



August 2025 Review

Horizon Staff released their Q3 update. Check it out here:
https://horizonxi.com/news/2025-08-30_q3-2025-update

Make sure to tune into their Mog House Meeting livestream on Saturday, October 4th, 2025 at 6PM EDT!



Picture of the group at Go Go Karaoke on Friday!



Picture at Top of the World at the Las Vegas STRAT.

Gather Together!

A FFXI community meetup in Las Vegas, Nevada!

I'm back! With an extremely delayed newsletter. Apologies for the wait but I had a lot to catch up on IRL and in-game and the drop after a convention gave me huge writer's block. As promised, this is the Vegas recap newsletter with very little in game news. I did mention the Q3 update from Horizon staff in the left column but not much else is included. I've had many folks reach out with the latest achievements in Hardcore 75s, relics, and Maat's Caps and those will be included in the next newsletter! Not much of a meetup fan? You can easily skip this and wait until the next newsletter if it's in-game information you crave!

I'd like to note I've rebranded these newsletters to be "Community Chronicles" for the FFXI community. Shoutout to my IRL bestie for doing the art for me! The FFXI Festivus will stay focused on server news and my live streams, so don't worry that is still around. Community Chronicles are more for highlighting what the FFXI community is doing, specifically for HorizonXI since that is where I play. I will try to incorporate retail and other private server information as I'm able to get it. Reach out on Discord to "Rahne" if you have any stories or information you'd like covered. As always, I'm all ears to all types of feedback!

Streamer Shoutout!

There was an overwhelming amount of streamers at the Las Vegas meetup. The list included (in order via Twitch names):

- ALr52
- BeerManStan
- cmKwech
- DAsoccer6
- Greek
- Huginffxi
- LostTimeLord
- Professor_Crabdance
- Rahne
- SoloWolfLive
- Thatos7q
- YoungandGifted

While I’m not calling out any particular streamer here, I do want to give a huge shoutout to DA who encouraged Hugin and myself to get streamers onboard for the event. Having public facing folks talk-up and encourage others to join helped get the word out and people hyped. DA likes to be humble and pretend he didn’t help but the marketing and advertising from him helped make the event a huge success. If you want to see more of his work, pay attention to streamers in October to see the large charity drives for ExtraLife!



Picture with the homies ♥



Picture of staff badges.

Dank Leaks

The secrets you want to know...

It’s no secret there were some developers and staff in attendance at the meetup. While the event wasn’t an official HorizonXI meetup, we did get to mingle with the staff. As much as I’d love to say we learned Treasures release date or rebase release date (jk, read the Q3 update), we didn’t learn too much beyond Beasty being a god tier coder and charm has a water elemental effect. There wasn’t too much discussed about the game. Attendees were more interested in people’s IRLs and trying out new foods, drinks, and entertainment. It didn’t matter who you are in FFXI, we’re all human and hanging out!

When planning the event, that was the original purpose. For far too long have most of us been chronically online and we forget that humans exist on the other end of the screen. Rather than screech at each other on Discord or in /say, we wanted a meetup to show we’re all humans with passion for the game. We united over our love of FFXI and we want the private server community to thrive. At the end of the day, there’s no hate amongst people who share drinks and break bread and the event proved that meetups can exist without the threat of drama. Don’t believe me? Ask anyone who attended! Just don’t mention UNO...

SWAG!!!!

Everyone’s favorite part about meetups and conventions is, of course, the swag! Huge shoutout to Hugin, Crabdance, Nbizzle, and Thatos who brought swag to share with everyone! It was a huge hit with folks and I’m looking forward to what is brought next year!

Have feedback you want to share? Make sure to share in the link below for Hugin to read and help develop these events further!

<https://survey.ffxi.vegas/>



Swishy (with shirt) signing a Magic the Gathering placemat for Thatos. Kwech in background.