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### JULY 2025

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to go. Are you?*



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ramping up. Don't  
miss out!*



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*Get to know our Cacher of  
the Month from our South  
Texas Region.*



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*Check out this West Texas  
cache you shouldn't miss!*



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*Its never too early to  
"Will Attend"!*

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## 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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NOW**

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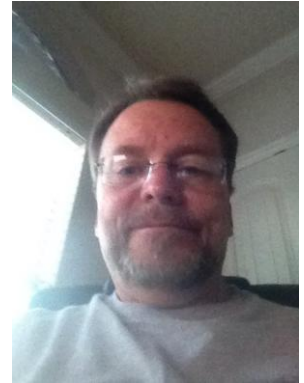
# Story Board

Texas Greg – Greg Liffick  
Membership Director

If you have geocached for any length of time, the thought of chasing the Texas County Challenge or Texas 2-Step Challenge eventually crosses your mind. You have your ‘home zone’ or the reachable counties within a reasonable distance from your home. You are left with those outlying counties that require planning and driving to cover the rest of the state. It is not uncommon to log more than 10,000 miles over many roadtrips to complete this Challenge. Planning is an essential part of this journey to minimize the distance and insure you make the geocaching finds in each county that you attempt to add to your count.

I finished the Texas County Challenge (#116) but still lack 65 counties to complete the Texas 2-Step Challenge. This month, while on vacation in Port Aransas, I completed a one day, 510 mile run to log thirty-two caches and the twelve southern-most counties in the Rio Grand Valley. These are some helpful guidelines you can use to plan a successful and fun adventure.

1. Know your limits. How far can you travel in one day? As you plan your route, track the miles to know the distance you need to drive that day.
  2. Add a ‘find factor’ to your travel time to get the total hours you will be geocaching. I add 30% to the drive time to allow for stops, solving puzzles or multicaches, and cache hunting.
  3. Plan the caches you will find in each county. Look for caches with higher Favorite points, a fun cache you think you would enjoy finding, or a favorite cache type you like to find or need for the Challenge (mine are Virtual caches). Always have a few spare caches for each county as a back-up in the event you have a dreaded DNF. AND STAY WITH THE PLAN - it is very easy to use unplanned time to get the ‘cache next to this one’ and you find yourself running out of time to finish the planned run.
  4. If you have caches that require further work for the final stage, do that work before the trip, if possible, so you can go directly to the cache and log it. Unsolved caches require time and often multiple stages to complete which may be harder to solve on the road and will definitely eat away at your geocaching time.
  5. Travel with friends and fellow geocachers. The memories and comradery are what make this hobby so fun. And the extra minds and eyes will make for an awesome team to find that hidden cache.
- Travel safe and enjoy the hunt!



## TXGA Board Members

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### South

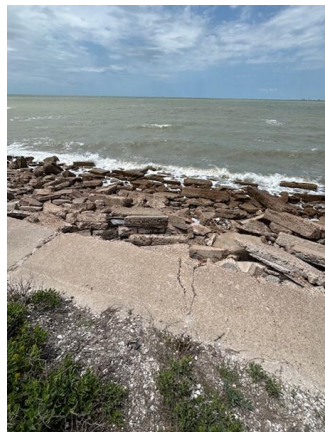
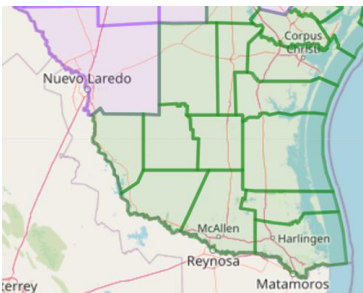
Cheri Tummelson (CrazyChickC)

### Southeast

Elisa Reynozo (georeyna)

### West

Alicia Mullins (BigDaddy\_BabyDoll)



WOO HOO!!

CONGRATULATIONS TO DRHAYJUDE FOR FINDING  
THE TREASURES HIDDEN WITHIN THE JUNE NEWSLETTER!  
GOOD EYE!



IF YOU HAVEN'T ALREADY, REACH OUT TO OUR MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR,  
GREG LIFFICK, TO CLAIM YOUR GEOCOIN PRIZE!

