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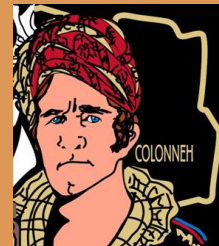
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MISSION STATEMENT

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 hiders, 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

travelingGeek – Greg Lawn
IT/UX Director



*We welcome
travelingGeek
as our newest
member of
TXGA's Board,
joining us as
the IT/UX
Director.*



One of the things I love most about geocaching is the incredible sense of community and teamwork you encounter wherever you go. It's amazing how complete strangers are willing to go out of their way to help one another—all because we share this fun, quirky game in common. That spirit is strong here in Texas, but I've seen it all over the world.

I could share countless examples from right here in Texas, but one of my favorite stories actually happened while I was on vacation. Back on Pi Day in 2015—3.14.15—Groundspeak released special souvenirs to celebrate the date. Souvenirs were still pretty new back then, so no one wanted to miss out. The catch was that I'd already planned a family trip to Grand Cayman for Spring Break that week.

One souvenir was for attending an event—no problem, I could host one myself. Another was for finding a Mystery cache—also easy enough, since I noticed there were a dozen or so on the island. But then I realized something interesting: all of those Mystery caches were owned by the same cacher, Mazza_. That meant that while I could earn the souvenir, she couldn't—and that just didn't seem right.

So, I reached out to her and proposed an idea: she could hide a final, and I'd publish a Pi-themed Mystery cache on Pi Day. It worked perfectly! We both earned the souvenir, collaborated across borders, and even met in person at the Pi Day event I hosted.

But the story didn't end there. A couple of years later, Mazza_ moved back to Missouri and archived her caches—leaving mine as the only Mystery cache on the island. With help from another local cacher I'd met at that same event, we kept it maintained for several more years, until the palm tree it was hidden in was eventually cut down.

To me, that experience really captures what makes geocaching special. It's not just about finding containers or earning souvenirs—it's about connecting with people, working together, and building a community that stretches across the world.

–Greg

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Southeast

Elisa Reynozo (georeyna)

West

Alicia Mullins (BigDaddy_BabyDoll)

Cachers of the Month

Southeast Texas

Zoothornrollo



The "Real" Arctic Circle GC1G7NB

When asked about a memory that has stood out throughout their caching career, they recalled this mishap: It was rainy and dark and they pulled down the road to get a cache and got stuck in the mud. They spent the night in the van waiting for auto club that never showed up. The next morning, they called 911. The dispatcher said she couldn't do much but did call a farmer who used his tractor to pull them out!

You'll hear more about ZHR's biggest accomplishment in a separate special feature, finding a cache, not only in every state in the lower 48 (plus Hawaii), but in every county in those lower 48 states and 4 out of 5 counties in Hawaii! Wow!

Other accomplishments include: being #26 in the original Texas County Challenge back in 2010; finding a cache in every province of Canada, but one; attending geo-events (hosted by others) in 18 U.S. states, 5 Canadian provinces, and 1 in Mexico; and visiting all the U.S. National Parks, except for one – Channel Islands Park (two attempts were thwarted).

A favorite find of theirs is the virtual multi, where they found the final is at the bottom of Grand Canyon 15 years ago (see pic).

What now after those accomplishments? They'd love to go back to Canada to continue to explore!

Words of advice: "Get out and see the country!"

Also, go to geo-events, it's a great way to meet people."

Meet Zoothornrollo (Brian & Kris) They've been married 48 years and knew each other 6 years before that, when they met as seniors in high school. They are retired teachers who have always enjoyed traveling. They camp in their vehicle everywhere they travel and enjoy attending geo-events wherever they go.

Kris found out about Geocaching when a family acquaintance sent a Christmas letter that mentioned their adventures in Geocaching. Then, their son and his best friend found one by accident. Soon after, they followed them to their first find! It was 2007 and they used GPSrs to navigate and index cards to write down the coordinates!

About their geo-nick. Brian signed up and didn't consult with Kris on the name. Zoot Horn Rollo was the stage name of a guitarist who was a protégé of Frank Zappa and part of the band called Captain Beefheart. Look at that again. It's not "Zoo-thorn-rollo". No wonder their abbreviated signature is ZHR!

