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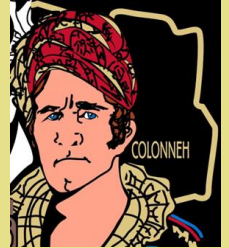
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MISSION STATEMENT

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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Story Board

MsPatt has traveled many miles across Texas counties for a smiley! I have even gone back a second time across Texas counties for a second cache for the Two-Step Challenge. So, road trips are part of my wheelhouse.

Magtfplanner contacted me with an invite to travel the back roads of Alaska (by air and water) with his crew, for 8 targeted counties. With Alaska being my 50th state - the last one I needed - I knew my answer was "Yes!", even before I finished my email response!

Fast forward: We landed in Ketchikan, Alaska at 11am and hit the road. The first Alaska cache was GC4F874 The Troll. We collected 3 Earthcaches and a handful of Traditionals, which gave us a grand tour of Ketchikan.

Morning found us boarding a ferry for a 24-hour ride. A 7-story ferry was a first for me. We had plenty of time to explore and experience the laidback Alaska time (like Island time). We got to stretch our legs in Wrangell, where within a 30-minute window, we collected 4 smileys and another county. I learned how to play Exploding Kittens and watched as Magtfplanner and Sanferic played giant-sized Chess. Next port, Petersburg: 1 smiley and a DNF.

We landed in Haines Alaska, a cute lil' Alaskan town. We secured the help of our Lyft driver for the outer distances, but otherwise, walked the complete town. Exploring the American Bald Eagle Foundation is a must do in Haines. Back on a smaller ferry to Skagway, we shopped, explored, hiked up mountain sides, and hiked to Gold Rush Cemetery, with a flowing waterfall at our fingertips.

The next morning found us catching a small aircraft, we could see over the Pilots shoulder the ice glacier fields and waterfalls as we headed to Juneau, the capital of Alaska. Lots to explore: The Mendenhall Glacier, Boardwalk, GC84EMM Capitol Stones - Juneau Earthcache #4.

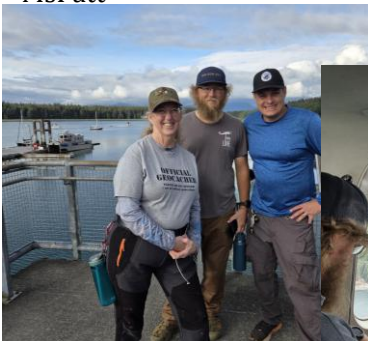
We took another puddle jumper to Gustavus, where we spent some time at Glacier Bay National Park. We hiked 4 miles round trip for the FTF on a 2-year-old Earthcache GCABM3F Bartlett River Glacial Rebound: Magtfplanner with the Bear bells and MsPatt with the Bear Spray! We then hiked to a 1957 plane crash site and afterwards, hiked 2 miles roundtrip for a set of 4-year lonely caches. We experienced a glimpse of life where time stand still....

Once more, a 20-minute air ride to Sitka, home of the Oldest Cache in Alaska GC68 Centurion Guards, and GC6E Kids Geocache.

Another Alaskan town with fishing tours and whale watching, a must stop at Fortress of the Bears, a Bear Rescue center and GC9ZM8D The House of the Bears.

The weather was 65° during the day, perfect for long-sleeves Geocaching wear. Check back in April for the full story [HERE](#).

MsPatt



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Elisa Reynozo (georeyna)

West

Alicia Mullins (BigDaddy_BabyDoll)

Yee Haw!

22 CITO's Across Texas!

Click here to "Will Attend" one near you!



**Saturday,
Sept. 20,
2025
9am**

**Still want to join the effort?
This is the last week to request!**
Email
President@TexasGeocaching.com

Cacher of the Month South Texas



CyberCat



Early in 2001, I was watching the TV show, 60 minutes. They were doing a story on a new activity called Geocaching. As I watched Barbara Walters crawling through the bushes to find a hidden box, I thought that looked like tons of fun. Right away, I signed up for an account, only to look at my area and see.....nothing. It took me a long time to figure out how to program my yellow eTrex. In the meantime, 2 caches had popped up on the map, so a friend and I set out to find them.

When we got to ground zero, there was nothing there. My friend was focused on finding whatever it was within a small group of trees. I was so disappointed I just started wandering around. About 50 feet away, I noticed a really strange-looking pile of rocks. I wondered if that could be it. When I began to pull the rocks away, I realized I had found it. I heard someone screaming. A couple of minutes later, I realized that was me, and I was still screaming. Well, that was it. I was hooked. And I'm still hooked.