YOU CAN ALSO EMAIL [PRESIDENT@TEXASGEOCACHING.COM](mailto:president@texasgeocaching.com)

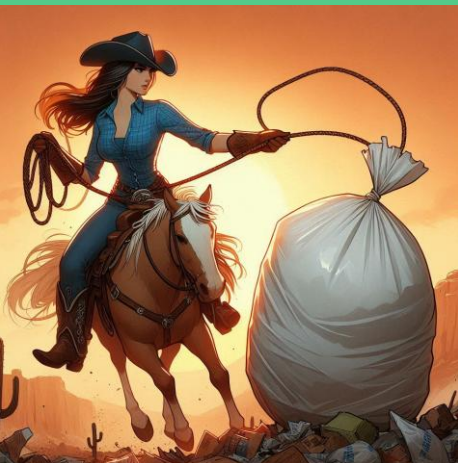
WHO'S NEXT TO FIGURE OUT THE NEXT TREASURE HUNT?



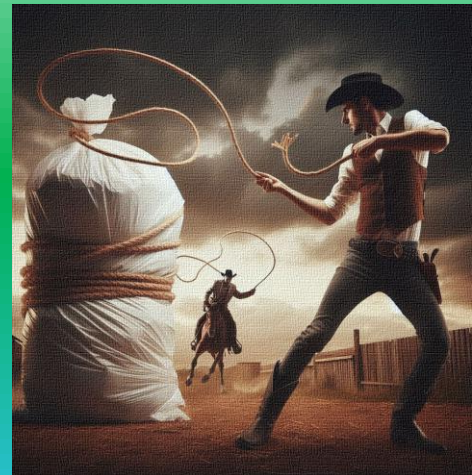
Now accepting locations for  
CITO Across Texas 2025!  
Email [President@TexasGeocaching.com](mailto:President@TexasGeocaching.com)  
to request a CITO event for your area!



*Saturday, September 20, 2025!*



Published events  
Houston: [GCB6TFC](#)  
Baytown: [GCB94WR](#)



# Cacher of the Month

## South Texas

### Cewhite43



My name is Caroline White. I am 30 years old, and I live in Corpus Christi, Texas. I began Geocaching in 2020. My Cacher name (Cewhite43) is simply my initials and last 2 digits of my phone number. My older sister Kathryn, who lives in Alabama, introduced me to the game and I've stuck with it since. When I first started, I didn't know if my area would have a lot to offer but I was pleasantly surprised that Corpus Christi already had some established. I then became obsessed with making my own caches to add to the area. They started out pretty simple, but the more I researched and saw online and in real life, my caches started to become more elaborate. I asked a friend of mine who owns an electric company if he'd donate an old, breaker box to be repurposed as a geocache. I now have 3 electric box hides: Hogwarts Espresso (GC8Z1QP), Victory Lane Raceway on the Rockport-Fulton GeoTour (GC9CW1X), and Beachopoly in Foley, Alabama (GCA4JDo). I take a lot of pride in the ones I make and try to cater the theme to the area where I hide them. My favorite thing about Geocaching is exploring the outdoors! It's a healthy hobby, encouraging physical activity, exercise, mental clarity, community and friends. The biggest highlight is connecting and socializing with other geocachers from around the world. One of my most memorable moments is being on the launch team for Rockport-Fulton GeoTour. A cool accomplishment is being featured in FTF Magazine for GC8NEAT - Locationless Cache CITO Souvenir. I owe a big thank you to my local reviewer, Vertighost, for being so supportive and teaching me best practices of Geocaching. His encouragement meant the most as a new cacher and gave me the confidence to continue. Sparkyiv is always motivating me and encouraging me with great advice about geocaching. I'm appreciative of the game and everyone I meet along the way. It's been a blast!! Many more years and finds to come!

Thank you again,  
Caroline White  
Cewhite43

# **TXGA Lone Star Roundup**

## **Events from Oct. 16-19, 2025**



**Click on the image above  
to mark your "Will Attend" today!**

## **Huntsville State Park - The Raven Lodge**

### **Roundup Schedule:**

#### **Saturday - October 18th**

**10am** - Arrival

**All Day** - SWAG Pickup and Purchase

**All Day** - Trackable Table - bring any trackables that you wish to send on their way

**All Day** - Caching in the Park and local area

**11am to 4pm** - GeoPoker Run

1st Place - \$25 Gift Card

2nd Place - \$15 Gift Card

3rd Place - \$10 Gift Card

Coordinates will publish at 11am

Hands must be submitted by 4pm

**11am to 4pm** - Closest to the Pin - Multiple Variations

GeoCoins for 1st/2nd/3rd

**We have 48 "Will Attends"!  
Don't miss the fun!**



# CACHE OF THE MONTH

## WEST TEXAS

**GC CODE:** GC1J3XP  
**NAME:** HOME OF THE WASP (WOMEN'S AIRFORCE SERVICE PILOTS)  
**CACHE TYPE:** MULTI  
**REGION:** WEST  
**COUNTY:** NOLAN  
**CACHE OWNERS:** MJBSWEET  
**PUBLISHED:** 11.11.08  
**FAVORITE PTS:** 72



