TEXAS GEOCACHING ASSOCIATION

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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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A Thanksgiving Message from the Texas Geocaching Association

Howdy, Texas Geocachers!

It's the time for Thanksgiving, so I want to take a moment to thank the members of the Texas Geocaching Association (TXGA) for being part of such a great geocaching community.

From the Panhandle to the Gulf Coast, from the Piney Woods to the wide-open spaces of West Texas, we share a love for adventure, the thrill of the hunt, and that little smile we get when we sign our Geonic on the log.

Geocaching has always been about more than finding a container and signing a logbook. It's about the friendships we build, the adventures we share, the places we discover, and the memories we make along the way. The people behind the geonics are what make this hobby so special, and I'm grateful to be part of a community that shares that spirit.

A special thank-you goes to the TXGA members and volunteers who give their time, energy, and enthusiasm to support the organization. Whether you're helping organize an event, hiding a creative cache, lending a hand behind the scenes, welcoming new geocachers, serving on the Board, or simply showing up and participating, your contributions make a difference. TXGA thrives because of people who are willing to get involved and help keep the spirit of geocaching alive across Texas.

To all the Texas geocachers, thank you for the friendships, the laughs, the shared adventures, and the many memories we've made together. From the smallest park-and-grab to the most challenging hike, it's always better when there's a great community to share it with.

I'm proud to be part of this Texas geocaching family, and I appreciate each of you for the part you play in making it what it is today.

Here's to many more adventures, new discoveries, and great times together.

May all your smileys bring you a smile.

K13
Kevin Boatman, President
Texas Geocaching Association



Story Board

Sandy Farnham & Cheri Tummelson aka 2CrazyChicks

We continue our multi-part series of the Alaskan adventures of OneCrazyChick and CrazyChickC, aka 2CrazyChicks.



Denali, Sled Dogs and the Iditarod

Our next unusual lodging was an off-grid glamping tent at Wildthingz in Cantwell.

Its owner, Riley, was an Iditarod Newbie of the Year winner and 2026 Red Lantern Award winner.We took a tour with his sled dogs, who pulled us around the property on a 4x4 while he taught us about mushing.

Back at camp, Emily told us about the Iditarod and everything involved in participating. Earlier in the trip, we had already visited the Iditarod Headquarters geocache. GC9P5NM

Then came Denali. The day before our bus tour, the weather was beautiful and we were able to stop at several places for incredible pictures of Denali. Our tour day wasn't quite as clear, but Alaska gave us something else. We took the early morning bus and watched an incredible sunrise. Then Eagle-Eye Cheri went to work. She spotted a herd of caribou in the river. They were beginning to shed the velvet from their antlers, and we could actually see the blood. She spotted a mother bear with her cub. Later, another bear. We saw a moose and Willow Ptarmigan still wearing their brownish summer colors. And then there were the colors. Oh, the colors. Reds. Oranges. Yellows. Greens. Everywhere we looked, Alaska seemed to be showing off.



GCAJHV9 Denali National Park Sign

I Would Fly Back for the Salmon Chowder

I can't talk about that part of Alaska without mentioning Talkeetna. We stopped there for our Denali passport stamp. It's touristy, especially when the train arrives. I don't care. Go, and then go to the Salmon Spot: salmon chowder, salmon cakes, salmon burger. BEST FOOD OF THE TRIP. Seriously. I might fly back to Alaska just to eat there again. It was here that we had our best views of Mt. McKinley- AKA Denali.





After our day at Denali, we headed back toward Wildthingz. Then Cheri spotted bald eagles overhead. We pulled over. I think we stayed there nearly an hour just watching them.

That was exactly what I had wanted from these later trips.

Not just: "We got Alaska."

We were experiencing Alaska.

Geocacher of the Month Southeast Texas LuckyFeather



At Mammoth Hot Springs
Yellowstone National Park

1. Would you tell us a little about yourself? I am a Colorado native, Texas transplant. I love traveling, hiking, biking, boating and downhill skiing. I also enjoy music and rockhounding.

2. How did you get started geocaching? I was introduced to Geocaching by a colleague in the oil and gas industry. We were configuring field telemetry systems, and he brought up that he had this "cool techie-outdoorsy" hobby called Geocaching. I work in downtown Houston, so I started looking at the game board and found the weekly Flying Saucer events. That's where I really started learning about the game and forming geo-friendships.

3. What is it about caching that you enjoy the most? I enjoy getting outdoors and exploring new places. Geocaching has taken me to some amazing places that I would never have known existed. Geocaching has also brought some wonderful people into my life.

