

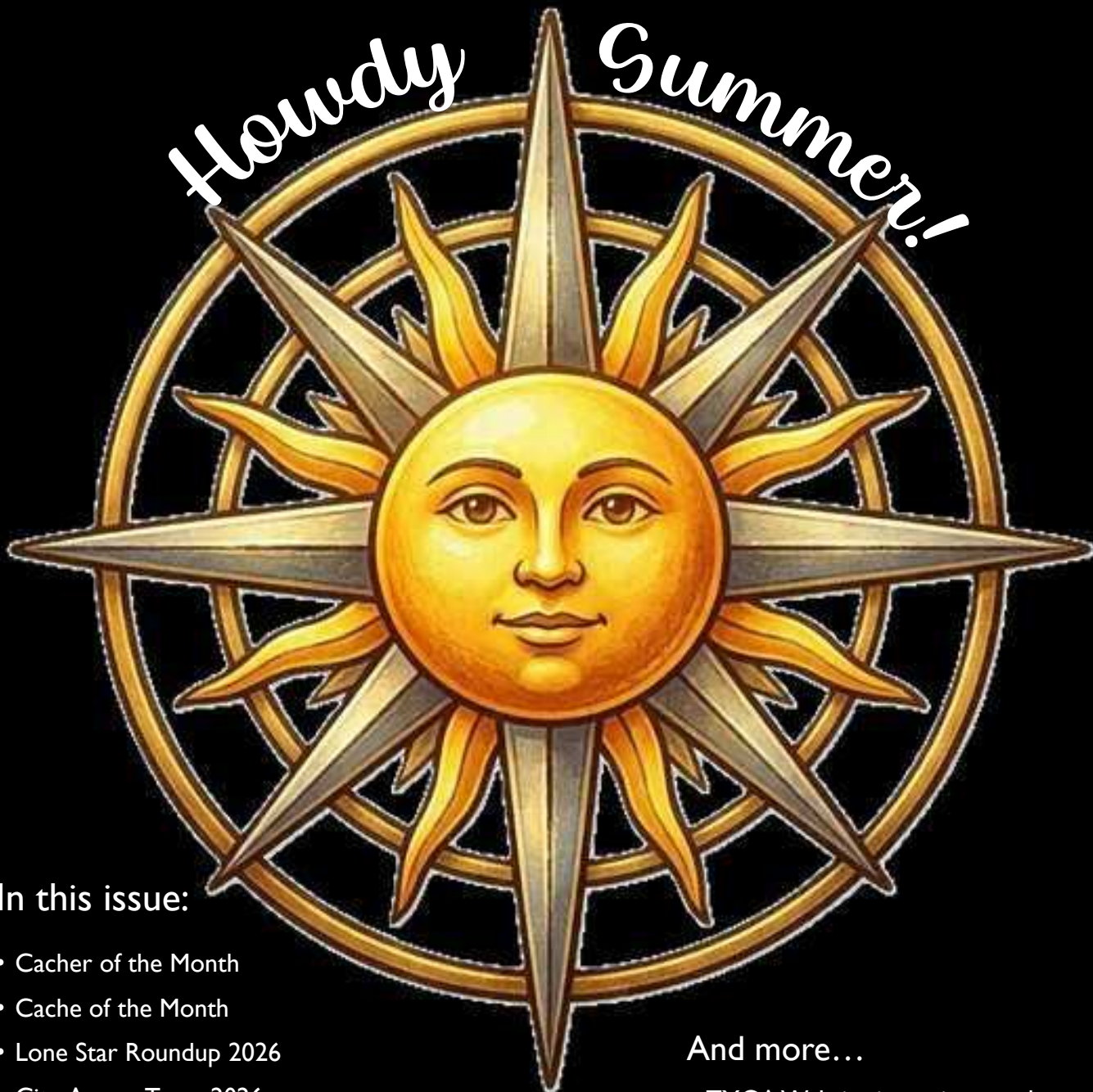


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JUNE 2026

Geocaching News Around Texas

Howdy Summer!



