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Thread: [Should HF News finally get an official HF Group?](#)

Chrome - September 28, 2026, 1:23 pm

This topic has been debated a few times in the past. Members of HF, what are your thoughts?

Benefits to the group

- better structure for creating editions, discussing plans and ideas amongst members and projects.
- a userbar contributors can wear around the forum so they can be recognised within the community
- [Cap](#) gets his subforum back (I know he doesn't mind)

Have a vote and discuss your opinion here folks.

Scrub - September 28, 2026, 1:50 pm

I don't feel it's needed, not as much news happening as it used to?

xadamxk - September 28, 2026, 4:38 pm

Given how many groups there are that are a complete waste of space, I never understood why the HF News did NOT have its own group.

HF News has more contributions than all other groups combined.

_VOX - September 28, 2026, 5:57 pm

Realistically should have been given a group a long time ago, during the peak years of HF and other forums alike.

I feel like giving one now wouldn't be much use - I'm sure they have already established a communications network and the only thing it would possibly provide would be a user bar and maybe a news reward.

I do think it's time to start looking at groups and seeing who's putting the effort into them and who isn't. I remember on another forum similar to this I was in multiple groups and the group lounge was always busy - but then that has the knock on effect of taking engagement away from the already low public posts.

clark.dll - September 28, 2026, 5:58 pm

Back in my day, there was an allocated group for writers which handled the news.. but the forms were much more active then and it made sense.

I'm not sure it really matters now

Psilocybe - September 28, 2026, 7:52 pm

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Oh okay, yeah that number is way less absurd hearing that as an adult now lol, was 14/15 when I was most active.

I do remember there being a 'Writer' role the way I have a l33t role, is that still a thing? Seems like this site has done a lot of moving backwards if so...

HerrWinston - September 30, 2026, 8:23 am

Personally I dont really see a need, although there are much more points as to why the news team should have a group then there are reasons they shouldnt have one.

It would for sure be worth it for yall.

Respect - September 30, 2026, 8:27 am

I don't care one way or the other tbh, but an HF News Group would definitely be more active than every single other group. No other group does weekly (or even monthly) contributions to HF

Au Jus Demon - October 1, 2026, 10:26 am

I think it would be a good idea. Maybe they could get increased posting limits or something, so there's no need to make multiple posts because of the image limit.

DemonAsylum - October 1, 2026, 11:37 am

I don't mind either way, but my initial impression is that it's not really needed. The HF News team has been killing it this whole time without a group and I don't really see how having one would make that noticeably more so. I can understand the appeal for being able to represent the team more prominently, but that's not a major argument for being provided a group in my opinion. As for if having the group would genuinely make discussion and structure a meaningful amount easier, I'll just have to take your word for it. It's an understandable reason to want a group if so though. All of that said, if a group was ever going to be provided for something, the news team should be at the top of that list. They've contributed a bunch and have done an incredible job so far. I know that will only continue and regardless of them having a group or not as well.

Infinity. - October 1, 2026, 1:25 pm

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Motusora - October 1, 2026, 2:08 pm

Yes, tbh I think an official HF News group would be a great addition.

Not being biased just because I'd be interested in the graphics job ??

I genuinely think it would help with organization, collaboration, and community recognition.

I'd be happy to help with 20% off my usual rate for the project,
not just a userbar, but also custom animated GIF signatures for each member. ?

Scrub - October 1, 2026, 2:12 pm

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I don't know what said promises and disillusion include, and that may be key here, but I do know
that over the years the HF News team has produced over 600 Editions.

Every week, multiple members come together to make something for the community that ultimately
benefits them in no way.

The most I have ever seen them given was an award and a few bytes.

A private subforum and a userbar to show that they contribute is the least they deserve IMO.

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I am not saying don't, I just remember some bad blood, but eh, time wounds all heals.

All the power to it I'd say.

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I was on writers and did things for the wiki and it was fun and I kept up while it lasted my reason now is not as much happens now a days as before. Everything that is news worth is what Omni already posts in the news updates or site updates he does. I think it's great someone keeps up on what still happens here and we have an addition but I don't think a group with a subforum is needed for it to continue. Then it just because a shit show on who gets accepted and who contributes what vs who hasn't contributed in x time.

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(Oct 1, 2026 03:33 PM)Scrub Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) It's called down bad. ?

if running a business is "down bad" now, I guess I'll take the L while continuing to get paid. ?

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We've been dedicated to the HF news without a group to prove to you it's not a phase. It's a project that we all want on HF. It help your site, all donated time. I think we should at least deserve an official group so we can wear a userbar as a badge of honour and a proper place to manage the project and expand.

What's it going to take to earn it?