4. How did you come up with your caching name? Another hobby of mine since childhood is keeping pet parrots. I save their molted feathers and keep a few with me at all times for good luck. I started calling them my "lucky feathers". "LuckyFeather" seemed like a good name, and it wasn't already taken so as we say in the caching world, "I was FTF and made the grab!"

5. What has been the highlight of your caching career so far. Chartering a small plane with Ivanhoe42 and a tour group and flying to Deadhorse, Alaska, then sightseeing and caching along The Dalton Highway back to Fairbanks. Some of my favorite caches on that trip were GC8302: Northern Bay, GC1G7NB: The "Real" Arctic Circle and GCABG5N: Yukon River, just to name a few.

6. Is there anything else you want to share? Another part of our game I enjoy is the trackables and geocoins. I enjoy trading and discovering but most of all I have a passion for collecting. I have amassed over 700 unique geocoins so far. Some are out in the wild, but most reside in my personal collection.

Caching since 2011 | 9,100+ Finds | 101 Hides | 286 Fave Points

Cache of the Month
South Texas

GC Code:	GC5E5XK
Name:	Can you measure up?
Cache Type:	Traditional
Region:	South
County:	Bexar
Cache Owner:	Seabee-MC/HNY
Hidden:	10/04/2014
D/T:	5.0/2.5
Fave Points:	82

Hidden in 2014, "Can you measure up?" turns a walk through McAllister Park in San Antonio into a true D5 adventure. Its uncommon 5.0/2.5 rating can also fill a valuable square on your Fizzy grid—but the real attraction is the hide itself. Finder logs repeatedly praise the creative container and make one thing clear: Success takes the right TOTT, careful retrieval and return, and a little ingenuity. The 2CrazyChicks learned that firsthand on an early attempt and still have unfinished business here. With 200+ logs, 82 favorite points, and more than a decade in the field, GC5E5XK has earned its reputation as a South Texas must-do. Plan ahead, think creatively, and ask yourself: Can YOU measure up?



THE TEXAS GEOCACHING ASSOCIATION PRESENTS

2026 LONESTAR ROUNDUP

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2026

GCBKXQC

Have you logged your "Will Attend"?

COMPLETE EVENT SCHEDULE

(Click on GC codes to log your "Will Attend"!)

Thurs. 11/12	**6:30pm**	**GCBZY17**	**Welcome to Jacksonville, Fire up the Grill**
Fri. 11/13	**6:15am**	**GCBXB05**	**Sunrise Lookout Point**
Fri. 11/13	**12:00pm**	**GCBYBBW**	**Picnic in the Park**
Fri. 11/13	**6:30pm**	**GCBZY17**	**Through the Piney Woods to Coffee/Movie**
Sat. 11/14	**9:00am**	**GCBKXQC**	**2026 TXGA LoneStar Roundup**
Sat. 11/14	**4:30pm**	**GCBYBCZ**	**Geocaching with Disabilities Experience**
Sun. 11/15	**10:30am**	**GCBXB0C**	**LoneStar Roundup Farewell Jacksonville**

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Ask for the "TXGA Block" for a discounted rate

explore Jacksonville TEXAS

It's time to nominate!

TEXAS GEOCACHING ASSOCIATION

HALL *of* FAME

In recognition of the work that various people have done to serve geocaching in Texas, the Texas Geocaching Association continues to seek valued Texas Geocachers for the TXGA Geocaching Hall of Fame (HOF). Selections are based on service to geocaching in Texas.
Each TXGA Member can nominate one geocacher by reading the guidelines and filling out the nomination form here.

Nominations start **November 1st**.
Submissions must be received by **December 15th**.
Election results will be shared at Challenge.

TXGA ELECTION FOR 2027



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 odd numbered years, the offices for President and Regional Representatives for North Texas, East Texas and South 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 BOARD POSITIONS UP FOR RE-ELECTION OR NOMINATION:

