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Thread: [Octoberfest Energy](#)

Omniscient - September 16, 2025, 3:21 pm

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Eran - September 16, 2025, 3:22 pm

People are already discussing the event a few weeks prior, it's definitely still worth doing and a nice HF tradition imo.

Charlie Sheen - September 16, 2025, 3:22 pm

It's always my favorite time of the year for the forum.

<https://hackforums.net/showthread.php?tid=6308075>

Mix - September 16, 2025, 6:25 pm

Always a great time, Sadly missed last years but I have been waiting for it this year to get back on track.

jcole - September 16, 2025, 6:34 pm

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Chrome - September 16, 2025, 7:03 pm

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Sounds like your motivation is a fair bit down. It's not going to do damage to HF running this event. I'd say go ahead with it but you will see less people get the award than the years before due to less activity.

Bastille - September 16, 2025, 10:43 pm

Octoberfest has always been my favorite event on HF, never missed one. I'll definitely participate this year.

Jamika - September 16, 2025, 11:13 pm

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Yesss so excited
May even try to pass more and reach 10k too

Oh_Well - September 17, 2025, 1:00 am

Super excited! Can't wait for my first Oktoberfest on HF!

Walter - September 17, 2025, 1:07 am

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JoseMar - September 17, 2025, 1:28 am

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I'd like something more than just reaching 200 posts.

Option 1 (for those who don't have money but still want to contribute and support the forum):

It would be better to encourage the creation of 20–30 threads (outside the Lounge section), each with at least 500 words. For stronger SEO results, ideally these should be 500–800 words. If Stanley could automatically detect whether a thread meets the 500-word requirement, it would create a huge boost in SEO.

Option 2:

You can also set a price, that's up to you.

I don't have money right now because of personal issues, but I still really want this. ?

Jamika - September 17, 2025, 2:48 am

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Dank - September 17, 2025, 2:58 am

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I know , there is still plenty of rewards to buy , we need more activities, so more seo , and more

buyers and so on

Snowwy - September 17, 2025, 5:35 am

Yup - definitely a favourite time of the year.

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But I understand your perspective.

blackrose_x0x0 - September 17, 2025, 7:28 am

I've always enjoyed the Octoberfest around this time of year. It brings in a lot of conversations but I won't be attempting 500+ posts for an award ever again. That's just me but I know plenty of members are down.

Biggs - September 17, 2025, 8:52 am

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Definitely not this. Octoberfest is the favorite event of HF for many where we get to engage with people weren't in contact for months. Would be a shame to kill the 4 year tradition for a purchaseable award.

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Of course, you're free to add an option for someone to pay for this prize, but that would miss a good chance to get more members involved, to wake up the forum and boost its activity... What about having two versions of the award, for example, one for money and the other for activity, and make them different? Hard?

xadamxk - September 17, 2025, 3:05 pm

Idk about on hackforums but I always get excited when I see Octoberfest events in my area. The pumpkin is cool but I'd kill for a Lederhosen or Beer stein trophy

Fish - September 18, 2025, 3:55 am

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Ey I'm not the only one with that logic :)

Two birds with one stone - why not, right?

I'm definitely looking forward to octoberfest, this year my October is a little more busy than the past few years but we'll see what I can do if you decide to run it again

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You have to be quick and ready with alternative ideas

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Members will have to put their username on a piece of paper next to the pumpkin, that ensures legitimacy.

You should have to work for the award. Spam posting to obtain it is just incredibly boring.

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I have genuinely done this exact thing in the past with someone. The % of people that actually carved a pumpkin was single digits, and with only hundreds of unique visitors / viewers rather than the usual thousands from followers/subs/organic.

also AI is too easy:

&& yes, that's this thread reply on the screen ^

I didn't even edit this photo, that's ai in under 1 minute. What is even real?
(botched the banner though)

Aeowulf - September 20, 2025, 6:19 am

Oh man, I was actually noticing the calendar and dreading it this year. ?

My activity is way down, and I probably was not going to take part this year. But I'm just one person.

Jamika - September 20, 2025, 6:38 am

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I could delete all the forums except Site News and the Market tabs and it wouldn't matter very much at this point. I know that sounds extreme but I'm looking at reality. All our Hacking content is pointless with AI. Even though AI mostly doesn't do hacking content it's often jailbroken or people find ways around that.

Meh. We'll be fine. I'm convinced of that. I'm actually more worried about CBDC and KYC on the entire internet. If I'm forced to KYC everyone, I'll just have to disable registrations altogether and let people post without an account at all. Probably charge per thread for Marketplace. I don't know, just that whole thing worries me way more than what AI is doing.