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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

*Brought to you by Geocaching Charter Member,
Dr. Jill*

Back in August of 2025, I stumbled across a Facebook post about a group heading to Brazil to find the legendary APE cache. As a Geocaching Charter Member since 2002, I'd heard the stories—but I never imagined I'd actually get the chance to find it myself. This wasn't just a trip across the world... it was deep in the rainforest, with a guide literally macheting through jungle trails.

Within hours, I found a roommate, booked the trip, and suddenly I was headed to Brazil—followed by a cruise with complete strangers. Totally out of my comfort zone, but sometimes the best adventures start that way.



After landing in São Paulo, our group (mostly geocachers from Oklahoma and Texas) hit the road, grabbed empanadas, found a few caches, and made our way to Intervalos State Park. Remote, magical, and tucked deep in the rainforest. Night caching under the jungle canopy—and even a tapir encounter—made it unforgettable.



The next morning, in a light rain, we hit the trails with our guide and Brazilian geocachers. And then it happened—my 1,000th find at the APE Cache. Every bit as legendary as promised, alongside an incredible GeoTour. One of those days you wish you could relive forever.



We wrapped it up by boarding a geocaching cruise to Uruguay and Argentina—ApeShip 2026. I cached with people who had anywhere from 8,000 to 50,000+ finds, who somehow let me tag along and became lifelong friends.



I've been teased for geocaching and even felt self-conscious about it—but this trip reminded me there's nothing to be ashamed of. It's adventure, exploration, exercise, and joy. Life's too short not to do what makes you happy.

Thank you to my Going ApeShip family. Hope to see you again on the trail. 🐼💚



Do you have an adventurous story to share? Send it to newsletter@texasgeocaching.com.

Cacher of the Month

Central Texas

Hi, I'm Mistie (ExploreGrl)! I live in Bastrop with my husband and we have 4 kiddos. I love traveling to see all kinds of odd and quirky sites and I love scavenger hunts. So Geocaching is perfect for me! I always explain it to others saying it's like a scavenger hunt on steroids!

I wish I had a fun and cool story about how I got my GeoName. When I was signing up, I did not realize it would become my new name in the caching world. I thought it was just a username to sign in. Now many people know me as ExploreGrl and not Mistie.

I am still kind of a newbie at geocaching. The first cache I found was in 3/2024 and it was located in the section of the cemetery where my grandfather is buried. I ended up spending a few hours finding all the caches in the cemetery. I was hooked! That afternoon I found a challenge that required me to find a cache a day for a year. I started it a week later and made it to 367 days. The first event I attended was the Texas 2-Step Kickoff. I met many great people and knew I had to do the challenge. In February I officially became #388 finisher in the Texas County Challenge, and #53 in the Texas 2-Step. My next goal is to cache in all 50 states and to find the oldest in each state. I have cached in 12 states and Canada.

My favorite kinds of caches are ones that are part of a fun challenge. I always say, "If there is a gimmick, I'm there!"

I do most of my caching solo, but I have loved meeting so many wonderful people and look forward to caching with them more often!



CACHE OF THE MONTH

EAST TEXAS

The next time you are in East Texas, make plans to visit the town of Scottsville and get your virtual smiley at this beautiful location. The cache will invite you to visit several markers and answer simple questions in order to claim your find.



There is lots of history on the property. William Thomas Scott founded the town of Scottsville and this cemetery. William Scott Youree, the only son of Elizabeth Scott Youree and Pete Youree, was mysteriously killed in Mexico in 1904. The family erected the Youree Chapel on the grounds in his honor. The Scott Family spared no expense in honoring their dead. They commissioned the "Weeping Angel" statue, one of several monuments on site by noted sculptor Frank Teich, for their son's memorial. Additionally, you will see beautiful monuments of veterans of the War of 1812 and the Civil War, also buried here. Posts on the map location even note that Lady Bird Johnson's mother is buried here! Come see this beautiful cemetery!