National WASP WWII Museum

This year, Micheal and I took a road trip for our anniversary. We headed out from San Angelo and made our way up to the metroplex. I shared part of that journey in last month's newsletter. We had a wonderful time and on our first day discovered a true gem. In the middle of nowhere, or so it seemed, we decided to do a multi outside of Sweetwater. When we arrived it was so, so hot and there was a ton of construction going on: jackhammers, cement trucks, so many things happening. We were concerned initially that the cache might have been compromised. After obtaining the coordinates from Stage 1 I thought it best to let the museum know what we were doing as we would be entering the work zone. After introducing myself I had a wonderful visit with Buffie McAnally who is the Administrative Office & Events Manager. She nor the wonderful lady running the gift shop had any idea that there was a cache there or even what a cache was. She said she doubted many people had been there to log it, though. I pulled up the cache page and showed her how active it has been over the years. She was a bit dismayed, lol. I explained geocaching and obtained permission to walk through the work zone to find the cache. It was in need of some TLC so Micheal and I took care of that and spent some time viewing the museum. What a legacy right there in dusty ole west Texas. Geocaching has truly enriched our lives in many ways over the years and this is a great example. If not for the search of a multi in Nolan County we never would have seen this amazing piece of history. They have an annual air show the last weekend in April. I'm thinking a meetup next April for that event would be a blast. I'll look into it. Until then, put this on your list. You will not be disappointed.

# **24<sup>th</sup> Annual Texas Challenge**

**Taylor, TX March 14, 2026** **GCB4F75**

Events throughout the week are being planned and we have some neat surprises in store. Hope you are ready to get some geocaching in with many new geocaches, challenge caches, and geoart in the works. Whether you spend the week or a day, there is plenty of fun to have and friends to make.



*Are you up for the Challenge?*





## A Fabulous Fourth

geocaching with myrthman | Sean Rackley



More of myrthman's (Sean Rackley's) comics can be found at [myrthman.blogspot.com](http://myrthman.blogspot.com).