I wanted to find more caches so bad, but there weren't any more! So, I got my kicks out of hiding. The geocachers in Austin noticed that there were new caches popping up in San Antonio, and the San Antonio cachers noticed that there were caches in Austin. So, we spent years traveling back and forth to get each others' caches and events. There was nothing much in between, so those two groups 'played' together for years. Now that caching has grown so much, we don't need to make those long drives anymore, but I sure do miss the camaraderie that had developed.

One of the funniest things I remember was the trip that I took with 4 other gal geocachers. We were out in Nevada in the desert. One of the cars didn't have 4WD and they kept getting stuck in the sand. They rounded a corner in deep sand, and we could see they were not going to get out anytime soon. We breezed on by them as they were yelling at us to stop and help them. Well, we didn't want to get stuck either, so we kept going around a hill. Shocked was not the best word to describe how we felt when we ran head on, into an army tank out on maneuvers. We explained our dilemma and they thought it was really funny that their 'mission' for the day was to rescue some geocachers who were stuck in the sand. As we rounded the corner, our friends were under the car putting sheets of cardboard under the tires. Their jaws hit the floor when they saw us bringing a tank to pull their car out of the sand. They forgave us pretty quickly for leaving them earlier.

Some of my most memorable caches were a fake bird poking his head out of a bridge support, a bellows in the woods, which you had to pump with your foot. When you pumped it enough, a pill bottle would shoot out of a nearby pipe. I remember a stick outside of a fence with the words PULL HARD. When you pulled, a volleyball would launch from its catapult hidden on the property behind the sign. You had to write your name on the volleyball and throw it back. And who could forget Line of Sight in Austin. Nothing was at ground zero except a kite stuck up in a tree. Only after following the kite string that was wrapped around about 15 different trees would the end of the string lead you to the final hiding place. Fake peepholes, fake doorknobs, fake light bulbs, a fake alligator that would growl, the creativity is just off the chart. Geocachers are the most creative people who keep coming up with ways to entertain each other.

I met my late husband, Steve, AKA Mogasman, at a geocaching event in 2010. We got married in Barbados in 2012. We planned our vacations around what we wanted to see and of equal importance, were there geocaches close by? It always worked out to be a great combination of sightseeing and caching. I was always taught not to brag on myself, but I will mention the greatest accomplishment Steve and I were able to complete. We went to all 7 continents and got caches in all of them. Sadly, he passed away recently so I'm not sure who I will cache with now. But there is never a shortage of people who want to go out for the day, so I'm sure that problem will take care of itself.

TXGA Lone Star Roundup 2025

*More
events
added!*

Huntsville State Park

October 15-18 GCB5361

New caches
being hidden
in the area.

Poker
Run!

Click here for an
updated list of events.

Geocampers
presentation

More
Adventure
Labs!

Night
Cache!

Closest to
the Pin!

Prizes!

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The new Roundup artwork features a young Sam Houston (in the foreground), who the Cherokee named "Colonneh", which means Raven.

Camping
Sites

CACHE OF THE MONTH

CENTRAL TEXAS



GC Code:	<u>GCKRVW</u>
Name:	See
Cache Type:	Traditional
Region:	Central Texas
County:	Travis
Cache Owner:	Team GeoDillo
Hidden:	10/10/2004
Favorite Pts:	129



Come "SEE" what it's all about!

Next time you find yourself in Austin, treat yourself to this highly favored cache. Once you find it, explore the house that is often featured in local tours.

You've heard the slogan "Keep Austin Weird". Well, this is one of the sites that is the epitome of that well-known phrase. It's called "Casa Neverlandia", owned by artist, James Edward Talbot. In 1906, this was a small one-story house. Talbot bought this Boulder Creek home in 1979 and over the years it has grown to a 3-story art house. He grew up in a military family and lived in many places across the world, all which have influenced his architectural style and art. If you have time, plan for a tour of the inside!

For more pictures and information, click [here](#).