PRESIDENT
EAST TEXAS REP
NORTH TEXAS REP
SOUTH TEXAS REP

25TH ANNUAL
TEXAS CHALLENGE & GEOCACHING FESTIVAL
SAN ANGELO, TEXAS
MARCH 13, 2027

GCBMOVO

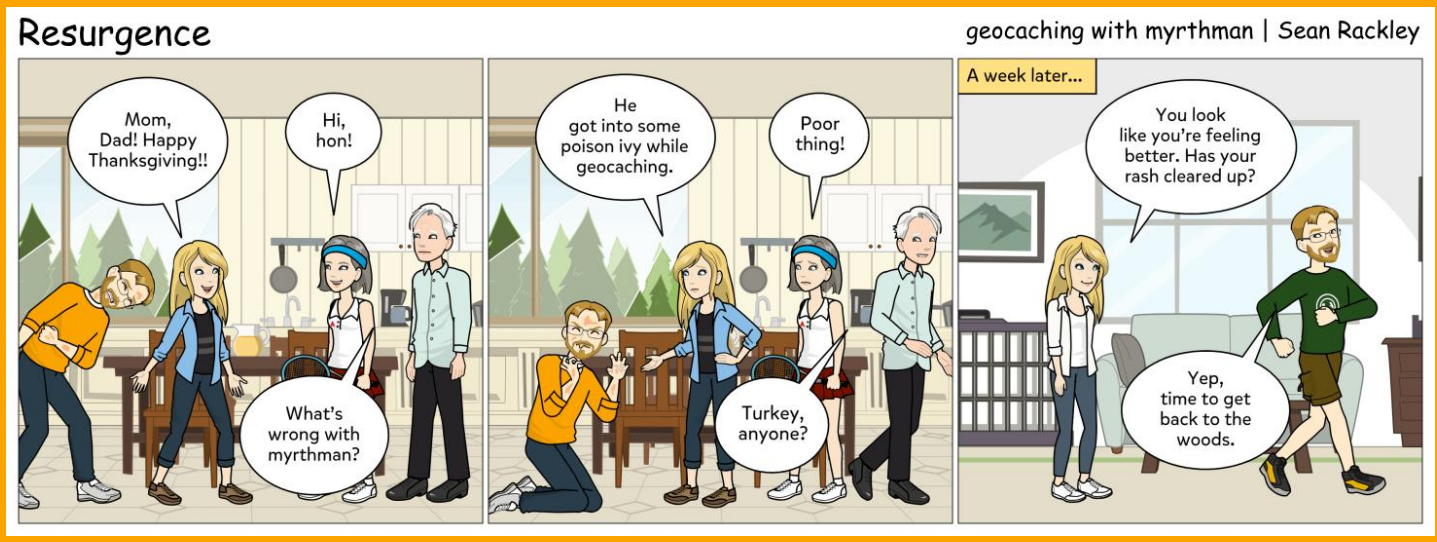


HOTEL OPTIONS

Rates are good for
March 11-13, 2027
Must be booked by
Feb 11, 2027

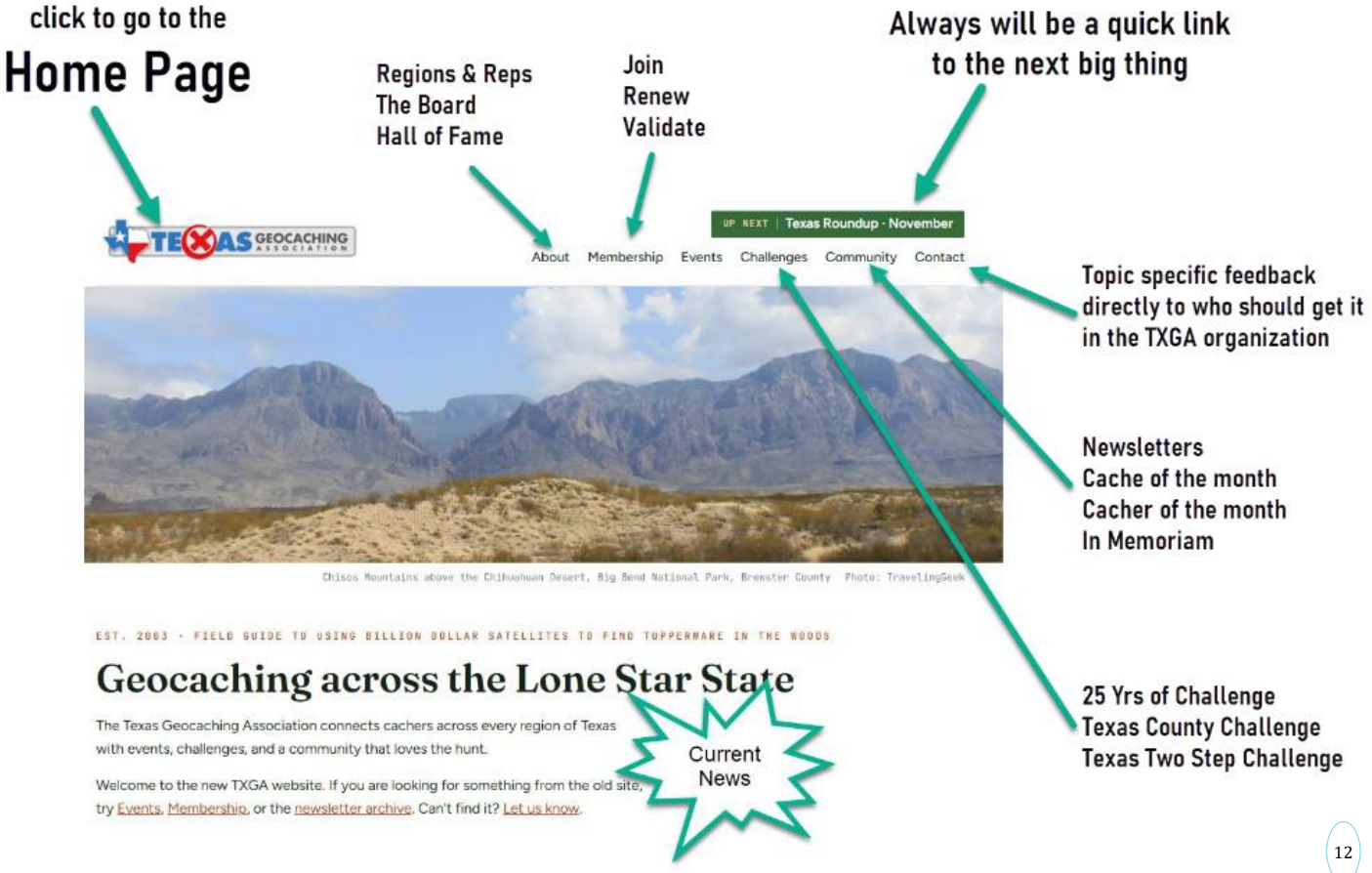
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More of myrthman's (Sean Rackley's) comics can be found at https://myrthman.blogspot.com.

