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Thread: [What Are Your Thoughts On Octoberfest? Want More Events Like It? Think It Should End?](#)

DemonAsylum - October 1, 2025, 4:48 pm

I'm curious to know what everyone is feeling like in regards to Octoberfest nowadays. Do you still care about the event? Do you think it should be retired? Do you think it's beneficial to the forum? Do you want to see more limited time posting events like it where you can for instance earn an award? Obviously feel free to share anything outside of those as well which express what you think about Octoberfest these days. I look forward to seeing what some of you guys think.

Envy - October 1, 2025, 5:22 pm

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Deany - October 1, 2025, 5:22 pm

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It is quite depressing still, you only ever see the same members and convo is full of 2-5 people max at all times.

Whole forum thrives off incentive, otherwise there's just no point - I've learned that from trying to push activity within groups for years, it's a never ending battle and just when you think you've caught traction or have something going, it all just comes back full circle.

Being optimistic just doesn't work, it doesn't bring the numbers up, and it doesn't force peoples hands.

However, incentivizing awards and crypto just for posting... whole different story, lol.

HerrWinston - October 1, 2025, 5:49 pm

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oRequiem - October 1, 2025, 5:53 pm

I think it's cool to earn for an award even though it can get really tedious and grindy.

I mainly hate that it's so close to new game releases every year so I have to go non-stop until I obtain it lol.

DemonAsylum - October 1, 2025, 6:16 pm

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Don't worry. Me, Aeo, and Demon gonna carry the forum ez

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There was a thread not too long ago where multiple changes were made and members shared their frustrations with it and some opted to leave.

My personal reason is SRPP

While I am fine toning down a bit on political discussions the fact that there is no place for religion or science discussions to take its place pretty much leaves me for the most part nowhere to discuss.

And despite politics discussions not even being banned but instead no longer encouraged I have had my thread locked in regards to the shutdown and I noticed others threads being locked.

DemonAsylum - October 1, 2025, 6:58 pm

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Hackers - October 1, 2025, 7:07 pm

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DemonAsylum - October 1, 2025, 7:21 pm

(Oct 1, 2025 07:07 PM)enki Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I haven't looked into it yet but i hope everyone has fun Here is the official thread for it.

<https://hackforums.net/showthread.php?tid=6309469>

It's the usual Octoberfest goodness, but with a fat giveaway going on for those that post as well.

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I agree on the science topic, and for me, much of religion can be discussed in a non-religious way, or unemotionally. I like the texts & etymology for example more than what modern man thinks when it comes to religion.

Stanley needs to give a bit more time for threads to take off. Some should be consolidated, and perhaps there should be some mega threads for specific companies or topics.

I do not understand fully why science was grouped with religion & politics though.

I think science should be brought back, but there should be strict rules.

For example, verifiable scientific facts should not be "up for debate" without counter evidence. It's one thing to say the Earth is flat, it's another to prove it. It's one thing for someone to discredit 50 years of scientific research, and another to actually disprove that same research.

I'd be a huge fan of science coming back in some way, but if people are going to debate whether CO2 affects an atmosphere or not, I don't think it should come back.

Yes, discussions are great. Debating basic Earth sciences that are taught in elementary & middle school is not worth it though.

I'm a fan of the change overall. There are ways to discuss religion and politics within tech. For

example, the Amish don't use technology, and maybe we could assist people who are leaving the Amish, or provide info for them to connect online, etc.

We can't talk about politics, but election security is a tech topic. We can't talk about science, but the algo & languages used in LLM training have an electrical cost due to energy use, and widespread AI can cost more energy & money for datacenters.

etc etc.

I think it's about fitting in your points within the topic of tech. Maybe I'm wrong, but I don't disagree overall with Omni to be honest.

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People say they can't stand a sub-forum and then actively go in there to get annoyed.

