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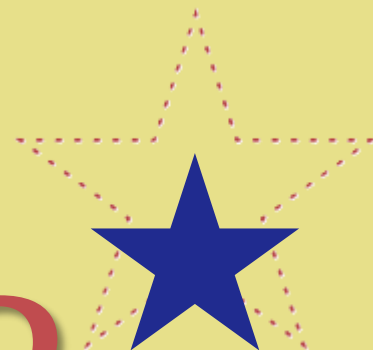
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MISSION STATEMENT

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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JOIN
NOW

[Click here to join](#)

Story Board

Fire2Water – Michael Chanler
East Texas Rep

This cache was in Louisiana, a 2006 find, not long after I started caching. I found this cache after work one day on our way back to the yard. My helper and fellow geocacher was asleep on the side of the road in the truck where I left him and started my journey to this cache. He didn't wake up until I got back after my adventure and asked me what happened, why was I all dirty and sweaty. All I could do was laugh and say I went and found Big Rock Cache (GCKN9N).

This is my official log:

TFTC, SL, TNLN

Well, here is the story that I got to tell about my little - or not so little - journey to your cache.

As it goes, I came in the wrong way: GPS says 520', so off I went. Came upon a hobo camp in the woods, then all their body waste that was nasty. I went down the hill to the tracks; had to climb over train tracks and thru the cars. Then, I look up and there is this massive hill I got to climb. Reminded me of the Arkansas mountains. Oh look, only a 138' to the cache. So, off I went like the addicted geo nut I am, straight to the top. Dang the tree cover and I'm thinking I have to go back down all this and back the way I came. Boy, did I mess up. Well, at the top, I hear the cars on the other highway I'm suppose to come in on. Cool, let's find this and get out of here. After a little search, I see the cache spot. SL and off I went back up the hill to the top and I look down and all I see is a 70 ft drop. Dang.

Well, then my military skills came into play. Off I went; lip after lip, edge after edge and a few close calls. I made it to the bottom. Thank goodness for all the training the Marines gave me. I think back about the drill instructor saying, "The things you learn today may save your life or others in the future". So true and to think I said, "Yeah, right, whatever." Boy, was I wrong. Then back across I go thru the train that starts moving as I'm crossing it. Boy! Boy! Off I jump and off to the other hill I have to climb back up thru briars that I fell down through earlier (I forgot to mention that). As I'm getting to the top, I notice an object lying on the ground: a knife. I stop and look around for a minute or two to see if anyone is there, but nothing moves. So, I grab the knife and off to the truck I go. I'm out of breath now. I probably couldn't put up much of a fight if I had to. Yeah, right. You learn to fight holding your breath for extended periods of time in the Marines. I got back without really any problems. Will finish later battery low.

Well, I'm back and to finish, I made it safely to my truck but just before my wife calls and asks, "Why are you out of breath?" I said I was working at getting the cache. One minute turned into 45 and alot of exercise. My helper got worried and decided to come look for me. I arrived at the truck as he returned. SHHHH had to get some wawawa after that little journey!



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👉 We are rooting for you, Paul! 👉

Thank you, geocachers!

Thank you to all of our beautiful geocachers who didn't hesitate to contribute to help the family! At this publishing, they have reached more than half of their fundraising goal!

If you haven't seen this information, Paul Nagel (txgo4fan), our May 2025 TXGA Cacher of the Month, avid geocacher and champion of CITO's and Earthcaches, was in an accident on July 17th.

On that day, Paul was geocaching with his daughter in Downtown Dallas when he was hit by a car as he was crossing the street. Paul suffered significant injuries and has been recuperating at Methodist Hospital (Dallas).

