

Identity Evropa North Atlantic regional 'Fireside Chat' (via Discord)
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Ian Hoffmann (@Ian - PA): [00:00:07] To wake myself up a little bit.

[00:00:10] Epic.

[00:00:12] Unironically endorsed.

Ian Hoffmann (@Ian - PA): [00:00:15] What's what's up Nate.

[00:00:17] I usually have a cup of coffee after dinner.

Ian Hoffmann (@Ian - PA): [00:00:20] Yeah. Hey that's that's very Evropan to do that, do that sort of stuff. Have a, have a little cappuccino or something after dinner for sure. All right so we can get rolling here. Look at that. Looks like Steve made his avatar clown world Steve too. That's very cool.

Ian Hoffmann (@Ian - PA): [00:00:44] Cool.

Ian Hoffmann (@Ian - PA): [00:00:45] Looks like we have a good number of people here. It's good to see everybody coming on in. So before we really get rolling into you know some of the things we have upcoming and talking just a little bit about the conference before it is absolutely too late to register. I'd like to welcome Kyle from Virginia to the pantheon of coordinators. He's been in IE, I feel like he's been in IE as long as myself and he's recently done a fantastic job stepping up and organizing locally which is great.

Ian Hoffmann (@Ian - PA): [00:01:15] So, Kyle's now the D.C. area coordinator which, which is great, we need, you know, as, as regions grow, we need people being more locally involved to help grow the regions a little bit better.

Ian Hoffmann (@Ian - PA): [00:01:30] So Kyle you want to introduce yourself real quick and maybe tell people why you got into IE and your thoughts about the organization the future, something or brief.

Kyle: [00:01:41] Sure. Howdy, I think I know most of you guys. Yeah.

Kyle: [00:01:49] I've been in [IE] about two years now since 2017. A lot of this stuff was always pretty obvious to me but over the last is it sense since the Trump election I got I got involved with IE after watching Nathan and our guys way back on the He Will Not Divide Us stream as they were chugging milk and flexing in front of that amazing art piece. So that's my, it was my initial intro into IE, you have to forgive me I'm coming down from a cold right now.

Kyle: [00:02:31] I was not prepared to talk either but happy to be stepping up in the D.C. and Virginia area. Looking forward to the conference, getting to know you guys there.

Kyle: [00:02:44] If you haven't done so yet go ahead and come to the conference please. We also have a fantastic carpool that will be leaving from Sam Anderson's place in Fredericksburg, Virginia.

If you are interested in that we still have I think two to three more seats left.

Kyle: [00:03:13] two seats.

Kyle: [00:03:13] Thanks Sam, yeah that's that's pretty much me if you wanna gunpost with me I'm always available for that.

Kyle: [00:03:24] But let's keep it to a minimum on the national.

Ian Hoffmann (@Ian - PA): [00:03:28] Yeah that's something I was gonna say as well.

Ian Hoffmann (@Ian - PA): [00:03:30] Firearms are one of one of Kyle's hobbies so if you're interested in maybe purchasing something he could, He's certainly well-informed and could tell you if it's a good investment or a bad investment. And you know keep that off IE servers but that's one of his hobbies and he's got quite a collection, very responsible. A sportsman at that. So yeah let's dig into some of the announcements for local things coming up. If you're in the if you're in the New York region this the 23rd [of February 2019]. I guess that Saturday the twenty third there's gonna be a meetup at Captain Lawrence brewing in Westchester County. You can find that on our Slack server. They have, Lewis says they have good food. There's a gun range right next door so that's going to be I guess one of their first outdoor oriented meet ups, excuse me, of the year. Going down a little bit further this Saturday I guess, also the twenty third if you're in the Maryland, D.C., Virginia area.

Ian Hoffmann (@Ian - PA): [00:04:37] This Saturday at 2p.m., Udvar Hazy, not sure what that is.

Ian Hoffmann (@Ian - PA): [00:04:45] And there is an address provided. So if you are in the Maryland D.C.

Kyle: [00:04:50] Yes. Sorry to interrupt, that, that was last weekend.