Extreme East GCWJZ3



GCFA7D South Kaibab to Bright Angel

Cache of the Month South Texas



GC Code:	<u>GCA4CDV</u>
Name:	Lovelock Bridge
Cache Type:	Multi
Region:	South Texas
County:	Bexar
Cache Owner:	CrazyChickC
Hidden:	01/30/2023
Favorite Pts:	50

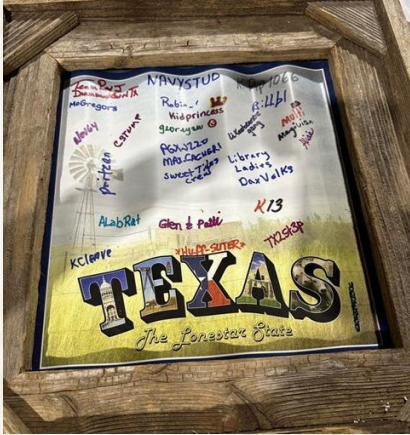
The next time you find yourself at the San Antonio Riverwalk, just down the way from La Villita full of shops and restaurants, you'll find Stage 1 of this LOVE-ly little multi. After you take in all of the sites surrounding you right at GZ – from the beautifully painted mural along the river, to the riverboats as they float underneath your feet, to the varied styles of architecture – challenge yourself by using all your geo-senses and skills to locate the lovelock that will give you the KEY to the final location.

As the cache description says, "...located near the Court House Chapel. After lovers say their "I do's" and tie the knot, they profess their love even more by placing a lock on the fence with their initials and date and throw away the key- into the river."

And, if you are in the market for a lovelock – guess what – there is a shop that sells them steps away from the posted coordinates!

TXGA LoneStar Roundup

Kickoff Event

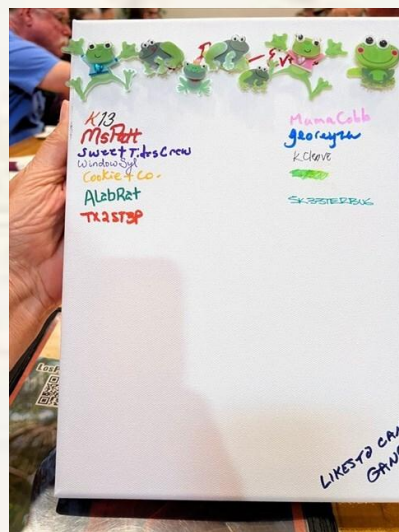


TXGA Lone Star Roundup

Flashmob



Los Pericos Restaurant



TXGA Roundup

Texas Corrections Memorial



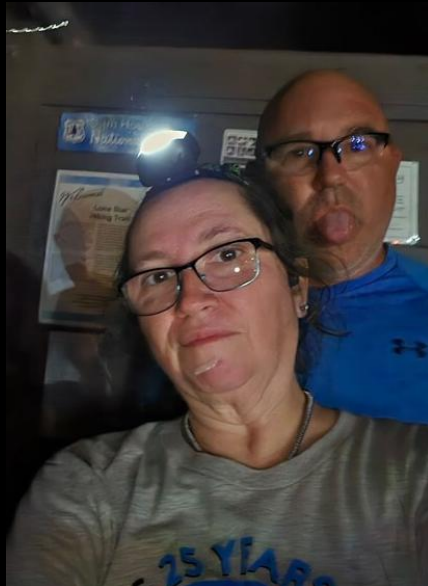
McKenzie's BBQ



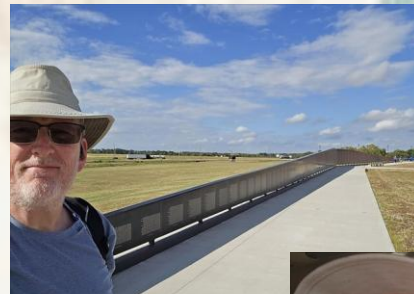
TXGA Lone Star Roundup Main Event



Night Cachin' at TXGA Lone Star Roundup



Lots More Cachin' at TXGA Lone Star Roundup



TXGA Lone Star Roundup

C I T O



Tales from the Trails



We recently asked our readers to share their adventures with us. Well, our Cachers of the Month, Zoothornrollo, were the first to raise their hands to tell us all about their latest accomplishments.



This is a map of our county finds up to 2024.



This is our final county finds map completed Sept. 2025.

This summer was the end of our US Counties quest, but what a wild trip it has been!

When we finished the Texas County Challenge in 2010 (Finisher 26), we were excited and proud, but little did we know what was ahead! Five years later, Mrs. Z retired, so we had more time to travel, and along the way, we picked up more counties. We drive and camp in our travels and avoid Interstate Highways and big cities, so we are able to roam.

We started 2025 with 44 completed states, (and finds in 12 Canadian Provinces) and decided to set the goal of completing the Lower 48. We like to visit National Parks, state capitals, Presidential libraries, and small-town museums as well as roadside attractions and "The World's Largest" anything.

Some of the bumps in the road included: CT changing county boundaries, ANY island county, two counties being changed, which left holes in our maps.