Our NEW TXGA Website is live now!
Click here to try it out!
TexasGeocaching.com



UPCOMING GEO-EVENTS

TEXAS GEOCACHING ASSOCIATION — CLICK HERE FOR AN ONLINE LIST AND MAP

73 ACTIVE EVENTS • NOV. 2, 2026–MAR. 13, 2027 • EVENT / CITO / MEGA

CENTRAL REGION 7

11/7	8a	GeoTex Geocachers Breakfast November 2026	GCBYT3R
11/13	6p	Beware the Ides of November 2026	GCBZQVN
11/14	9a	Maryland Meets Texas over Coffee	GCBZ91K
11/15	5p	No DNF November	GCBZX29
11/29	5p	Light up the city	GCBZF9C
12/21	6p	Winter Solstice 2026	GCBZXR0
12/30	2:30p	20 on the 30th White Elephant Gift Exchange	GCBZQW7

EAST REGION 9

11/12	6:30p	Welcome to Jacksonville, Fire up the Grill	GCBZY17
11/13	6:15a	Sunrise at Lookout Point	GCBXB05
11/13	12p	Picnic in the Park	GCBYBBW
11/13	6:30p	Through the Piney Woods to Coffee and a Movie	GCBZY0Y
11/14	9a	2026TXGA Lone Star Roundup	GCBKXQC
11/14	4:30p	Geocaching with Disabilities Expierence	GCBYBCZ
11/15	10:30a	CITO • Lone Star Round Up Farewell Jacksonville CITO	GCBXB0C
12/19	11a	22nd Annual Down Home Gathering	GCBYMJK
1/2/27	9a	Hillbilly Breakfast, Y'all!	GCBZQM8