Kyle: [00:04:54] There are different things happening in the D.C. area.

Ian Hoffmann (@Ian - PA): [00:04:59] OK. There wasn't there wasn't a date posted I'm sorry. Why don't you tell me what's going on this weekend then.

Kyle: [00:05:04] Sorry. Yeah. So if you pop over to the D.C. area [inaudible] will be leading a trip to the range on Saturday.

Kyle: [00:05:16] And the info is posted there in the D.C. area. Please go ahead and respond with the email if you're coming out too.

Kyle: [00:05:23] And then there will be a pretty sizable meet up in [inaudible] on Sunday. This coming Sunday where I'll be going to historic Tredegar Ironworks.

Kyle: [00:05:37] It is kind of also the de facto Museum of the Confederacy as well in downtown Richmond followed by a dinner at the, what is it called, the Hofgarden?

unknown speaker 1: [00:05:50] Yeah the Hofgarden, it's like 3 miles away...

Kyle: [00:05:55] Yeah that's what we got going on.

Ian Hoffmann (@Ian - PA): [00:05:59] Ok. Epic. Thanks for keeping me straight there. I didn't

see the date and I kind of got lost. That sounds like a good time.

Ian Hoffmann (@Ian - PA): [00:06:08] It looks like if you're in the New Jersey region, Steve has a meetup post to this upcoming Saturday, and that is this upcoming Saturday in Hoboken a place called Moran's at 2:00p.m. and they want to go flyering first. So you can reach out to Steve if that's something you're interested in.

Ian Hoffmann (@Ian - PA): [00:06:24] He posted an address as well and then finally Pennsylvanians, if you, or Southern Jerseyans, if you're in the Philadelphia region, we're going to be having just a fraternal meetup at Sproul bowling alley this Sunday the 24th, 3:30 PM. Looks like we have nine people already who RSVP'd. That's pretty good. Pretty epic, pretty good numbers. So yeah it should, it should be a good time I'm looking forward to it, done a lot of things that are a little bit more involved lately so it'll be nice to just go out and bowl and maybe have a few, a few brews and have some food together before the conference which is a little more seriously minded.

Ian Hoffmann (@Ian - PA): [00:07:01] So there is something that I want to discuss and that's the top, kind of the topic of tonight is this incident that happened with, uh, Patriot Front in Boston, how some of their activists were detained. And you know maybe what they did wrong,

Ian Hoffmann (@Ian - PA): [00:07:21] what we can assume they did wrong, and some things that they certainly did wrong. Matt I noticed you unmuted your microphone, did, I have a feeling we're probably on the same page here. Is this something you wanted to talk about as well?

[00:07:32] Real quick before we dive into that I just wanted to remind everyone that I would love to continue to stack the conference with North Atlantic members. So hey if you know you're an activist you're someone who can probably handle you know finding a place to stay among the many group lodging options or at the onsite venue but you can probably you know maybe link up with Sam Anderson and Kyle for the Fredericksburg carpool or potentially with Steve if that carpool is still available and you want to go to the conference. Hey come talk to me. I would love to get some more activists engaged there. I know that it can be sometimes hard for us to, for all of us who are college students and everything to make it. And I know that, you know, organizing these big trips and everything these big events can be a bit of a hassle. So you know we're happy to help you out but just speak up because time is quickly running out here. So if you need help, if you're if you're thinking about asking but weren't too sure, we do have some funds available and yeah, like I said, we've got some, you know, we've got some spots definitely in Fredericksburg in the carpool as Sam mentioned. So just come let me know and we would love to make it happen. So thanks. And yeah when it comes to the stuff Ian is getting into, I'm you know, I couldn't agree more with what Ian is about say, so please, go ahead, take it away.

Ian Hoffmann (@Ian - PA): [00:09:00] Yeah absolutely. And if you're one of these people who kind of sits on your hands a little bit about about doing things, if you're not proactive, this is kind of your last chance, right, Matt, like, you, they should probably get to you by, what do you say the end of the weekend, or else it's just absolutely too late.

