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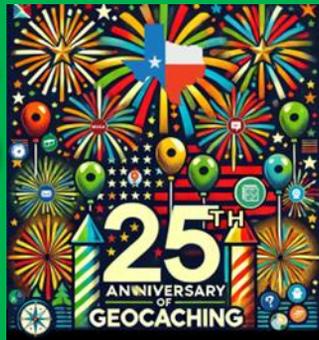
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Texas Winter Caching Games

Do you know about the Texas Winter Games? You gotta get in on this!

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We have a few updates so you can plan your attendance!

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Here's an update on who has completed this challenging dance around the state of Texas!



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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

McKsix – Michael McKinney North Region Rep

Our big summer adventure took us to the northern part of the U.S.. The McKsix crew had one big goal with several side quests. Our major goal was being able to say the whole family has been to (and cached in!) all 50 states. Of course, like all good geocachers we couldn't go straight to North Dakota, so we headed north, stopping at Cache Across America caches, oldest caches and Cache Odyssey caches along the way.

We got both webcam caches in western Iowa and stopped by Pipestone National Monument in Minnesota. We continued west grabbing some free water from Wall Drug, visiting the Corn Palace, and seeing fireworks at Mount Rushmore. After a stop at the Geographic Center of North America, we dipped down into Wyoming to visit Yellowstone National Park for several days. As a science nerd, I had to complete most of the earth caches in the park. We were struck by the diversity of both geology and biology in the park. It is truly an amazing place.



After Yellowstone we headed north to Montana where Clark and I worked a 2-day dinosaur dig with Elevation Science. We were working on diplodocus bones that had been found a couple years earlier. It was 2 days of digging in a giant sandbox and we had a blast.

Our next stop was Medora, ND where we enjoyed Pitchfork Steak Fondue, the Medora Musical (both must dos if you are in the area) and Theodore Roosevelt National Park. But most exciting was our full U.S. map.

Up next, we crossed into Canada to visit Winnipeg, Manitoba. While there we held a geocaching event where we met the president of the Manitoba Geocaching Association. They were a very friendly group. We even borrowed some TOTTs for a couple caches after the event.

After eating all the poutine we could handle, we headed back into North Dakota. TXCronins joined us to tackle the Disneyland of geocaching for a full weekend in Gilby. The boys (and mom and dad) absolutely LOVED the gadget caches there.

We made our way to Fargo to officially join the "Saved the Best for Last" club and claim our t shirts from the visitor's center before meeting more local cachers at a riverside event.



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Final stats of the trip were as follows:

- 5 weeks
- Over 6000 miles
- 15 states (and 1 province)
- 10 national park junior ranger badges (multiply by 4)
- 722 caches found
- Countless memories made

TXGA Board Members

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Marcellus Cadd (atreides)

East

Michael Chanler (Fire2Water)

North

Michael McKinney (McKsix)

South

Cheri Tummelson (CrazyChickC)

Southeast

Elisa Reynozo (georeyna)

West

Alicia Mullins (BigDaddy_BabyDoll)

Cacher of the Month Central Texas Kittydcota

Would you tell us a little bit about yourself?

I work at a nursing home as an occupational therapist. I have been caching since 2012. I am married with adult children. I met my husband after I started caching.

How did you get started caching?

Many years ago, I read a newspaper article about Geocaching. It fascinated me. I did not have a smartphone nor a GPS. Not long after I moved to Texas, I realized I needed a better phone with a different carrier. I got a smartphone and downloaded the Geocaching app the first day!

What is it about caching that you enjoy the most?

I am a social cacher and enjoy caching and traveling with all of the friends I have made through geocaching. I love the way geocaching has so many different aspects and can take you so many different places.

How did you come up with your caching name?

When I worked at the psych hospital, my name tag said Kitty D Cota. Everyone thought I had a great name. COTA is my job title: Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant. I started using it when I needed a name.

What has been the highlight of your caching career so far?