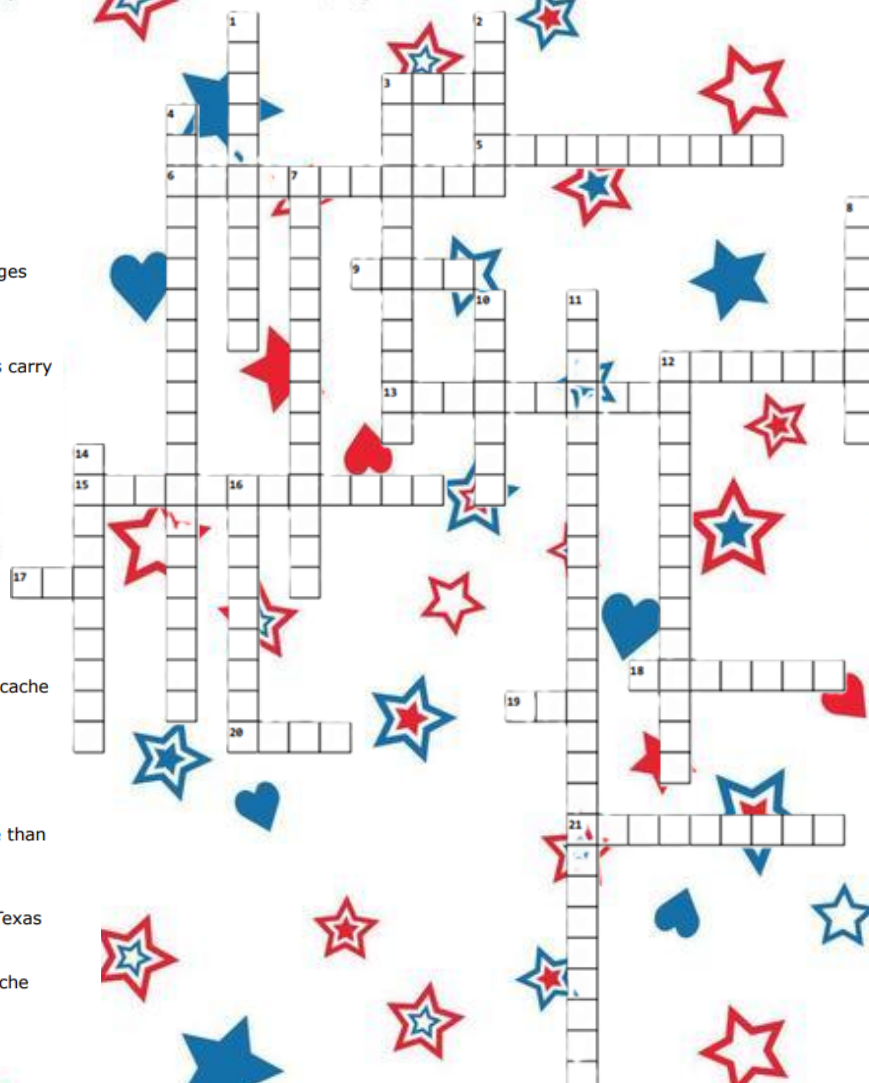
## Our Favorite Pasttime

### Across

3. A lazy log
5. How much brain power it requires
6. What a good CO keeps up with
9. Trinkets and baubles for a geocacher
12. Something customary
13. Provides a geological lesson
15. A virtual experience with 5 or more stages
17. A little extra help from a friend
18. A medallion not used for currency
19. The one TOTT a geocacher must always carry
20. -byte or -notosaurus
21. An artificial body that orbits the Earth

### Down

1. Lat long
2. An alphanumeric identification for a geocache
3. A new dance in Texas Geocaching
4. A special event celebrating geocaching anniversaries
7. An implement to help in the hunt
8. What you would consider a trek of more than 10KM
10. Something with a puzzling element
11. Foremost advocate for Geocaching in Texas
12. Yearly competition hosted by TXGA
14. The swag found in the very first geocache
16. An insect with luggage