'Matt': [00:09:15] I mean the registration period ends officially next Friday, by next Friday.

'Matt': [00:09:25] Really at the end of next Thursday night so the registration period basically ends in a week. So we're down to the last week at this point and you're going to want a little bit of time to, you know, maybe, you know, make all those arrangements and everything so, you know, this is taking place over a weekend and, you know, there's definitely still a little bit of time and space for everything. So if you're thinking about it, if you know you can swing it with work or school and you know you're in good standing with your organization, which I'm sure all of you guys are, then

there's really, there's really no reason not to. The location's secure, we're, we're secure. The opposition has no idea what we're up to because if we, if they did know, they would be, they would be publishing it, because that's how they, that's how they rally people to go to these events and they're not. So I work and every hour that goes by it just gets safer and safer and our venue is quite deep in Trump country. In fact I cannot think of a nicer venue that is so deep in white, basically white Afghanistan, that I'd...

[00:10:35] Whitopia, right?

Matt: [00:10:35] Yeah Yeah. I think we're going to be quite all right. So yeah...there's legitimate fears about that stuff. So I just wanted to kind of assuage that but again yep this is pretty much it coming down to the wire here. We know sponsorship funds are available and I'd love to see some more North Atlantic people out of that. So if you haven't yet, you're an in-need activist, let me know.

Matt: [00:10:57] I'd be more than happy to get you to the conference.

Ian Hoffmann (@Ian - PA): [00:11:01] Excellent. Thank you Matt. Yeah. So reach out to Matt if that's you, you know, it's OK if, we have the funds available, the funds are available for you guys especially if you're an activist.

Ian Hoffmann (@Ian - PA): [00:11:13] So again for the tenth time, please reach out this week. So I want to talk about what happened with the, the Patriot Front guys in New York. How, and again this is maybe one of these cases that the truth probably lies somewhere in the middle, right, like I don't believe that Patriot Front guys for instance are engaging in smart activism.

Ian Hoffmann (@Ian - PA): [00:11:36] I don't even believe that they're always engaging in smart decision making but taking the police at face value at what they, what they say is hat, is happening, I don't know the truth probably lies somewhere in the middle. However, so I've done a little bit more digging here, I'm looking at an article and I've done digging from other articles so as far as I understand it what happened was these guys they went out flyering in East Boston on I guess a Thursday night and put up a bunch of flyers and some citizens I guess...

Ian Hoffmann (@Ian - PA): [00:12:18] Oh and they had like a flag with them too, and were wearing masks, that it was almost like they're attracting attention of citizens like saw them or saw the flyers and tore them all down. So then what happened is these same guys went back the very next night and people can correct me if I'm wrong, but this was, this is what I've read from a couple of different web sites and put up, put up more flyers and these flyers were relatively benign, 'Keep America American', 'Reclaim Your Birthright', things like this and a number to call ICE, a police officer saw the guys with flyers in the neighborhood, they were all wearing masks, and he saw that they had a spray can on them.

Ian Hoffmann (@Ian - PA): [00:12:54] It was probably not spray paint, it was probably spray glue, which we don't use.

Ian Hoffmann (@Ian - PA): [00:13:01] And he asked to speak with them, asked for their IDs, And I guess he, the officer reached his hand out to try to take one of their wallets maybe.

Ian Hoffmann (@Ian - PA): [00:13:13] I'm not sure and one of the guys slapped the officer's hand away, so that's assaulting an officer. That's a felony.

Ian Hoffmann (@Ian - PA): [00:13:24] And then they, they search the other guys and they found a

knife and brass knuckles, you know. And those are also felonies. Now I carry around a two and a half inch blade every single day probably every single adult man in my county does. And they're legal all over my state. I know the rules, you know, I can guarantee you that it was not a two and a half inch Kershaw knife that this guy was carrying. And why would you even need something like that for activism. Brass knuckles, they're illegal almost everywhere. And, you know, these are, I mean, these are things, again, like you can have them in your home, but if you're carrying them out into the community, yeah, it's a weapon and they're going to charge you with that felony. So these guys were arraigned, held in jail. They appeared in court. I don't know what's happened with them since. People have have levied the criticism towards me and other members of leadership in the past that, you know, perhaps we're a little bit too, too much of opti-cucks for lack of a better word, like, we're, you know, we don't take enough risks, we're potentially a little bit, we play it a little too safe, a little too careful.