GC CODE:	<u>GCAJFR9</u>
NAME:	MONUMENTS AT SCOTTSVILLE CEMETERY
CACHE TYPE:	VIRTUAL
REGION:	EAST
COUNTY:	HARRISON
CACHE OWNER:	K13
HIDDEN:	01/13/2025
FAVORITE PTS:	15



COME CELEBRATE 25

YEARS OF TEXAS CHALLENGE!

MCNEASE CONVENTION CENTER
SAN ANGELO, TEXAS

*It's not too early
to "Will Attend!"*

*More info
to come!*

Challenge
Competitions

Finishers'
Reunion

Waterlily
Exhibit

Concho Pearl
Cache Quest

Ice Cream
Social

St. Patrick's
Shenanigans

Lab
Adventures

Geocaching
Vendors

Geocaching
Seminars

GeoArt



A Fresh Look for TexasGeocaching.com

Big things are happening behind the screen! We're giving the TXGA website a top-to-bottom refresh — cleaner navigation, a sharper Lone Star look, and easier ways to find events, connect with your region, and keep up with everything the Association is doing. We're doing this slowly and incrementally, rolling out improvements piece by piece so the site keeps working smoothly the whole way through. The goal is simple: spend less time hunting through the site and more time hunting caches. Here's where things stand.

What'sUp?

A few improvements are now live for you to explore:



- ☆ **Membership Verification tool** — Check your membership status anytime on the [Membership page](#).
- ☆ **Refreshed membership graphics** — The Membership page now sports cleaner, better-looking visuals.
- ☆ **TXGA Events Map** — Our interactive [Events Map](#) pulls Texas events automatically every night, color-coded by type and sorted and filterable by region and type, so what you see is always current.

What's Coming?

Plenty more is on the way as we continue building out the site:

- ☆ **New Contact Us page** — A new contact experience with topic-specific routing, so your question gets to the right person the first time.
- ☆ **Redesigned Hall of Fame page** — A fresh look honoring the cachers who've made Texas geocaching history.
- ☆ **Recognition hub** — Cacher of the Month and Cache of the Month gathered alongside the Hall of Fame.
- ☆ **"New to Geocaching?" pathway** — An easy starting point for newcomers.
- ☆ **Newsletter archive & Texas Challenge archive** — Consolidated, easy-to-browse collections.



Thanks to our IT/UX Director [travelingGeek](#) for the update!

*Are you interested in hosting a
CITO ACROSS TEXAS on
September 19, 2026?*

*Send an Email to
CITOAcrossTexas@texasgeocaching.com
with your contact information
and proposed location.*



2026 LONESTAR ROUNDUP HAS PUBLISHED! GCBKXQC



Click here
to "Will Attend"!



Click here
for more info
on Jacksonville

**SATURDAY,
NOVEMBER 14, 2026
9:00AM – 2:30PM**

**JACKSONVILLE, TX
NICHOLS GREEN PARK**

A MESSAGE FROM OUR DIRECTOR OF MEMBERSHIP



MEMBERSHIP GEOCOIN ALERT!



Approximately 200 TXGA Membership geocoins were delivered to the USPS for distribution at the end of May, and if you haven't received yours yet, it/they should be in your hands shortly. The shipments included coins to all members of record who were still due 2025 and/or 2026 geocoin(s). Single Memberships will receive 1 geocoin; Family memberships will receive 2 geocoins.

Most TXGA members use SQUARE to initiate/renew their membership. Geoname and mailing address were not required by Square, so we had to reach out to many of our members for mailing addresses. Thank you to those who responded – your geocoin(s) are now en route to you. I will continue to reach out to the remaining 23 members who are due geocoin(s) to obtain mailing addresses.

Annually, the new TXGA Geocoin is available in March during the TXGA Festival and Challenge week. Members who sign-up/renew prior to that time (January 1 to Challenge week) can pick-up their new geocoin at the Challenge event. Unclaimed geocoins will be mailed to members based on their mailing address on record. Members who sign-up/renew after Challenge through end of year will receive their geocoin(s) by mail shortly after completing the application. Reminder: TXGA Memberships run January 1st through December 31st, regardless of the day the membership is purchased.