NORTH REGION 20

11/2	6:30p	DAWGS- it's November... soup anyone?	GCBZFMW
11/6	9a	Friday Breakfast Club - November	GCBZ795
11/7	5p	Team Neon Hits The Bullseye	GCBYEZX
11/11	7p	Maryland Meets Texas over a Sweet Treat	GCBZ91D
11/14	10:45a	Texas Bound	GCBZQWR
11/19	6:30p	DNF Is Not an Option: The Escape Room	GCBYRP0
11/23	6:30p	DAWGS enjoy the weather	GCBZX3D
11/28	9a	CITO • Garza CITO Bucket Brigade VI Thanksgiving Clean Up	GCBYAB6
12/1	6:30p	🎄 12 Days of Cachemas #1– A Cache Under the Tree 🎄	GCBYMAK
12/2	6:30a	🎄 12 Days of Cachemas #2 – Two Turtle Doves 🎄	GCBYMAZ
12/4	6:30p	🎄 12 Days of Cachemas #3–Three French Hens 🐔🐔🐔	GCBYMB6
12/6	12p	🎄 12 Days of Cachemas #4 — Four Calling Birds 🐔	GCBYMA8
12/8	6:30a	🎄 12 Days of Cachemas #5 – FIVE GOLDEN RINGS!	GCBYMF0
12/10	5:30p	🎄 12 Days of Cachemas #6 – Six Geese a-Laying	GCBYMF8
12/11	10a	CITO • 🎄 12 Days of Cachemas #7 – Seven Swans a-Swimming	GCBYMFN
12/12	6:30p	🎄 12 Days of Cachemas #8 – Eight Maids a-Milking	GCBYMJE
12/15	6:30p	🎄 12 Days of Cachemas #9 – Nine Ladies Dancing 💃	GCBYN37
12/17	6:30p	🎄 12 Days of Cachemas #10 – Ten Lords a-Leaping	GCBYN3M
12/19	1p	🎄 12 Days of Cachemas #11 – Eleven Pipers Piping	GCBYN4H
12/21	6p	🎄 12 Days of Cachemas #12–Twelve Drummers Drummin	GCBXR9M

SOUTH REGION 9

11/4	1:30p	Wackadoodle Wednesday #6	GCBZFM0
11/5	2p	Hiccup 1 & Hiccup 2	GCBZHZ2
11/6	9a	Winter Texans Part 1 - Meet & Greet – Nov. 6, 2026	GCBZM38
11/8	8a	Hiccup 3 & Hiccup 4	GCBZNPZ
11/13	9a	Winter Texans Part 2 - Meet & Greet – Nov 13, 2026	GCBZM3D
11/20	9a	Winter Texans Part 3 - Meet & Greet – Nov. 20, 202	GCBZM3N
11/22	2p	CITO • Hey Buddy - Let's Clean Up the Beach - XII	GCBZMVT
11/22	3:30p	Hey Buddy - How About a Treat - XI	GCBZMWE
11/22	4p	Geocaching 101 & Geoart~How to Start to Finish	GCBZH81

SOUTHEAST REGION 23

11/2	11:30a	Brazos Valley Geocachers Lunch #9	GCBZA6T
11/2	6p	FIRST MONDAY IN MID COUNTY NOVEMBER 2026	GCBZ326
11/2	6:30p	WCFF #191 - 💀 Día de los Muertos 💀 - Katy	GCBZCZN
11/3	10a	CITO • November 2026 CITO	GCBZFH6
11/3	11a	ABC -- Lunchtime -- Let's Brownbag It	GCBZFHK
11/4	11a	Club UFO - Kirtland Air Force Base	GCBZAC5
11/7	7:30a	mmmmm donuts - CXXIX	GCBYT9Y
11/7	8a	CITO • Fall Sweep CITO Event	GCBZHHV
11/7	8:30a	CITO • Hey Buddy, Let's Clean Up Another Park CXXIX	GCBYTA8
11/7	11:30a	Park & Gab: 223rd Edition	GCBZ7EA
11/8	8a	Breakfast with a Geocacher # 19	GCBZ1PJ
11/11	11a	Club UFO: Compotation	GCBZW67
11/14	8:30a	CITO • OPERATION: LITTER BUSTER 5000 🌎 CITO @ Kleb Woods	GCBZQWB
11/18	11a	Autumn Skies and Pumpkin Pies!	GCBZR8W
11/18	6:30p	KAWSGE 57: Not Heinz 57	GCBZCR4
11/20	6:30p	I Scream, You Scream, IV	GCBZMV4
12/5	7:30a	mmmmm donuts - CXXX	GCBZQDR
12/5	8:30a	CITO • Hey Buddy, Let's clean up another park CXXX	GCBZQCF
12/9	6:30p	KAWSGE 58: White Elephant Returns	GCBZCRN
12/13	4p	BFF's Annual Holiday White Elephant P & G #224	GCBZA2W
12/16	11a	Dear Santa, I can explain.....	GCBZR9N
12/31	9a	CITO • Hey Buddy, Let's Clean Up Another Park CXXXI - YE	GCBZQB9
1/20/27	11a	January is like the Monday of months.	GCBZRAR

WEST REGION 5

11/12	12p	Passing Through Odessa	GCBZDAB
11/12	5:30p	Hiccup 5 & Hiccup 6	GCBZY71
11/26	11a	Meet n Greet on Thanksgiving Day	GCBZV3A
12/31	5p	🥂🍾🧨 Happy New Year 🥂🍾🧨	GCBZFTA
3/13/27	8a	MEGA • 25th Annual Texas Challenge & Geocaching Festival	GCBM0V0