Ian Hoffmann (@Ian - PA): [00:14:37] This is why. If one of our activists, you know, got in trouble like this, I think it would be a while 'til anybody wanted to do activism.

Ian Hoffmann (@Ian - PA): [00:14:46] If one of our activists got harmed or doxed because they, while following our policy, or if we didn't set a strict enough policy.

Ian Hoffmann (@Ian - PA): [00:14:56] Again I don't think people would want to be do doing activism period. So I put a note, and I'm sure many of you read it, in #announcements in our regional Slack. This is why we do activism during the daytime. Don't wear masks, don't use spray adhesive. That's why we follow the law. That's why we don't bring anything even resembling a weapon while doing activism. I actually had a conversation with Patrick and Matt and said look, you know, like, I, I, I carry a handgun every day. But when I, when I go to IE things I leave it at home. I carry an knife on me every day. And now because of this I leave my pocket knife in my car. I mean it's just a tiny,,, I mean it's you know, probably everybody in here has carried a pocket knife they're useful tools, all at one point. But guess what. I don't really need it. I'm going to break my habit and leave it in my car. We need to start thinking in this manner, the same way that we think about online security and OPSEC, we need to think about our personal security as well. An additional thing is why we don't associate with other groups. The people who say, like, oh we should be a big tent, we should be associating with, well TEP doesn't exist, we should be associating with you know TRS [The Right Stuff], we should be associating with Patriot Front. Well OK. You're advocating for associating with people who are bringing felony tier weapons with them while they go and flyer.

Ian Hoffmann (@Ian - PA): [00:16:15] That's who you're saying we should be buddies with. That's who we should be friends with. No, I don't think so.

[00:16:21] That's not that's not something that I'm going to endorse. It's not something anybody else is going to endorse in leadership in this organization. You be friends with them personally. Some of these guys are probably awesome they're probably hilarious and probably well-intentioned but our duty to this organization is to keep everybody safe. And if we have people getting in trouble for easily preventable things, absolutely unforced errors, then, then we don't have an organization and people aren't going to want to do things because they don't feel safe. And that's, that's really what we try to provide as a structure for this organization, un defensability and safety as well as, of course, you know, our main goal which is shifting the metapolitical dialogue. But we don't need to get into that now. Again, real briefly, if you're ever in this situation and you should be absolutely polite, but you should be very brief as well with the police. And they come up say 'Hey, what are you doing'. Say "oh, I just don't really have anything to say. Am I being detained?' If they say 'no you're not being detained, I just wanted to know what you're up to.'" "Oh I'm not being detained now. OK bye. Have a good night." So no wait wait wait wait what are you doing out here. Am I

being detained. You're not being detained. OK. Goodbye. That's that is the kind of conversation you need to have and say Have a nice night. Right. But you know just polite, curt, respectful, but you really should not say, say anything further than that. I have no idea why this, these guys are even talking this police officer, if that happened to me, you know I, He would have really gotten two or three lines out of me. I have nothing to say, am I being detained and have a good evening. I also wouldn't have been flyer in the evening. So that's kind of all I had to say on that. I don't know if any of our other coordinators wants to, to make a point on that real briefly.

[00:18:17] Yeah, uh, look I'm not going to say I've never gone to a private school and, you know, and flyer there, but please, but please, keep in mind there that it's a different, it's a totally different world, on a private university. So I'm not going to say like, you know, I would be a hypocrite if I flat out said don't ever do it. But if you're gonna go to a private school don't get caught.