24th Annual Texas Challenge

Taylor, TX March 14, 2026

GCB4F75

While the CTX Team is gearing up for our event next year, here are some things to do while you're in Taylor:



*Taylor
Texas*

CITY OF TAYLOR TX



1. Go shopping in the historic Downtown District.
2. Eat BBQ! There are a few places to try.
3. Enjoy one of the 5 parks with world-class amenities.
4. Catch one of their live music events.
5. Indulge in the Arts! Visit a Gallery or take an art or pottery class.
6. Take a self-guided architectural walking tour of 25 buildings.
7. Visit the Moody Museum, named after Texas' youngest governor.
8. Get a unique shopping experience at the converted and repurposed Old Taylor High School.
9. Visit Lake Granger for camping, fishing, swimming and boating.
10. Visit film sites from Varsity Blues, Transformers: Age of Extinction, or the New Texas Chainsaw Massacre.

2026

TXGA Membership Coin Contest

**Calling all artists
and creatives!
We need your
help to create
next year's
membership coin.**

**Winner receives a
free coin of their
design and a free
one-year
membership to
TXGA.**

**Submit your designs by
September 30 to
president@texasgeocaching.com**



It's that time again!

We'll start taking nominations for the TXGA Hall of Fame at on November 1st, so start thinking about who you'd like to nominate. Final deadline to submit your candidate is December 15.

For more guidelines, click [here](#).



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

👉 We are still rooting for you, Paul! 👉



Our geocaching buddy, Paul Nagel (txgo4fan), who experienced serious injuries in an accident on July 17th, has been transferred from Dallas closer to home to a facility to help him continue in his recovery. For more information on his story, please refer to the August 2025 TXGA Newsletter.

He's received visits from various geocachers, who have relayed that the road to recovery will be a long one. Please continue to keep Paul and his family in your prayers.

The family set up a GoFundMe page and our Texas Geocachers were among the first to provide their support. (Thank you!) They continue to need support, so 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)

Click here to help:

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



Upcoming Geo-events by Region*



Region	Event Name	GC Code	Date
C	GeoTx GeoCachers Breakfast September 2025	GCBZPB	9/6/2025
C	Friday Night Pit-stop	GCB97VK	9/12/2025
C	Texas Geocampers at Inks Lake State Park	GCB97V8	9/13/2025
C	Keep Inks Spotless	GCB980Y	9/13/2025
C	24th Annual Texas Challenge & Geocaching Festival	GCB4F75	3/14/2026
E	It's a Treasure!	GCBBG25	11/15/2025
N	PAG does Emporium Pies, and so should you!	GCBV48	9/1/2025
N	2025.09.01 - D.A.W.G.S. Kill Tacos & Chase Sangria	GCBBJF7	9/1/2025
N	Getsweet with PAG	GCBW2E	9/2/2025
N	Go Wayback With PAG	GCBW0W	9/4/2025
N	Do you hear PAG's echo?	GCBW2Z	9/6/2025
N	CITO Fall 2025	GCB80D	9/6/2025
N	Find PAG at Henry's!	GCBW3Q	9/7/2025
N	5K Streak	* GCAYNB1	9/7/2025
N	Travel back to 1418 w/ PAG (You will need coffee)	GCBW4W	9/8/2025
N	DAWGS scream for ice cream	GCB0V6	9/8/2025
N	Eggs Marks the Spot	GCBM6R	9/9/2025
N	Dawgs-Top Dawg contest Part 2!	GCBKKQ	9/10/2025
N	Pag at DELs, come join us!	GCBW1A	9/11/2025
N	Never Forget (Grapevine)	GCB053X	9/11/2025
N	Frisco Commons 2025 Community Celebration Event	* GCATKWN	9/14/2025
N	PAG is sweet	GCBW47	9/15/2025
N	9*15 DAWGS Search Their Souls	GCB03H	9/15/2025
N	B.R.A.G.S. Says: Let's Have a Cheeseburger! 🍔 😊	GCBAR69	9/18/2025
N	PAG is back at Edmonds!	GCBW0E	9/18/2025
N	TOGA September Meet & Greet	GCBBRWT	9/21/2025
N	Find your balance with PAG	GCBW3A	9/22/2025
N	DAWGS break bread together	GCBKKF	9/22/2025
N	The burger Life with Pag	GCBW1R	9/25/2025
N	Surrounded By Heritage IV	GCBY8N	9/29/2025
N	Cup of Coffee for World Postcard Day	GCBMTD	10/1/2025
N	PAG likes to Motor with a Burger in hand	GCBW5T	10/2/2025
N	Float the Rios	GCB1TC	10/5/2025
N	Geocaching Show & Tell Community Celebration Event	* GCB1XA2	11/1/2025
N	Breakfast and GIFF Movies	GCB79KV	11/7/2025
N	🎬 Geocaching International Film Festival- GIFF	GCBBDZ8	11/8/2025
S	Geocache History 9/05/25 a Meet & Greet	GCBBRZW	9/5/2025
S	Seabee-MC/HNY's Community Celebration Event	* GCAVZGZ	9/6/2025
S	Geo-Adventure Chat	GCBZMB	9/8/2025
S	Geo-Adventure Chat	GCBZP3	9/9/2025
S	Geo-Adventure Chat	GCBZPF	9/10/2025
S	Celebrate Sept. 12th 9/12/25 a Meet & Greet	GCBT06	9/12/2025
S	Equinox 9/19/25 a Meet & Greet	GCBT0R	9/19/2025