This is a tough one. Finishing the Texas challenge in the same county I first stepped foot in B.C. (before caching) would be top, but I have finished my Jasmer which was also huge.

Is there anything else you want to share?

My future goals include geocaching in all 50 states I am at 44 currently and plan to finish next year. I also hope to join the comma club geocaching in over 1,000 counties that will probably take a little longer.



Cache of the Month East Texas

GC Code:	<u>GC55ZFT</u>
Name:	2nd Oldest Profession in History
Cache Type:	Traditional
Region:	East Texas
County:	Nacogdoches
Cache Owner:	shanster76
Hidden:	05/31/2014
Favorite Pts:	33

This is a cleverly hidden-in-plain-sight geocache. It has 33 favorite points and for a good reason. This sneaky cache blends right in as you approach GZ.

It was hidden in May of 2014. Wow! That's an 11-year-old cache! We think it's worth looking for and worthy of more favorite points!

Oh, and hunter beware! As the hint suggests: You're on camera, so smile and look your best as you hunt!

24th Annual Texas Challenge

Taylor, TX March 14, 2026

GCB4F75



“Will Attend” Today!

Challenge Event Page has been updated

Satellite Events Have Published!

Wednesday, 3/11

6pm **GCBAEAY**: Welcome Wednesday - with Pie!

Thursday, 3/12

8am **GCBAEAZ**: Not Your Usual Lamppost Cache (Event!)

6pm **GCBAEB0**: Here's To Dear Old Taylor...

Friday, 3/13

6pm **GCBAEB2**: Friday Night at the Cathedral of Smoke

Saturday, 3/14

7am-3pm **GCB4F75**: Texas Challenge & Geocaching Festival

6pm **GCBAEB3**: Texas County Challenges Finishers' Reunion

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
Click [here](#) for TXGA Special Pricing.



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 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 BOARD POSITIONS
UP FOR ELECTION:**

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



HALL of FAME

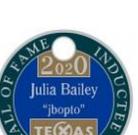
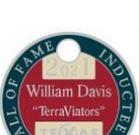


The Nomination Process Has Begun
for the Next
Hall of Famers!

We're taking nominations for the
2026 TXGA Hall of Fame.
Please submit your nominee by the
December 15th deadline.

Email: president@texasgeocaching.com

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



HAVE YOU HEARD OF THE TEXAS WINTER CACHING GAMES?

**Deadline to sign up
is December 5!**

G CBDHWX



This year, this annual event is celebrating its 10th year. 10 years ago, an event in Saskatchewan caught the interest of a cacher in San Antonio. A few messages back and forth, and the Texas Winter Caching Games was born! Each game session lasts around 90 days and is celebrated with an event at its culmination. Over the years, players have enjoyed many different caching assignments that they can choose from a long list of tasks. Each year the tasks are changed, and strategies are planned by cachers vying for any of these: highest points accumulated, lowest negative points, closest to average, and in some years, closest to zero. Each year, there are also biweekly bonuses and monthly bonuses that are available for the very competitive. Sign up by logging a “write note” with your intention to play by December 5th here:

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All are welcome to play. Dip your toes and play a little or complete 22 of the tasks of available choices and keep yourself busy and active over the months of December, January and February. All cache finds for tasks, bonuses, and challenge must be found inside the state of Texas.

** This year for the first time there will be a Texas Winter Caching Games finishers pathtag available for all finishers.

Here are comments from some of our players this year:

Shera and TxCherokee.....“It is so satisfying when we finish a task, and I can cross it off the list. The Winter Games have helped us become better/braver cachers.”

Phrygian Phish.....“This is our 4th year playing the Texas Winter Caching Games, and it has become a family tradition.”

TXHusker1.....“This will be the first year I’m playing. I love checking off boxes, marking things off my to-do list, and watching my stats increase with every find!”