[00:18:43] Definitely don't get caught, don't bring spray glue to any poster and, you know, it is in the guidebook that you shouldn't be generally going to private schools for, for doing posters unless it was like, as simple as putting posters up on like a tack board, right. Because then it's like, then it's like there's absolutely no, there's absolutely no alteration so to speak, of a, of a fixture that would be, you know associated with defacement on, you know, a street post something public. Public space is a little bit more different, public universities more different than that. There's there's a lot of different sort of layers and ways to look at that. So it's important but in general definitely.

[00:19:30] Especially if you're maybe a less experienced activist.

[00:19:34] Nothing wrong with that. But if that applies to you then yeah there's really there really isn't a huge need to go to private schools.

[00:19:40] So theree definitely isn't a need to spray glue, no weapons, nothing of that nature. But yeah I completely agree with what Ian said. And yeah there's, you know, people get, people get doxed from you know, not, you know, for basically getting, from basically interacting with the police in really bad ways and doing stupid things.

[00:20:04] And then they get doxed from, from having their social media very badly protected in terms of having their real life photo out there, so, people don't get doxed from activism, they get doxed those two ways, they don't get doxed from activism. So, anyways, Ian, go ahead.

Ian Hoffmann (@Ian - PA): [00:20:21] Oh yeah. Well said.

Ian Hoffmann (@Ian - PA): [00:20:23] And again, we wouldn't be serving our membership if we didn't warn you guys of, of some of these dangers and set forth policies to ultimately protect the organization, protect you. So with that in mind we can get into OPSEC a little bit over the next few days. I will be sharing a couple of articles from lefty Twitter on our regional Slack about doxing. And in all of these, they describe how they were able to to dox people on the Internet. Now typically what they've done is people have basically left a trail of breadcrumbs to their real identities. So it's a way to kind of just see how this, this can happen. It's pretty rare but, I mean, we've had members, and thankfully it's nobody in my region, but we've had a guy and you know, God bless him, he, he commented on our social media using first name, last name, and a picture of his face, commented on the action like, oh great action fellows. And he, he was doxed, and we just, we like, we can't have unforced errors like that. And this is just also, this is a little bit deeper than that but also something to consider. So over the next few days I'll probably be posting things of that nature in our regional Slacks so people can take a peek at it. I think somebody posted something about that recently. Yeah looks like Patrick posted one of the ones I was going to post on Valentine's Day, about Tinder, posting on Valentine's Day. So yeah, guys, I don't have a whole lot

more. I don't know if any of the other coordinators had something they want to say.

[00:22:20] I don't know if perhaps other members, if you had any concerns or questions that you wanted to address. I'd be happy to take those now as well. We have, have you all here, so I'll kind of let things proceed as you guys like, but otherwise, come out. Seems like every region has a meetup this weekend. And I look forward to seeing my members at mine

[00:22:48] I'll uh, well unless anybody let's just let's just wait a second to see if we have any questions I guess anybody want to unmute, chime in, go for it.

[00:22:56] Also look at #general.

[00:23:16] I would just say a YouTube playlist was a way that one of our members got doxed. He used his real name and added videos to a playlist and he made it pop in, the playlist wasn't private so that they were able to see, like, that he was like, liking some dissident right material.

[00:23:35] Yeah and he was also just using I think the whole Gmail account that was basically his real name and face so...Facebook likes, everything. Yep.

[00:23:48] If I mean there's probably not an issue because it's not like you can go to a channel and click on the subscribers list and you know go through that. But if you're gonna be liking, commenting, and you know, building content, then you can just, you can just create another Gmail account, you know, you keep for dissident stuff, there's nothing about your personal identifying information on it. That's the, that's the best we could do. When it comes to all this stuff with opsec, you know, Ian mentioned, you'll be talking about over the next three days, posting some resources. The main, the main thing to, the main thing to think about is basically placing yourselves in the shoes of someone who is trying to find information about you and basically thinking about what they would look for and where are the vulnerabilities and where are the avenues where they could find work. So that's just something to just maybe think about for a couple hours. You know every, every couple of months, maybe, you know, and once you kind of have a basic setup it's not, not too hard.