# Upcoming Geo-events by Region\*

Region	Date	GC Code	Event Name	CO
SE	7/2/2025	GCB8TMB	Will Cache For Food #175 - July Indoor Picnic	momshark and Caveatobsvorator
SE	7/2/2025	GCB8NMB	Club UFO: 7 ± 2	myrthman
SE	7/3/2025	GCAVZYG	CAKE for Steve the Zip	Lightstormz
SE	7/5/2025	GCB8T76	mmmmm donuts - CXII	Homer
SE	7/5/2025	GCB8T6J	Hey Buddy, Let's Clean Up Another Park CXII	txgo4fan & Buddy598
SE	7/6/2025	GCB8T7H	Sweet Thing has a Sweet Tooth - CI	txgo4fan
SE	7/6/2025	GCB7YY4	Breakfast with a Geocacher	Team_Red_J
SE	7/7/2025	GCB88P1	FIRST MONDAY IN MID COUNTY JULY 2025	Bizzyb
SE	7/8/2025	GCB8XWM	Houston Meet & Greet	mnboyscout
SE	7/8/2025	GCB90P4	SE GeoFriends FTF 35 - Dona Chela	sydtam
SE	7/8/2025	GCB7YZ8	W.A.L.K. # 46 Rembering Beryl	Ivanhoe42
SE	7/9/2025	GCB8W19	Club UFO: July ~ Keep Calm & Sparkle On	UFO Crew
SE	7/10/2025	GCAXH4F	Community Celebration: 20 Years of Team PodCacher	myrthman
SE	7/15/2025	GCB90BQ	Third Tuesday Eat & Greet in July	zippertiff
SE	7/16/2025	GCB78FE	Another Hump Day Event!	Rich & Lola
SE	7/17/2025	GCB95B1	Woodlands Area Thursday Pizza Meetup - WATPM 2.8	Robin_1
SE	7/19/2025	GCB91XG	KK's kibbitz event, Summer 2025	kesleyk
SE	7/23/2025	GCB91XK	Club UFO: Don't Forget the Log Book Day	The Aliens at the Corner Table
SE	7/25/2025	GCB95AX	¡Vamos a comer burritos!	Robin_1
SE	7/29/2025	GCB98ZJ	Park & Gab: 207th Edition	Manofsteel73
SE	7/29/2025	GCB95B5	No Boredom Allowed	Robin_1
SE	8/23/2025	GCB884X	World Wide Flash Mob XXIII: Sam Houston Statue	Rathergo hiking
SE	9/20/2025	GCB6TFC	TXGA CITO Across Texas - Houston (2)	TXGA, txgo4fan, Buddy598, and georeyna
SE	9/20/2025	GCB92XN	mmmmm donuts - donuts Across Texas II	Homer
SE	9/20/2025	GCB94WR	TXGA CITO Across Texas - Baytown 2025	BaytownBert, MuddyWaterGirl, & Baytown Tourism
SE	10/18/2025	GCB5361	TXGA Lone Star Roundup 2025	Texas Geocaching Association
S	7/3/2025	GCB8MVJ	In Search of Dinosaurs	thewildroseoftexas
S	7/4/2025	GCB8ZCW	Independence Day 7/4/2025 Meet & Greet	DrHayJude
S	7/7/2025	GCB8MVN	Lucky 7	thewildroseoftexas
S	7/11/2025	GCB969Q	Slurpee Day: 7/11/25 a Meet & Greet	gramakitty
S	7/12/2025	GCB96TD	In the Seventh Month, We Geocache!	RavenclawTia
S	7/22/2025	GCB91PJ	Beat the Texas heat with a Meet, greet, and eat	ArkGeoMom_n_Dad
N	7/7/2025	GCB940X	2025.07.07 - Dawgos Still Like Tacos	D.A.W.G.S.
N	7/8/2025	GCB9203	Hot Dogs in Allen!	SkippyTeddy83
N	7/14/2025	GCB9AEC	D.A.W.G.S. and Butterburgers	TriggerMN
N	7/21/2025	GCB98W9	DAWGS are trivial	Cameramoose
N	7/24/2025	GCATKK2	2025 Community Celebration - Logan makes 1 year!	kd solo
N	7/28/2025	GCB8929	Downtown with Fred and PAG	PlanoAreaGeocachers
N	7/28/2025	GCB98WH	DAWGS go NATIONAL	Team-DnD
N	7/29/2025	GCB8PHH	The Sky (rocket burger) is the limit with PAG...	PlanoAreaGeocachers
N	7/30/2025	GCB8PJ1	Kahawa with PAG	PlanoAreaGeocachers
N	7/31/2025	GCB8PJC	PAG enjoys Edmonds!	PlanoAreaGeocachers
N	8/1/2025	GCB8PJM	Communion Coffee Shop and PAG	PlanoAreaGeocachers
N	8/5/2025	GCB8X60	Not in Pags backyard?	PlanoAreaGeocachers
N	8/6/2025	GCB8PJX	Be Inspired with PAG	PlanoAreaGeocachers
N	8/7/2025	GCB8PK6	Country Burger with PAG	PlanoAreaGeocachers
N	8/9/2025	GCB8PKB	Breaking Meade with PAG	PlanoAreaGeocachers
N	8/10/2025	GCB8PKN	Oak Highlands Brewery with PAG	PlanoAreaGeocachers
N	8/11/2025	GCB8PM1	The return to Black Rifle with PAG	PlanoAreaGeocachers
N	8/14/2025	GCB8PN2	Burger Your Island with PAG	PlanoAreaGeocachers
N	8/21/2025	GCB8PMN	PAG enjoyed Fred's.... come join us.	PlanoAreaGeocachers
N	8/28/2025	GCB8PNC	It takes a Village, but PAG can help!	PlanoAreaGeocachers
C	7/5/2025	GCB8GJM	GeoTx GeoCachers Breakfast July 2025	lakethegreat
C	7/12/2025	GCB9701	Let's Celebrate 20 years of Team PodCacher!	Biggy In Texas
C	8/9/2025	GCB90XK	Before school there's Shorty's	Quarqus
C	9/12/2025	GCB97VK	Friday Night Pit-stop	LadyBlackCat
C	9/13/2025	GCB97V8	Texas Geocampers at Inks Lake State Park	Carrot Killer
C	9/13/2025	GCB980Y	Keep Inks Spotless	Carrot Killer
C	3/14/2026	GCB4F75	24th Annual Texas Challenge & Geocaching Festival	Texas Geocaching Association