MamaCobb.....”The games inspired me to create a national parks challenge cache. I am an introvert, so I avoided hosting events. The games incentivized me to host events which gave me the confidence to host a Community Celebration Event.”

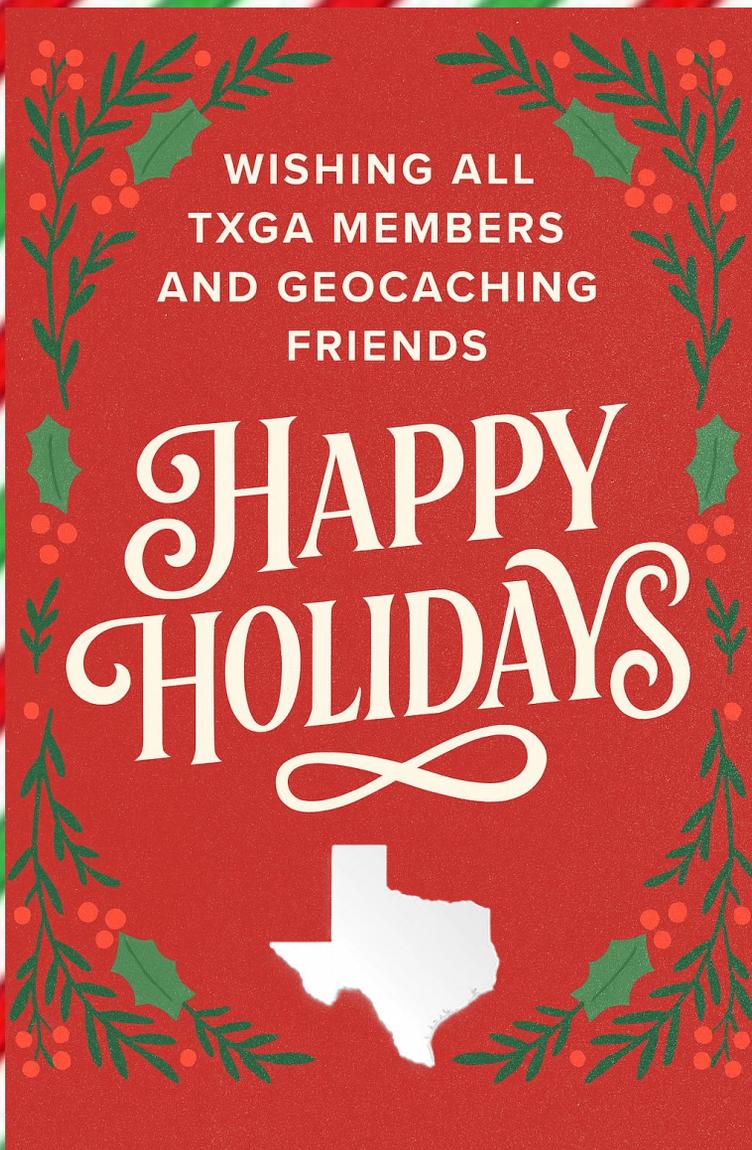
ElectricCorgi.....“This will be my fourth Winter Games. The corgis and I had a good time working out which of the tasks and bonuses we would do.”

Naughty and Nice

geocaching with myrthman | Sean Rackley



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



Texas 2-Step Update



Congrats to all who have completed the Texas 2-Step!
See order and dates completed below:

1	Trinity67	3/8/2024	23	Texas Ladybug	12/15/2024
1	new.neo	3/8/2024	24	wb96bobwhite	12/7/2024
2	huggles44	4/14/2024	25	Allen Mabry	1/1/2025
2a	thewildrose of texas	5/16/2024	26	Zsteve	1/17/2025
3	Philbeer	5/17/2024	27	Library Ladies	2/6/2025
4	leeny_c	5/17/2024	28	DaxVolks	2/6/2025
5	CrazyChickC	5/18/2024	29	GSI's	2/23/2025
6	OneCrazyChick	5/18/2024	30	NDOkie	3/9/2025
7	MsPatt	5/28/2024	31	LostandFound28	3/14/2025
8	DDSRN	5/29/2024	32	jvet	3/18/2025
9	Nov64	6/21/2024	33	Czechsun	4/4/2025
10	Pritzen	6/21/2024	34	bartman914	6/14/2025
11	Robin_1	7/7/2024	35	txgo4fan	6/19/2025
12	DJBTex	8/8/2024	36	texaslibra	7/1/2025
13	KidWrangler	5/15/2024	37	Indigo Parrish	7/10/2025
14	TT02	8/16/2024	38	KennyV	8/26/2025
15	HiDude_98	9/2/2024	39	TriggerMN	9/1/2025
16	Cookie&Co.	9/8/2024	40	geotwink	6/1/2025
17	Momshark	10/17/2024	41	DrPflug	9/7/2025
18	CaveatObservator	10/17/2024	42	NWR123	9/12/2025
19	keicker	10/21/2024	43	CTC64	9/12/2025
20	Hullu_Jussi	11/27/2024	44	The Outlaw	9/15/2025
21	Moosiegirl	12/9/2024	45	4everlyn	10/19/2025
22	TXCinnamonGirl	12/12/2024			

The Texas 2-Step is challenge to find both a traditional and non-traditional in each of Texas' 265 counties! Find out more by clicking [here](#)

2025 Year in Review

2025 Anniversary Celebrations Begin! ➔



CACHE OF THE MONTH
GCADRZM
KOTE'S HIDING SPOT



CACHER OF THE MONTH
MAMMACOBB



CACHER OF THE MONTH
TRAVELINGGEEK



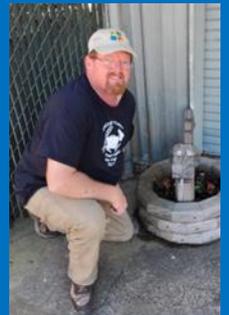
25th Anniversary AL Geoart Completed



CACHE OF THE MONTH
GCB159X
ALIEN SCOUT



CACHE OF THE MONTH
GCANK3Y
JURASSIC TRAVEL BUG
HOTEL



CACHER OF THE MONTH
FIRE2WATER

New TXGA Board Members ➔



23rd Texas Challenge in Floresville

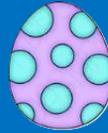
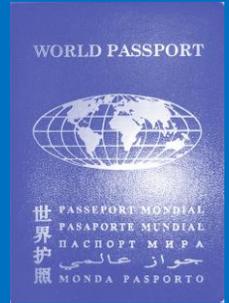


CACHER OF THE MONTH
FISHINGKITTY



APR

CACHE OF THE MONTH
GCAV4ND
PASSPORT TO THE
WORLD - TEXAS STYLE



MAY

CACHER OF THE MONTH
TX804Fan



TXGA Newsletter's 1 Year Anniversary

CACHE OF THE MONTH
GCAJJ2B
BLOOM



JUN

CACHE OF THE MONTH
GC9GNBF
THE GREAT
CACHEVILLE CAPER



CACHER OF THE MONTH
KRIS54884



Nemesis

by Sean Rackley



MADE AT PIXTON.COM



CACHE OF THE MONTH
GC1J3XP
HOME OF THE WASP
(WOMEN'S AIRFORCE
SERVICE PILOTS)



JUL

CACHER OF THE MONTH
CEWHITE43



CACHER OF THE MONTH
BEETLEBUB



AUG

CACHE OF THE MONTH
GC95MOW
AROUND THE
WORLD
SERIES



CACHE OF THE MONTH
GCKRVW
see



SEP

CACHER OF THE MONTH
CYBERCAT



CITO Across Texas



TXGA at the State Fair of Texas

CACHER OF THE MONTH
FLUFFYSTUFF 74



CACHE OF THE MONTH
GC3B6D8
EYE SPY a TOUR DE FAIR!