GCB6EA6
Willy Lake 2.0
Nebraska
Our last
lower 48
county!



When we were in Montana in 2016, we really weren't trying to do every county, but the Montana County Challenge [GC266R0] was ½ mile away, so we signed it - just in case. Well, we said, "why not?" and off we went.

That was the start of an obsession. We really didn't go on specific county runs, but chose areas that we needed, and chose places in those areas that we would like to visit.

The hardest places to complete were NYC and Long Island. Did I mention that we don't like Big Cities? Enough said. We did get a rare Partnership cache in Central Park.

This summer, we had a total of 77 more counties in 4 states, so we decided to route ourselves to finish the task, figuring that we will be free to go where we want and not spend time chasing new counties when we get them done.

There are SO many places we have found because of Geocaching! We have met amazing people and places, and plan on continuing our adventures!

GC10VMY
Eternal
Flame Falls
Earthcache
New York
One of our
favorites.



24th Annual Texas Challenge

Taylor, TX March 14, 2026

GCB4F75



"Will Attend" Today!

Events planned for March 11-15, 2026

New events publishing in November!

Host Hotel: Holiday Inn Express & Suites
180 Carlos G Parker Blvd. NW
Taylor, TX 76574

Conveniently located a short walk from the site of the Mega:

The Williamson County Expo Center

Link to TXGA Special Pricing: _____

Event Preview (not yet published):

Friday Night: GCBAEB2: Louie Miller BBQ –
Taylor's "Cathedral of Smoke" and one of the
best barbecue places in the State, according to
Texas Monthly.

Saturday Night: GCBAEB3: Finishers' Reunion at
The Cotton Country Club in nearby Granger – a
true Texas dance hall where we will enjoy the
evening and maybe even two-step a little to
the sounds of a live Country band!



It is that time of year again!

It is time to nominate candidates to succeed outgoing Board Members.

Board Members serve two-year terms that start at Challenge and end at Challenge two years later. Each year, we hold elections and elect people to fill half of the positions on the Board to help support continuity.

Here is an excerpt from the By-Laws on the process:

Section 3 (a) Term Durations

The President and Vice President terms are two years. They may serve no more than two consecutive full terms, or until they decide to leave the Board, or until they are asked to vacate the position.

Section 4 (a) Election of President, Vice President and Regional Representatives

During even numbered years, the offices for Vice President and Regional Representatives for Southeast Texas, Central Texas and West Texas will be elected. Any voting member may be nominated for President or Vice President. Any voting member living in the region they intend to serve may be nominated for Regional Representative. A nominated person must accept the nomination before being placed on a ballot.

For more information on Board Elections, please consult TXGA's By-Laws, Article III [here](#).

**TXGA
NEEDS
YOU TO
NOMINATE!**



**TXGA BOARD POSITIONS
UP FOR ELECTION:**

**VICE-PRESIDENT
SOUTHEAST TEXAS REP
CENTRAL TEXAS REP
WEST TEXAS REP**



November 1st
Starts the Nomination Process
for the Next
Hall of Famers!

We're taking nominations for the
2025 TXGA Hall of Fame.
Please submit your nominee by the
December 15th deadline.

Email: president@texasgeocaching.com

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



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

In Thanksgiving..

To all of our TXGA Members who support us year-to-year. Your membership fees make it possible for TXGA to put on some great events and sponsor awesome geocaching activities! Your contributions make Geocaching in Texas better!

We appreciate you!