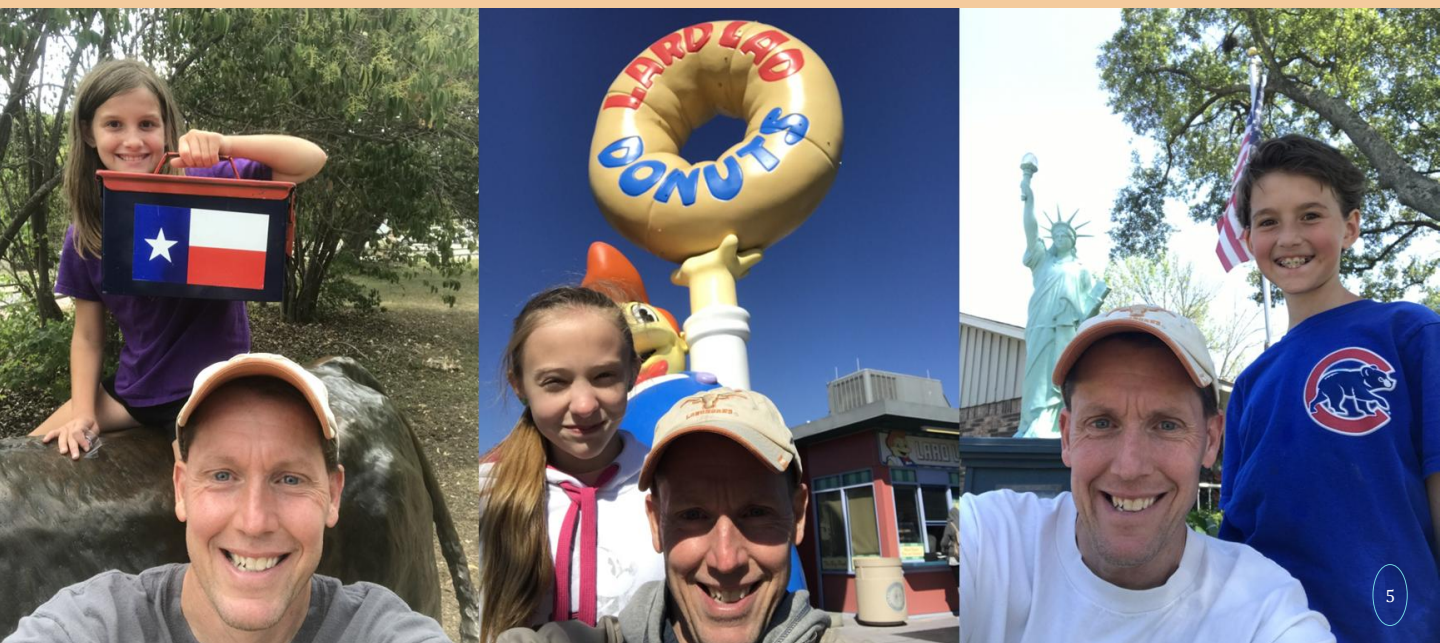
Despite the progress he has made so far, he still has a long way to go. The family has temporarily relocated to Dallas to support Paul's recovery. As you can imagine, the family is incurring significant out-of-pocket expenses being in Dallas.

The family has set up a GoFundMe page to help offset those expenses. It's no surprise to us that our Texas Geocaching friends have stepped up in a big way.

If you haven't had the opportunity to contribute, please consider it.