Upcoming Geo-events by Region*



S	Paying Our Respects	* GCB0Z42	9/20/2025
S	September (Autumnal) Equinox 2025	GCBBWMD	9/20/2025
S	Chula in Cotulla	* GCAXH3C	9/20/2025
S	You Hide...They Come 9/26/25 a Meet & Greet	GCBBT0W	9/26/2025
S	Scarecrow's September	GCB4HF	9/27/2025
S	Let The Ghoul Times Roll! : A Haunted Spooky Event	* GCATN2Z	10/26/2025
SE	FIRST MONDAY IN MID COUNTY SEPTEMBER 2025	GCB8BGV	9/1/2025
SE	Club UFO - The Exeter Incident	GCBBCWP	9/3/2025
SE	Come have lunch in Galveston	GCBBM5H	9/3/2025
SE	Wellborn Geocaching Meet-Up & Swag Giveaway	GCBAD46	9/6/2025
SE	Breakfast with a Geocacher	GCBZGX	9/7/2025
SE	Will Cache for Food #177 - 16 years Cancer Free!	GCBQ36	9/8/2025
SE	SE Geofriends FTF 37	GCBM2N	9/9/2025
SE	A Humble Event in Texas	GCB290	9/9/2025
SE	W.A.L.K. #47 National Teddy Bear Day	GCBYWM	9/9/2025
SE	Club UFO: Let's Make It A September to Remember	GCB29K	9/10/2025
SE	ABC Lunchtime - at the OG!	GCB4HA	9/11/2025
SE	CITO Season 2 on a Thursday morning	GCB4H3	9/11/2025
SE	Third Tuesday Eat & Greet in September	GCB4M2	9/16/2025
SE	KAWSGE - 43	GCB3E4	9/17/2025
SE	Friends and Food at the Flying Saucer!	GCBKGG	9/17/2025
SE	mmmmm donuts - donuts Across Texas II	GCB92XN	9/20/2025
SE	2025 Community Celebration (After) CITO Across Texas	* GCATKKT	9/20/2025
SE	September Equinox	GCBHQT	9/21/2025
SE	Club UFO: Don't Forget Your Trackables Day	GCBZWI	9/24/2025
SE	🎂 25 Years of Caching in Texas! 🎂	GCAW089	9/27/2025
SE	Birthday Brunch	GCBHT1	9/29/2025
SE	Park & Gab: 209th Edition - World Postcard Day	GCBAY24	9/30/2025
SE	World Postcard Day	GCBQ2B	10/1/2025
SE	Pā'ina Potluck Dinner	* GCAVZWY	10/3/2025
SE	2025 Annual Hotdogs with Allyson pickles	* GCATMB9	10/4/2025
SE	20th Annual SETX Gang Oktoberfest	* GCAW0TV	10/4/2025
SE	Breakfast at Tiffany's 12	GCBKJY	10/4/2025
SE	A CITO Before We Go	GCBKCX	10/5/2025
SE	National I Love Lucy Day!	GCBKGT	10/15/2025
SE	2025 Round-up Kick-off Starr Event	GCB1H1	10/15/2025
SE	2025 Round Up Flash Mob at Sams Statue!	GCB26J	10/16/2025
SE	TXGA Lone Star Roundup 2025	GCB5361	10/18/2025
SE	Pittpack's 2025 Community Celebration Event	* GCAYNXN	10/25/2025
SE	🎃 Community Celebration - Halloween 2025 🎃	* GCAVZG0	10/31/2025
SE	SETX Gang GIFF 2025 🎃 Community Celebration Event	* GCAVZP5	11/6/2025
W	World Postcard Day!	GCB55D	10/1/2025
W	GIFF Watch Party	GCBZ6Z	11/6/2025
W	Dessert in the desert	GCB7DYW	11/7/2025