OCT



Lone Star Roundup – Huntsville State Park



NOV

2026 Hall of Fame Nominations Start 1

CACHE OF THE MONTH
GCA4CDV
LOVELOCK BRIDGE



CACHER OF THE MONTH
TRAVELINGGEEK

2026 TXGA Elections in Process



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CACHER OF THE MONTH
KITTYDCOTA



CACHE OF THE MONTH
GC55ZFT
2ND OLDEST PROFESSION IN HISTORY



2026 Hall of Fame Nominations End 1/5



3/1 2026 TXGA Board Nominations End

Mark your calendar!

Upcoming Geo-events by Region*



Region	GC Code	Geocache name	Placed on
C	GCBFCKQ	Brushy Creek Trail North CITO	12/5/2025
C	GCBEXQT	GeoTx GeoCachers Breakfast December 2025	12/6/2025
C	GCBDRVF	Winter Solstice 2025	12/21/2025
C	GCBF7A1	Heavy Metal Sounds at Christmas	12/22/2025
C	GCBFP56	Geocaching Christmas White Elephant event	1/3/2026
C	GCBAEAY	Welcome Wednesday - with Pie!	3/11/2026
C	GCBAEBO	Here's To Dear Old Taylor...	3/12/2026
C	GCBAEAZ	Not Your Usual Lamppost Cache (Event!)	3/12/2026
C	GCBAEB2	Friday Night at the Cathedral of Smoke	3/13/2026
C	GCB4F75	24th Annual Texas Challenge & Geocaching Festival	3/14/2026
C	GCBAEB3	Texas County Challenge Finishers' Reunion	3/14/2026
E	GCAW0PF	25 Fireside Stories Community Celebration	12/13/2025
E	GCBDAD2	21st Annual Down Home Gathering	12/13/2025
E	GCBEE3G	Will Cache for Food!?!)	1/3/2026
E	GCBEV43	Hello Texas !	2/1/2026
N	GCAVVVV	GCAVVVV	12/1/2025
N	GCBEX3E	Coffee nightcap	12/1/2025
N	GCAVZPR	Goodbye Braces ~ Hello CANDY!!!	12/6/2025
N	GCATND3	2025 Community Celebration Event - Chicago Style	12/7/2025
N	GCBFJB2	TOGA Turns 17 Anniversary Party	12/7/2025
N	GCBFNNM	Buncha Sides	12/8/2025
N	GCBFP65	Country time with PAG	12/11/2025
N	GCAXH13	In Before the Deadline	12/13/2025
N	GCAXHXT	2025 Community Celebration Event at Three Wide	12/13/2025
N	GCBFP69	PAG at Edmonds - last visit of the year!	12/18/2025
N	GCAXGCB	12*18 White Elephant Christmas with The DAWGS - 25	12/18/2025
N	GCBFP7B	Pag goes Big(dash)	12/22/2025
N	GCBFP7N	Beeso around Firewheel with PAG	12/23/2025
N	GCBFP7Y	The Eve with Pag	12/24/2025
N	GCBFPB4	Black Rifle with Pag	12/30/2025
N	GCAZW9C	2025 Community Celebration Event	12/31/2025
N	GCBF6Q8	Start 2026 with a CITO!	1/1/2026
N	GCBFPBX	Dont be Bitter... Well .. you know ...	1/3/2026
N	GCBFJFW	🔥 Bonfires & Bison Tubes - Texoma Geo Gatherin	1/3/2026
N	GCBFPD8	Motor with Maple and PAG	1/8/2026
N	GCBFPC1	The Key to happiness is ... (attend to find out)	1/10/2026
N	GCBD907	The New Frontier II	1/11/2026
N	GCBFPD2	Don't lose PAG at Burger House	1/15/2026
N	GCBFPC6	Be Stelle and enjoy a coffee with PAG	1/19/2026
N	GCBFPCV	The Sky (rocket burger) is the limit with PAG...	1/22/2026
N	GCBFPCH	Thursday night at Edmonds with PAG	1/29/2026