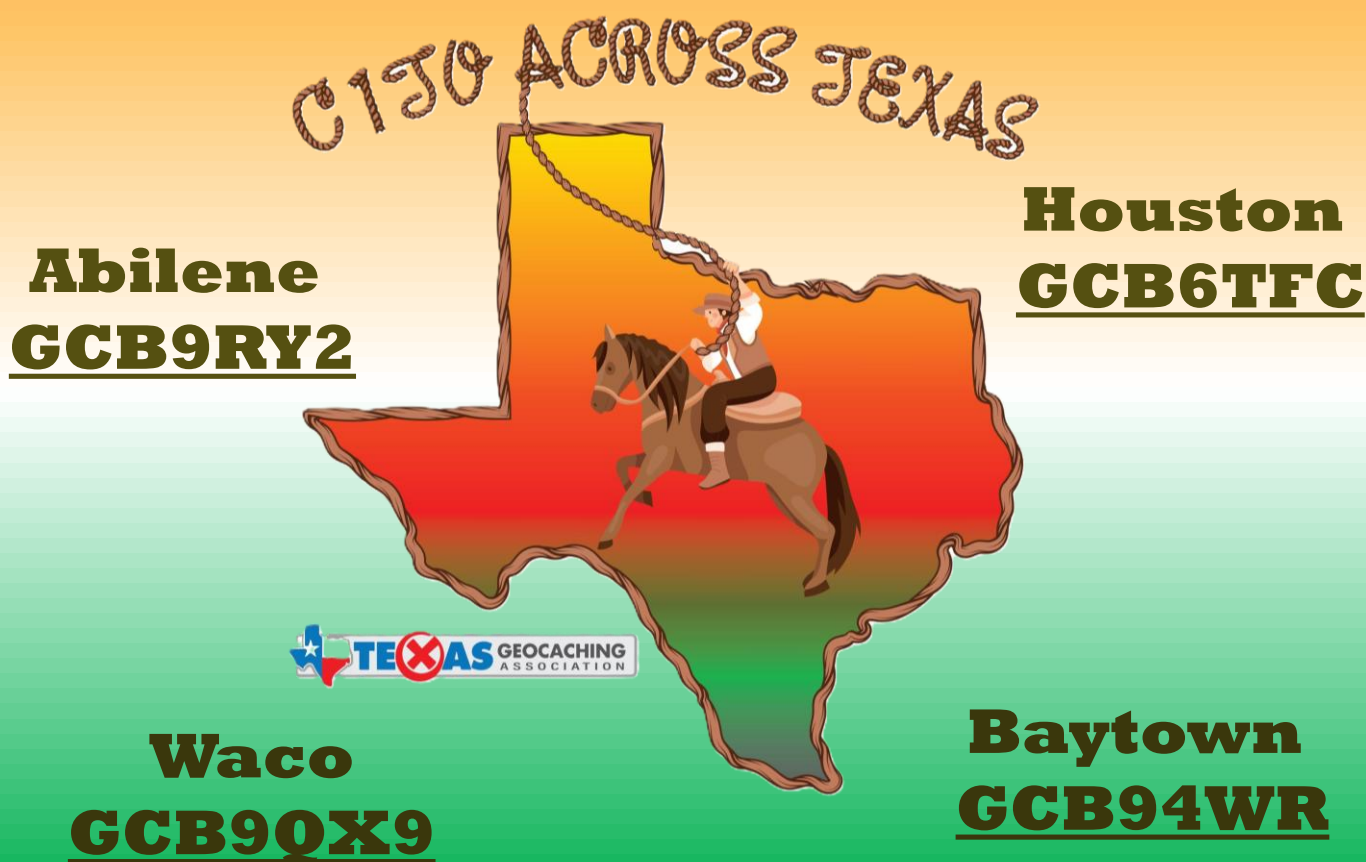
Donate to Rally for Paul's Recovery in Dallas,
organized by KimberLeigh Nagel (Paul's wife)

<https://gofund.me/58a383b0>



**We're less than 2 months away for
CITO Across Texas 2025!
Join the effort to clean up
our geocaching gameboard!**

**Email President@TexasGeocaching.com
to host a CITO event for your area!**



Saturday, September 20, 2025!

CACHER OF THE MONTH NORTH TEXAS

Scott Gorman



TXGA: How did you choose your geonic and what does it mean?

Beetlebub: I love Egyptology and beetles. That is why my avatar is a scarab beetle. Plus, I love Beetle from the Howard Stern Show.

TXGA: Where is your home area?

Beetlebub: Godley, TX
North Texas

TXGA: How did you get started in geocaching?