[00:24:57] Are there any other questions with that or anything else?

[00:25:07] I would advise using a different browser for all this stuff. I was in class last semester I pulled up Chrome and I saw our website and some other stuff and I figured that's not good OPSEC, so now, normie stuff, Chrome, all this stuff, Firefox.

[00:25:41] I'll just mention one other obviously massive concept and that's the, that's the topic of activism. So with the coordinators and we recently talked about this a recent coordinator's meeting and everything like that. See it's a central theme to everything that we're doing, you know, for better or for worse, the power in our society is vested in the political and economic system that we've got right now. For better or for worse that's what it is. You know there are those who want to basically say that politics is useless, there's nothing, there's nothing to be had there, there's just absolutely no hope, it's too late. I don't think it's, I'm not willing to give up and say it's too late right now, and I think there's some options for us to use activism to interface with that power structure. And how do we do that?

[00:26:48] Well, metapolitics is the force behind the political structure right now. Metapolitics, the public opinion, is what is above stream, upstream of the political bodies, so to speak, so we can continue to use activism and we're going to need to step it up in 2019 if we're going to have any chance at leveraging that kind of pressure. I've been reading a couple works by Gene Sharp, The

Politics of Nonviolent Action as well as Blueprint for Revolution, and I'll post these in our North Atlantic Slack. These are great resources. They break down, they break down all of the methodologies, they break down the theory of activism, they break down different kinds, then they break down ultimately almost 200 specific examples, and you can formulate those for an infinite number of ways that we can use. So we need to just think about, not only these flash demonstrations, is going out and making a symbolic display, but also, you know, peaceful non-cooperation, as well as peaceful interventions, like, going, you know, interrupting a leftist event, and things like that. That is, that is something that is really the next level, not that there's anything wrong with what we've done so far, but that's really the next level I think of what we can do in 2019. So let's just continue to have the right mindset with activism this is not,, you know this organization, I don't view it and I don't think we should view it as [a] network to, you know, survive the apocalypse with, right. Think about Charlottesville if any of you guys were here in IE going back that far, you know, so many people just left after Charlottesville.

[00:28:38] So, you know, if, let's say tomorrow Robert Mueller comes out and, you know, indicts the president and the vice president and we have a president United States Nancy Pelosi and we have, I don't know, Attorney General Kamala Harris, right, and they're they're signing hate speech legislation and all the rest of it. Well do we really think that we're gonna be able to hold together? Maybe to some degree, and especially in local chapters, but it's going to be very hard to organize, is gonna be very hard keeping people engaged for a national endeavor. So we can't think of this as something that, that is really going to like, survive the FEMA camps or something, thinking, or to use an extreme example, we've got to, we've got to think about action in the here and now, while we still have some of the demographics still on our side, whether it be at the federal level or certainly many state levels and finding a solution out of that. So continue to think about activism is the central thing, it is the central focus, it works, the left used it to co-opt this country and the techniques can be re-adapted again for our purpose. That's what those books are about. And, you know, it's how, it's what the Europeans are using today to great effect.

[00:29:49] All of those G.I. actions, those, all those nominal actions, that work they've done, all of the policy that they've influenced in Europe, well that just didn't happen in a vacuum, that happened as a result of them coming up with the policy and then coming up the discipline to work to make that happen. So let's continue to think about it, because it's going to be, we're going to be hitting the ground running after the conference in March and April with phenomenal new actions and ideas and getting, getting it to the next level than ever before. So I'll leave it with that.

[00:30:21] The conference sounds like it's going to be a very pivotal moment for IE, I keep hearing people say after the conference it's going to be so different, after the conference we're really ramping up our efforts. Is there anything like...