Upcoming Geo-events by Region*



Region	GC Code	Geocache name	Placed on
S	GCBF17X	Holiday EarlyBird Geochat	12/1/2025
S	GCBF18C	Holiday Geochat with Friends	12/4/2025
S	GCBF1QR	Volunteer Day, Dec. 5, 2025 – a Meet & Greet	12/5/2025
S	GCBF191	Holiday Geochat with Friends i10	12/8/2025
S	GCBF1AW	Holiday Geochat with Friends Far West	12/9/2025
S	GCBFERC	Let's Talk Geocaching	12/12/2025
S	GCBFEMC	Tips & Secrets Dec. 12, 2025 – a Meet & Greet	12/12/2025
S	GCBFERM	Let's Talk Geocaching - Monday Edition	12/15/2025
S	GCBFH1D	Trail Magic	12/16/2025
S	GCBFH1H	Earlybird Fresh Air Caching Plans	12/19/2025
S	GCBFEMR	December Solstice, Dec. 19, 2025 – a Meet & Greet	12/19/2025
S	GCB1X8A	25 Yr Community Celebration Event & Potluck Picnic	12/20/2025
S	GCBF2R1	Say Goodbye to 2025	12/31/2025
S	GCBDHWX	❄️ 🗺️ 🗺️ ❄️ 10th Annual Texas Winter Games ❄️ 🗺️ 🗺️ ❄️	2/14/2026
S	GCBFH25	Geowoodstock XXII Chat	12/5/2025
S	GCB0YHE	2025 Community Celebration Event	12/6/2025
S	GCBDQBJ	Half-Way Through the Holidays Event	12/6/2025
S	GCBDE2A	Christmas Cookies	12/13/2025
S	GCBDDH3	Visually-Impaired Rodent Currency Trade	12/14/2025
S	GCBFPBB	Morning geocaching chatter and coffee	12/21/2025
S	GCAYMPR	Reminiscing on 2025 Community Celebration Event	12/28/2025
S	GCBE0TB	Say Hello to 2026	1/1/2026
S	GCBFH9H	Trail Magic Stone Oak	1/4/2026
SE	GCBF2PH	FIRST MONDAY IN MID COUNTY DECEMBER	12/1/2025
SE	GCBFFNN	Club UFO - Herb Schirmer's Abduction	12/3/2025
SE	GCA TN7W	2025 Baytown Geotour Community Celebration!	12/6/2025
SE	GCBF8VV	KK's CITO, Veterans Park and Athletic Complex 2025	12/6/2025
SE	GCBF8VM	KK's kibbitz event, Fall 2025	12/6/2025
SE	GCBEYDF	BFF's Annual Holiday WEGE Event- Park & Gab: 212	12/7/2025
SE	GCBF2Q6	Breakfast with a Geocacher #8	12/7/2025
SE	GCBF9RR	Campus Cache Crawl Kickoff	12/7/2025
SE	GCBF8W8	Tanzanite Lunch	12/7/2025
SE	GCBFEMN	Will cache for food #180	12/8/2025
SE	GCBFPWF	Club UFO: Jolly Vibes Only	12/10/2025
SE	GCBECXY	KAWSGE 46 & White Elephant	12/11/2025
SE	GCBFFQH	Third Annual SETX Gang Christmas Celebration	12/13/2025
SE	GCA YQBW	SE GeoFriends FTF 2025 Community Celebration Event	12/14/2025
SE	GCBFFXX	Happy Birthday Silas!	12/17/2025
SE	GCA TM03	Party Like an AZOREAN: NYE Celebration	12/31/2025
SE	GCBFFY2	First 21st of the New Year!	1/21/2026
SE	GCBFFYE	Pluto discovered Feb 18, 1930	2/18/2026
W	GCBFCEQ	NYE Celebration	12/31/2025