Beetlebub: My brother, CPD Sarge, started doing it first, and I soon followed. Haven't looked back since!



Beetlebub



TXGA: What was your first find?

Beetlebub: GC3RKB5
Clown around #62 and it's still in play!

TXGA: What is your favorite geocaching experience?

Beetlebub: I love exploring and discovering new things. Also, I found so many hidden gems through Geocaching.

TXGA: How many finds and hides?

Beetlebub: 9,749 finds, 0 hides. I keep saying I'm going to hide one ...one of these days!



TXGA: What are some goals you have?

Beetlebub: Reaching 10,000 finds. And I'm still trying to finish the TX County Challenge...I get distracted easily.

Thursday:

**Flashmob at
Big Sam**

Let's

Roundup!

Huntsville State Park

The Raven Lodge

Oct 16-18

Friday:

**Packet Pickup
& BBQ**



Sunday:

CITO



Saturday:

Main Event

10am-5pm

Geocaching,

Games & Prizes



Lone Star Roundup 2025

Click here >>>

to "Will Attend" today!

GCB5361

CACHE OF THE MONTH SOUTHEAST TEXAS



GC Code: GC95M0W (1st of 141 caches)
Name: Around the World Series
Cache Type: Mystery
Region: Southeast Texas
County: Montgomery
Cache Owner: TxFugazi
Published: 01/27/21-4/18/21
Favorite Pts: 692 for the whole series

Around the World – A Journey Born from Isolation and Imagination

It all started with a bit of internet wandering during the lockdown days of 2021. I stumbled across a trivia challenge where people had to identify places just from Google Earth images. Something about it lit a spark—part curiosity, part wanderlust, and probably a healthy dose of cabin fever. Around that time, I also came across a few geocaches in Florida that used a similar concept—identifying places through satellite images. They didn't form a geo-art, but the idea stuck with me. It was clever, engaging, and it opened up a world of possibilities—literally.

As the world stood still, I found myself dreaming of places I'd never been (and a few I longed to return to). That's when the idea hit: why not channel that energy into creating my own geocaching series? Thus, "Around the World" was born—a puzzle-based journey that combined real-world locations, digital sleuthing, and a good sprinkle of global curiosity.

I started small, with a simple geo-art of circles. Each cache highlighted a unique place—some were on my personal travel bucket list, while others came from hours of research, picking regions I knew little about but felt deserved the spotlight. I wanted to represent all corners of the world fairly. And to keep things interesting, I nudged the difficulty just a bit higher than a quick Google image search could handle—enough to challenge, but not overwhelm.

I set the caches to publish in groups of 2 or 3 every single day for weeks. Creating the series became a therapeutic hobby. Each location I researched felt like a mini escape, a little postcard from a world I couldn't yet explore in person. But once I completed all the circles, my imagination kept flying. So, naturally, I added a little airplane looping around the globe to complete the geo-art with a total of 141 caches. After all, what's a world tour without a flight?

To my delight, the community response was incredible. Geocachers reached out asking for hints, sharing their excitement, and even sending heartfelt notes about how much joy and distraction the puzzles brought during tough times. That connection—between people, places, and play—has been the most rewarding part of it all.

So, while Around the World started as a way to pass the time in isolation, it turned into a shared adventure. And honestly? I still haven't packed my bags, but thanks to this series, I've already taken one amazing trip around the globe.

24th Annual Texas Challenge

Taylor, TX March 14, 2026

GCB4F75

Lots of plans are still underway, but we don't want to give away all the surprises we have in store... just yet!



Taylor, Texas, is a city with a rich history, known for its role as a railroad hub and cotton market, and for being the birthplace of animated cartoon legend Tex Avery. It's also experiencing growth due to the new Samsung chip factory.