Sincerely,

The TXGA Board





Upcoming Geo-events by Region*



Region	Geocache name	GC Code	Placed on
E	Jasper County meet and greet	GCBDW3D	11/14/2025
E	2025 Community Celebration Event in Shelby County!	GCAVZW0	11/14/2025
E	Come Hang Out In The Ole' West	GCBEBDA	11/14/2025
E	2025 Community Celebration Event	GCATKPV	11/15/2025
E	Texas Geocampers at Purdis Creek State Park	GCBCXQC	11/15/2025
E	It's a Treasure!	GCBBG25	11/15/2025
E	21st Annual Down Home Gathering	GCBDA2	12/13/2025
E	25 Fireside Stories Community Celebration	GCAW0PF	12/13/2025
E	Will Cache for Food!?!	GCBEE3G	1/3/2026
N	Geocaching Show & Tell Community Celebration Event	GCB1XA2	11/1/2025
N	Wager for Glen Echo	GCBDMY6	11/3/2025
N	DAWGS November Meet Up	GCBAD4	11/3/2025
N	Rolling in to Frisco	GCBDC15	11/4/2025
N	Drive something with PAG	GCB5PD	11/6/2025
N	Breakfast and GIFF Movies	GCB79KV	11/7/2025
N	2025 Community Celebration Event- Truck Yard	GCAYN8G	11/8/2025
N	🎬 Geocaching International Film Festival- GIFF	GCBBDZ8	11/8/2025
N	Wager for False Idol	GCBDMY7	11/9/2025
N	FriscKinney 2025 Community Celebration Event	GCATKJF	11/9/2025
N	🎬 🎬 2025 Community Celebration Event:GIFF 2025	GCAW0RC	11/9/2025
N	The New Frontier II	GCB907	11/10/2025
N	Respect	GCB35BF	11/11/2025
N	🎬 GIFF 2025 🎬	GCBDA6P	11/13/2025
N	PAG visits Scotty P's	GCBEB69	11/13/2025
N	Surrounded by Heritage V	GCBDRQK	11/17/2025
N	Be a Bad Ass with PAG	GCBDXHW	11/18/2025
N	PAG at Edmonds	GCBDXJE	11/20/2025
N	Bonfire and Bocce Ball	GCAVZ9N	11/21/2025
N	Friendsgiving! A 2025 Community Celebration Event	GCAZWCQ	11/22/2025
N	Auvergnats in Dallas	GCB2BQ	11/24/2025
N	Enjoy your Armor with PAG.	GCBDXFR	11/24/2025
N	Hoppin' to Grapevine	GCBDRQN	11/30/2025
N	12*18 White Elephant Christmas with The DAWGS - 25	GCAXGCB	12/18/2025
W	GIFF Watch Party	GCBZ6Z	11/6/2025
W	Dessert in the desert	GCB7DYW	11/7/2025
W	🎬 🎬 GIFF 2025 & Community Celebration Event	GCAQFK	11/15/2025



Upcoming Geo-events by Region*



Region	Geocache name	GC Code	Placed on
S	hzoi day (+ 8) - 2025 CCE	GCATKRK	11/1/2025
S	CITO Newberry Park—Trash and Tacos	GCB95F	11/3/2025
S	San Antonio GIFF 2025	GCBCNVX	11/6/2025
S	Coming Soon - Winter Texans!	GCBEE4N	11/7/2025
S	Si McGnome hosts a GIFF	GCBDV6B	11/9/2025
S	2025 GIFF Watch Party	GCBECT8	11/15/2025
S	2025 New Braunfels GIFF Watch Party	GCBDDGR	11/16/2025
S	Kerrville Coffee & Gadget Cache Chat!	GCBDPGW	11/22/2025
S	Pre-Thanksgiving Coffee Get Together	GCBDQB8	11/23/2025
S	Half-Way Through the Holidays Event	GCBDQBJ	12/6/2025
S	Christmas Cookies	GCBDE2A	12/13/2025
S	Visually-Impaired Rodent Currency Trade	GCBDDH3	12/14/2025
S	Say Hello to 2026	GCBE0TB	1/1/2026
SE	Breakfast with a Geocacher # 7	GCBDKHG	11/2/2025
SE	FIRST MONDAY IN MID COUNTY NOVEMBER 2025	GCBDY0K	11/3/2025
SE	WCFF #179 🌸 🪦 A Day to Remember Our Loved Ones 🪦 🌸	GCBDP4R	11/3/2025
SE	Club UFO - Remember, Remember!	GCB40G	11/5/2025
SE	ABC Brown Bag - A 2025 Community Celebration Event	GCA3B	11/6/2025
SE	Good Morning CITO	GCB3M	11/6/2025
SE	SETX Gang GIFF 2025 🎬 Community Celebration Event	GCA5P	11/6/2025
SE	🎬 🎬 Geocaching International Film Festival 2025	GCB8VW	11/7/2025
SE	2025 Houston Area GIFF-vote for your favorite 6.0!	GCA3C	11/15/2025
SE	KAWSGE 45	GCBACW	11/19/2025
SE	2025 Baytown Geotour Community Celebration!	GCA7W	12/6/2025
SE	KAWSGE 46 & White Elephant	GCBECXY	12/11/2025
C	GeoTx GeoCachers Breakfast November 2025	GCBQKR	11/1/2025
C	GIFF - North Austin	GCBHGM	11/6/2025
C	Revenge of The Purple Marg	GCB0EW	11/7/2025
C	🎬 GIFF 2025 - Historic Wheelock Schoolhouse 🎬	GCBJNP	11/9/2025
C	Fall Gathering (A CCE)	GCA0B	11/13/2025
C	Auvergnats in Waco	GCB2B8	11/22/2025
C	Winter Solstice 2025	GCBDRVF	12/21/2025
C	24th Annual Texas Challenge & Geocaching Festival	GCB4F75	3/14/2026