There is a new membership verification feature on the TXGA Membership web page that allows a geocacher to confirm their status as a member for the current year (Thanks, travelingGeek!). Click [here](#) and go to the bottom of the page to enter your information.

If you do not receive your geocoin(s) by the second week of June, please contact me on geocaching.com by message to Texas Greg. Are you one of the 23 member addresses I am trying to find?

Greg Liffick (Texas Greg)
Director of Membership



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

How many of these favorited
SUMMER-themed caches in Texas
have you found?

Region	Geocache name	Favorites	Size	D/T	Last found	Placed on
C	Summertime Frogs Welcome You!	80	Micro	1.0 / 1.0	5/26/2026	1/8/2011
N	Summertime #2	32	Micro	2.5 / 1.5	11/2/2025	7/5/2013
SE	Summer Cachin' #1 ... Bet You Can't Find Me!	13	Micro	1.5 / 1.5	3/5/2026	6/15/2011
SE	Tunnel Of Love - Summer Wood Sidewalk Series	13	Regular	2.5 / 2.5	12/28/2025	4/1/2018
SE	Summer Cachin' #4 ... Really?	12	Micro	1.5 / 1.5	5/15/2026	6/15/2011
S	Countdown to Summer - 105 Days	11	Small	1.5 / 2.0	3/19/2023	3/2/2021
SE	Mini Roulette - Summerwood Sidewalk Series	11	Micro	2.0 / 1.5	4/22/2024	4/3/2018
C	Summer Home	11	Regular	1.5 / 1.5	3/21/2026	5/3/2006
SE	Cross Roads - Summerwood SideWalk Series	10	Micro	3.0 / 1.5	1/11/2026	3/25/2018
N	Texas Master Mystery: Escape The Summer Heat	9	Large	3.5 / 2.0	5/14/2026	1/27/2024
C	gnome summer home	8	Other	2.0 / 5.0	8/9/2020	7/14/2018
N	North in summer, south in winter.	8	Small	1.5 / 1.5	1/4/2026	3/2/2021
SE	Summer Cachin' #8 ... Fun with Words	8	Micro	1.5 / 1.5	3/12/2026	6/26/2011
N	! Summer Olympics Silver Medal Challenge	7	Small	4.0 / 2.5	6/4/2025	8/25/2012
N	Summer Showers	7	Small	1.5 / 1.0	5/2/2026	2/3/2012
N	Summer at the Creek	6	Micro	2.0 / 1.5	4/2/2026	3/17/2010
S	Countdown to Summer - 54 Days	5	Micro	3.5 / 2.0	7/2/2023	4/25/2021
S	Countdown to Summer - 68 Days	5	Other	2.0 / 4.5	10/9/2022	4/11/2021
SE	Summer's Cache-FTFC #24	5	Regular	3.5 / 2.0	11/23/2024	6/18/2006

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Upcoming Geo-events by Region*