- Taylor was established in 1876 with the arrival of the International-Great Northern Railroad and was named after Edward Moses Taylor, a railroad official.
- Immigrants from Czechoslovakia, Slavic states, Germany, and Austria played a significant role in the city's early development.
- Despite a devastating fire in 1879, Taylor rebuilt and even flourished, adding more substantial buildings and attracting more businesses.
- Frederick Bean "Tex" Avery, a key creator of iconic animated characters like Bugs Bunny and Daffy Duck, was from Taylor.
- Taylor boasts a charming downtown area with Heritage Square Park, perfect for leisurely strolls.



Last month, TXGA Finance & Compliance, Director, Michael Cash (mijkie) and his wife, Lisa (HotRichGirl) had an epic adventure across 13 countries! Their journey kicked off at the iconic Stonehenge in England before they explored 12 countries in Africa. Next month, our Newsletter will feature their story, as they share their unforgettable experiences and breathtaking moments from this amazing trip!



You will for sure hear more about TXGA VP MsPatt's (Patricia Elkins) 9 days of Alaskan adventures with Magtflanner (Nickalos Lundin) and Gustavus (Eric Sanford) in a future Newsletter, so stay tuned!



Even TXGA Board Secretary, Ca\$hQueen (Patricia Maldonado), had some fun abroad in Italy with her family and discovered some awesome sites in Rome & Florence!





More of myrthman's (Sean Rackley's) comics can be found at <https://myrthman.blogspot.com>.



Did you catch GCHQ's latest blog featuring our TXGA Central Texas Rep, Marcellus Cadd, (Atreides)? [Click here!](#)

GEOCACHING IN TEXAS

A different kind of hunt!

How many of these words or phrases can you find?

TexasGeocaching Association

TexasChallenge

GoldenAmmoCan

LoneStarRoundup

CitoAcrossTexas

TexasCountyChallenge

TwoStepChallenge

HallofFame

CacheoftheMonth

CacheroftheMonth

MembershipCoin

EventPathtags

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Regions

North

West

Southeast

South

Central

Adventure

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Are you a TXGA member?

Do you have an exciting Summer
Adventure you'd like to share?

See below on how to have your
story published!



1. Share your story of 400 words or less.
2. Provide 2 or 3 pictures.
3. Email President@TexasGeocaching.com .
4. Expect an email reply confirming your story has been selected.

Upcoming Geo-events by Region*

Mark your
calendar!