I do agree overall with Omni's intent for the forum, but on your personal point about people being on their last straw over a sub-forum they aren't obligated to read or participate in... Not sure.

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AS IF I'd even be able to continue on with my day after this massive mistake I've made.

Nate - October 1, 2025, 9:10 pm

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DemonAsylum - October 1, 2025, 9:27 pm

(Oct 1, 2025 09:10 PM)Nate Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) The jump in activity is huge when this comes out

I will say that it's definitely not what it was last year, but it's still a big difference versus the usual. As it should be of course. It's also only the first day and in the middle of the week too. I expect it will (hopefully) pick up even more as we get into the weekend.

Pimping - October 1, 2025, 10:33 pm

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Lefty - October 1, 2025, 10:34 pm

I don't even know the meaning behind it. I know its from Germany (I think) and they drink beer.
That's it haha

ItsMeFox - October 1, 2025, 10:34 pm

Yes its very good for both the forum and the members

the forum will be more active

and the members will know each other more and will be able to make more friends by replying each others

i like it

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Yeah I recall a lot of us zooming right through it lol. Good level of activity then I guess and also of course requiring less than half of what he needed for Octoberfest just months prior.

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Still not too bad its still doable

I remember last years octoberfest was way harder with the 600 posts. seem like it took me too long

DemonAsylum - October 1, 2025, 11:13 pm

(Oct 1, 2025 10:56 PM)oRequiem Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) It's probably going to be 300 posts now, I'd bet maybe more.

You think? I feel 250/25 fits well given Christmas on the 25th. I figure he did that on purpose. If he was going to change the amount though, I'd think he'd dial it back if anything like he did with the pumpkin this time.

In?sane? - October 2, 2025, 12:59 am

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P??sonl?af - October 2, 2025, 1:04 am

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DemonAsylum - October 2, 2025, 1:05 am

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For years and years, I just jump on quickly now and then to see what's going on. I happened to be lucky to check today honestly, I just like the award lol.

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It's always nice to see that instant shift in activity. It's definitely not as much so far this year as last year, but for a number of reasons that makes sense. Still, I expect it will pick up even more as we head into the weekend.

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yeah i remember the thread where he said maybe he wont even do one at all.... ;/ But i am happy he decided otherwise and even doubled down with giveaways!

DemonAsylum - October 2, 2025, 1:41 am

(Oct 2, 2025 01:40 AM)Lefty Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I am loving it. Its seeming more alive these days

The only downside is after the event ends and then things pretty much go back to how they were prior ?

Oh_Well - October 2, 2025, 1:45 am

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Haha yeah, that's true. Let's say not every month, but you could have: Oktoberfest, a Christmas event, a big summer event to boost traffic even in the summer months, something like that!

DemonAsylum - October 2, 2025, 3:00 am

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That seems more realistic. A few spaced out events could definitely help or with the right incentives anyway. I suppose it would just be a matter of if Omni found the results worth it is all.

Stanley - October 2, 2025, 2:20 pm

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I want to spend one night in bangkok this halloween with Scamley gambling. I'm sure since he always wins I'd be rich AF.

Michael - October 18, 2025, 3:14 am

It's a very nice event.

I believe there is also a similar Christmas event.

Yin Yang - October 18, 2025, 7:39 am

I don't want it to end, I like grinding it out

RangoWorld - October 18, 2025, 9:48 am

I like Octoberfest

The Pact - October 18, 2025, 11:03 pm

Where the fuck is my Pumpkin? I am over 100%

DAL-SHA - October 19, 2025, 12:11 am

i think it shouldn't end !! keep it please ??

Eran - October 22, 2025, 8:04 am

Imagine if we had a 100% byte boost during Octoberfest, that would be dope. More events like this would be pretty cool too.

Charlie Sheen - October 22, 2025, 10:48 am

I've always been a fan of these events. I liked the Christmas one he did last year. I also liked a few years ago when he made the post and randomly receive a Christmas ornament.