5/5/2025	Plano Parks 80 - Old Shepard Trail (Long Walk)	GCB3TTX
5/7/2025	Plano Parks 81 - Old Shepard Park Loop	GCB3TVD
5/8/2025	GeoMay8 Day at the Tower	GCB4Z6P
5/11/2025	Coffee with PAG	GCB6CNR
5/11/2025	TOGA May Madness	GCB5F4Q
5/12/2025	I Scream, You Scream....	GCB6716
5/12/2025	Plano Parks 82 -White Rock Trail Park Loop	GCB3TVQ
5/15/2025	PAG Motors to the Maple	GCB6AJM
5/16/2025	National Pizza Party	GCB52FF
5/16/2025	Good Morning Geocachers	GCB6DZY
5/19/2025	Plano Parks: Shawnee Park Trail	GCB6E0V
5/20/2025	PAG goes international-Albaghdady Bakery and Cafe	GCB6AKD
5/24/2025	Season 1 CITO & 2025 Community Celebration Event	GCAW0AE
5/24/2025	CITO Season 1 / 2025	GCB3PCR
5/27/2025	Have a beer with PAG	GCB6CPM
5/29/2025	PAG tries Bakers Drive In. You should too!	GCB6AKM
5/30/2025	Good Historic Morning, Geocachers	GCB6E29
6/5/2025	PAG does Burgers, 82 times (or more)	GCB6AKT
6/9/2025	2025 Community Celebration Event by OcrazyS	GCATKHY
6/12/2025	PAG is lost at Burger House	GCB6AM3
6/19/2025	PAG visits Dels. Come join us!	GCB6AMB
7/24/2025	2025 Community Celebration - Logan makes 1 year!	GCATKK2

South

5/2/2025	Howdy, y'all! — What's "Yeehaw" in German?	GCB3FE8
5/2/2025	Happy Trails to You 5/2/25 Meet & Greet	GCB5Y2J
5/8/2025	☹️ Donut Worry ☹️	GCB62PT
5/8/2025	May CITO	GCB563J
5/9/2025	May Mutterings 5/9/25 Meet & Greet	GCB6AT0
5/10/2025	Kayak The San Antonio River CITO	GCB68PB