Region	Date	Event	GC Code	CO
C	8/2/2025	GeoTx GeoCachers Breakfast August 2025	GCB9WDD	lakethegreat
C	8/9/2025	Before school there's Shorty's	GCB90XK	Quarqus
C	9/12/2025	Friday Night Pit-stop	GCB97VK	LadyBlackCat
C	9/13/2025	Texas Geocampers at Inks Lake State Park	GCB97V8	Carrot Killer
C	9/13/2025	Keep Inks Spotless	GCB980Y	Carrot Killer
C	9/20/2025	TXGA CITO Across Texas - Waco	GCB9QX9	Texas Geocaching Association & Quarqus
C	3/14/2026	24th Annual Texas Challenge & Geocaching Festival	GCB4F75	Texas Geocaching Association
N	8/1/2025	Communion Coffee Shop and PAG	GCB8PJM	PlanoAreaGeocachers
N	8/2/2025	One Sweet Event!	GCB9JVC	Kevinsnana
N	8/4/2025	Keepin' the Faith	GCB9WXG	YourQueenBee
N	8/5/2025	Not in Pags backyard?	GCB8X60	PlanoAreaGeocachers
N	8/6/2025	Be Inspired with PAG	GCB8PJX	PlanoAreaGeocachers
N	8/7/2025	Country Burger with PAG	GCB8PK6	PlanoAreaGeocachers
N	8/9/2025	Breaking Meade with PAG	GCB8PKB	PlanoAreaGeocachers
N	8/10/2025	Oak Highlands Brewery with PAG	GCB8PKN	PlanoAreaGeocachers
N	8/10/2025	TOGA August Meet & Greet	GCB4E9K	Texoma Geocaching Association (TOGA)
N	8/11/2025	The return to Black Rifle with PAG	GCB8PM1	PlanoAreaGeocachers
N	8/14/2025	Burger Your Island with PAG	GCB8PN2	PlanoAreaGeocachers
N	8/18/2025	8*18 DAWGS Find More Trucks	GCB49ZB	bargirl7
N	8/21/2025	PAG enjoyed Fred's... come join us.	GCB8PMN	PlanoAreaGeocachers
N	8/28/2025	It takes a Village, but PAG can help!	GCB8PNC	PlanoAreaGeocachers
N	9/7/2025	5K Streak	GCAYNB1	TX Cronins
S	8/1/2025	Arizona's Oldest Cache 8/01/25 a Meet & Greet	GCB417B	gramakitty
S	8/8/2025	BC's First Cache 8/08/25 a Meet & Greet	GCBABW2	gramakitty
S	8/9/2025	August the Gnome	GCB474Z	RavenclawTia
S	8/16/2025	International Geocaching Day 2025	GCB4E8F	jbopto
S	9/20/2025	Paying Our Respects	GCB0Z42	team rcmp
S	9/20/2025	Chula in Cotulla	GCAXH3C	December_Moon
SE	8/2/2025	mmmmm donuts - CXIII	GCB9PXJ	Homer
SE	8/2/2025	Hey Buddy, Let's Clean Up Another Park CXIII	GCB9PXC	txgo4fan & Buddy598
SE	8/3/2025	Sweet Thing has a Sweet Tooth - CII	GCB9PXX	txgo4fan
SE	8/3/2025	Breakfast with a Geocacher	GCB9R0K	Kpip1066
SE	8/4/2025	FIRST MONDAY IN MID COUNTY AUGUST 2025	GCB9TZR	Bizzyb
SE	8/5/2025	WCFF #176 - Beat the Heat	GCB9GNH	GeoQueen63
SE	8/6/2025	Club UFO - Meteor Man (1993)	GCB42G0	myrthman
SE	8/12/2025	SE GeoFriends FTF 36 - Bibi's House of Kabob	GCB9NMH	Texasgal60
SE	8/15/2025	Yes, Burritos again on Friday!	GCBACQZ	Robin_1
SE	8/16/2025	BB's 2025 Community Celebration Reunion!	GCA7KGH	BaytownBert, MuddyWaterGirl, & Baytown Tourism
SE	8/19/2025	Third Tuesday Eat & Greet in August	GCB4751	zippertiff
SE	8/21/2025	Woodlands Area Thursday Pizza Meetup - WATPM 2.9	GCBACQM	Robin_1
SE	8/23/2025	World Wide Flash Mob XXIII: Sam Houston Statue	GCB884X	Rathergohiking
SE	8/26/2025	My Dog Loves TP - Yes, he does!	GCBACQ7	Robin_1
SE	9/6/2025	Wellborn Geocaching Meet-Up & Swag Giveaway	GCBAD46	2xrgmdak
SE	9/20/2025	TXGA CITO Across Texas - Houston II	GCB6TFC	TXGA, txgo4fan, Buddy598, and georeyna
SE	9/20/2025	mmmmm donuts - donuts Across Texas II	GCB92XN	Homer
SE	9/20/2025	TXGA CITO Across Texas - Baytown 2025	GCB94WR	TXGA, BaytownBert, MuddyWaterGirl, & Baytown Tourism
SE	10/3/2025	Pä'ina Potluck Dinner	GCAVZWY	JuleeD
SE	10/4/2025	20th Annual SETX Gang Octoberfest	GCAW0TV	SETXGANG
SE	10/18/2025	TXGA Lone Star Roundup 2025	GCB5361	Texas Geocaching Association
W	9/20/2025	TXGA CITO Across Texas - Abilene	GCB9RY2	Texas Geocaching Association & LoveCachers

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