Region	GC Code	Title	Type	Date
Central	GCBP9MB	GeoTex Geocachers Breakfast June 2026	Event	Sat, Jun 6, 2026, 8:30 AM
Central	GCBFER0	Summer Solstice 2026	Event	Sun, Jun 21, 2026, 6:00 PM
East	GCBKXQC	2026 TXGA Lone Star Roundup	Event	Sat, Nov 14, 2026, 9:00 AM
North	GCBPAWG	Surrounded by Heritage VII	Event	Mon, Jun 1, 2026, 6:30 PM
North	GCBP5WD	First Friday Breakfast Club - June	Event	Fri, Jun 5, 2026, 10:00 AM
North	GCBQCBM	Mapleridge Cleanup	CITO	Sat, Jun 6, 2026, 9:00 AM
North	GCBQDXZ	DAWGS get deep	Event	Mon, Jun 8, 2026, 6:30 PM
North	GCBP5VJ	Football and Geocaching Meet and Greet	Event	Sun, Jun 14, 2026, 11:30 AM
North	GCBN19Y	2000-2009 music group trivia with PAG at the Oak!	Event	Sun, Jun 14, 2026, 6:30 PM
North	GCBPY7C	Another Port of call for the DAWGS	Event	Mon, Jun 15, 2026, 6:30 PM
North	GCBN0ZB	PAG visits 903 Brewers:GAME nite-80's movie trivia	Event	Thu, Jun 18, 2026, 6:30 PM
North	GCBP753	Arm(or) Yourself with PAG	Event	Sat, Jun 20, 2026, 11:30 AM
North	GCBPZR6	2026.06.22 - D.A.W.G.S, Who's Your Wing Daddy?	Event	Mon, Jun 22, 2026, 7:00 PM
North	GCBQDVM	A CITO in the park	CITO	Thu, Jun 25, 2026, 8:30 AM
North	GCBNFYX	Honoring 250 Years of America – Texoma Style	Event	Sat, Jul 4, 2026, 6:00 PM
North	GCBPX82	7*06 DAWGS Celebrate Malts and Stuff	Event	Mon, Jul 6, 2026, 7:00 PM
South	GCBPZHH	Mid Week Meetup	Event	Wed, Jun 3, 2026, 7:00 PM
South	GCBPNRD	Dinner with the Coolest Cachers in San Antonio!	Event	Mon, Jun 8, 2026, 6:00 PM
South	GCBPNQT	It's Time for Caffeine and Geochatting!	Event	Tue, Jun 9, 2026, 11:00 AM
South	GCBQAZW	Let's Chat and Chew	Event	Fri, Jun 12, 2026, 11:30 AM
South	GCBQHV7	GeoGeoGeoGeo.....	Event	Sun, Jun 14, 2026, 5:00 PM
South	GCBQFA2	Monday Milkshakes	Event	Mon, Jun 15, 2026, 1:30 PM
South	GCBQFAV	Wackadoodle Wednesday	Event	Wed, Jun 17, 2026, 1:30 PM
South	GCBQ6QN	Anal Glaucoma Support Group	Event	Tue, Jun 23, 2026, 9:00 AM
South	GCBP41X	Off the wall!	Event	Fri, Jul 3, 2026, 7:00 PM
South	GCBP406	Texas Geocampers @ Lake Corpus Christi State Park	Event	Sat, Jul 4, 2026, 6:30 PM
Southeast	GCBPYCD	WCFF #186	Event	Mon, Jun 1, 2026, 6:00 PM
Southeast	GCBPNGH	FIRST MONDAY IN MID COUNTY JUNE 2026	Event	Mon, Jun 1, 2026, 6:00 PM
Southeast	GCBPZFZ	Club UFO - Bad Axe Jet Chase	Event	Wed, Jun 3, 2026, 11:00 AM
Southeast	GCBPQFT	mmmmm donuts - CXXIV	Event	Sat, Jun 6, 2026, 7:00 AM
Southeast	GCBPQEA	Hey Buddy, Let's Clean Up Another Park CXXIV	CITO	Sat, Jun 6, 2026, 8:00 AM
Southeast	GCBPWDP	Breakfast with a Geocacher #14	Event	Sun, Jun 7, 2026, 8:00 AM
Southeast	GCBPW8E	Brazos Valley Geocachers Lunch #2	Event	Tue, Jun 9, 2026, 11:45 AM
Southeast	GCBPKF2	SE Geofriends FTF 46	Event	Tue, Jun 9, 2026, 6:30 PM
Southeast	GCBQ93E	Navystud in Aggieland	Event	Sat, Jun 13, 2026, 11:30 AM
Southeast	GCBKZY2	World Tessellation Day	Event	Wed, Jun 17, 2026, 11:00 AM
Southeast	GCBQEQD	Park & Gab: 218th Edition	Event	Tue, Jun 30, 2026, 6:00 PM
West	GCBQCB9	West Region Meet Up - Midland	Event	Sat, Jun 6, 2026, 12:30 PM
West	GCBQD9N	Solstice and Salsa - Abilene	Event	Sun, Jun 21, 2026, 5:00 PM
West	GCBM0V0	25th Annual Texas Challenge & Geocaching Festival	Mega	Sat, Mar 13, 2027, 8:00 AM