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# Community Chronicles

Latest on the FFXI Private Server Community



## November 2025 Review

Horizon Staff hosted a 2025 Anniversary stream on 12/20/25. I have a transcript which includes their recording:

<https://rahnerreviews.com/2026/01/07/2025-horizonxi-anniversary-stream-transcript/>

Reminder: rebase will launch soon. I've written a "guide" in case folks want to prepare:

<https://rahnerreviews.com/2026/01/07/horizonxi-rebase-preparation-guide/>



Picture from Yupitan showing off their Mog House.



## Year-in-Review

Normally, these articles highlight community events, efforts, and achievements. For December's edition, I wanted to highlight all that we've covered over the last year and some statistics. Additionally, I'll share my plan going forward with these publications.

First, I'd like to thank everyone who's given their time to answer my questions and suggest stories for me to pursue. Without it, this would have been a struggle to create. And thank you to those who shared art and screenshots, data, and corrected errors. These efforts allowed me to publish these newsletters with hopefully compelling stories and polished finish.

I want to call out that no AI was used in writing these. I did some meme stories in 2024 with AI, which are correctly labeled. I use 0 generative AI now.

Now, for some statistics! We managed to highlight and share:

Players who achieved Maat's: 34  
Players who obtained a relic: 73  
Players who hit 75 Hardcore: 102

For some fun statistics compared to the Census data (see MHM transcript: <https://rahnerreviews.com/2025/10/06/10-4-2025-horizonxis-mog-house-meeting-transcript/>), we highlighted 9% of the Maat's caps obtained and 11% of the relics obtained on Horizon!

Don't see your friends or yourself listed? Be sure to reach out on Discord (name "Rahne") to share achievements. Everyone is welcome for recognition. I will also throw in some memes just to keep folks on their toes, if that is more your style.

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## Going Forward: 2026 Plan

I want to approach these newsletters differently in 2026. The topics will generally stay the same, but the frequency is going to change. I'm switching to a quarterly publishing schedule to give myself a break from the back-to-back tempo of writing articles. This should hopefully allow for more meaningful articles and longer stories.

While this newsletter is published in January 2026, for December 2025, I will be posting again with the goal of March 2026 to cover the first calendar quarter. My optimism for the HorizonXI rebase launch and later Treasures of Aht Urhgan launch means there will be more news focused stories, like we saw at the end of 2025, which means more of my effort can be focused into the coverage as launches occur. If you have ideas or suggestions, please share. I cannot be everywhere and speak to everyone to know the available options.

With these expected launches, I'm also anticipating a resurgence in player activity and community efforts. I look forward to seeing what the community will build on these launches.

Additionally, there are some new private servers which I expect to launch in 2026: Phoenix and Zenith. I will attempt to cover community efforts of these servers as this is a FFXI community newsletter, not a HorizonXI newsletter. As stated before, feel free to share stories you wish to see and I'll do my best to share in these newsletters.

Do you see a gap in expected community efforts? Don't be afraid to step up and build something on your own. When I first started on HorizonXI, I was craving updates on the day-to-day discoveries from adventurers. These were drowned out from thousands of posts on Discord. So, I started Festivus to highlight player discoveries and updates from staff which weren't posted in announcement channels. In 2025, when I realized there wasn't a community newsletter, I started these Community Chronicles to capture community efforts and achievements from players. Many players have stepped up to fill gaps within the community, from streams, videos, guides, tutorials, linkshells, events, and much more. Be the change you want to see!

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In addition to the player achievements, we also shared the stories of nine separate linkshells, including new player friendly to end game and even race and nation specific linkshells. We also interviewed nine separate HXI Twitch streamers, all who shared their love of FFXI and tips for folks playing.

With these articles, we shared nine community driven passion projects, ranging from the collective efforts of the HXI wiki team to the various streamer events.

For those who love data and numbers, 999 represents the angel number of completion, new beginnings, and spiritual growth. Or it is simply the emergency number for the UK.

While the HorizonXI staff team have worked endlessly to give us a private server to enjoy, it is truly the community that continues to bond players together over our shared interest. I look forward to what the future of FFXI private servers may bring, both on and off Horizon.

See you in 2026!