Ian Hoffmann (@Ian - PA): [00:30:37] Yeah, so we're going to be releasing really a whole line of new everything and that includes some of the rhetorical angles that we're going to go with. We've been working on, basically our dialogue and our framing, in addition to the fact that there's going to be new merchandise, that we have a strategy for getting back in the social media sphere and staying there, we have a strategy for engaging more directly with the press after the conference to ensure that we get as much positive or at least neutral news time as possible. Did I say new flyers, new stickers, new merch. Yeah. Everything that, that, Matt in particular, I've helped, and Patrick's done quite a lot as well. That's been our focus for, what would you say, the last four or five months at least, this conference, so, yeah, we're going to see the fruits of it in a little over two weeks, so, that's about all I can reveal. [96.8]

[00:32:00] Sound sounds good.

[00:32:19] All right guys. Well I don't mean to keep you from the rest of your evenings here. Oh. I'll think of it after the conference, I have a couple of guests from across the organization that I want to come in and talk about a couple of subjects so, uh, Argmuent of Perigee did an excellent speech at our coordinator's conference, or coordinators, I guess it was a retreat, that I want to to have them do about half of it and deliver the half that's oriented towards our general membership because I thought it was that fantastic. So I was kind of waiting before the, thinking I would do it before the conference, but it slipped my mind so we'll do it after the conference and we'll try to try to work on giving guys a little bit more content since you're loyal enough to swing through here every week.

[00:33:08] Besides that I'll hang out and take questions for about 10 minutes if anybody has them. But if you don't, guys, you can, you can click out of this chat and I'll catch many of you this weekend, and many more at the conference.

[00:33:29] Will the old flyers be, unh, I don't have all the old flyers, I'm trying to build a collectiond Do you think that they'll be available.

Ian Hoffmann (@Ian - PA): [00:33:39] Depends how old...

[00:33:43] I have an AmRen one, I have a, I need to look through it but there's like a few I'm missing.

Ian Hoffmann (@Ian - PA): [00:33:53] OK, well I mean there might be, there might be one or two flyers that I don't even have, but I have, as far as I know, I have every single one of IE's first-gen flyers and I have two of IE's second gens, every time, I think Matt and I talked about this too. Anytime that we got, we got flyers and then as we moved up in the organization, we were kind of the ones distributing them, we'd take one, one of each and put them, I think Lewis told me he does this too, put it in a manila folder in our desk drawer and hung onto em. So yeah that's, uh, I don't know. I don't know about helping you out with that buddy. I'd love to. I actually have my favorite first gen flyer framed in my apartment and uh, get out here, i'll tell you what it is, because I forget at the moment, yeah that's the one I thought it, was let's become great again, I've always been a big fan of affirmational messaging. So I have that framed in my apartment. The first banner that that IE ever made, not purchased, because we purchased some of our early banners, the first one that was ever made, I actually made by myself in my dad's backyard, went up to his place because he has four acres, and used stencils and spray paint and it didn't look too bad. It wasn't great but it didn't look too bad. And I have the, I have a little scrap of it hanging on my wall too. It's the test of the, the first Dragon's Eye. So maybe I'll share that here. I was just reminded of it on the activism server this week so I mean you can ask around, nutter butter, I have one of each, and they're not going to anybody, I'm hanging onto em at this point.

Ian Hoffmann (@Ian - PA): [00:35:44] Yeah, they're collectibles, we might do a reissue at some point or another but you got some gen 2s hanging around. Yeah that's that's what it is Matt. What's up Sam.

[00:35:56] I've got some Gen 2s hanging around if anybody. I'll bring them to my place for the carpool if anybody wants a gen 2.

Ian Hoffmann (@Ian - PA): [00:36:04] Yeah yeah.

Ian Hoffmann (@Ian - PA): [00:36:06] I mean you know we can, people can always put up old flyers if they want, but, you know, I think you're going to be wanting to put up the, the ones that we're coming out with at the conference are spectacular. So I, I imagine those are gonna be the ones that you're going to want to, want to put up.

Ian Hoffmann (@Ian - PA): [00:36:25] Let's see. Yeah. Dude it's gonna be epic. It's like I've talked about this for so long and yeah I don't want to, I don't like to hype things up unnecessarily and in this particular case I feel like I'm not.

[00:36:53] Do you think that, um, if we just reached over the previous amount, what was the previous amount, if that information's...

Ian Hoffmann (@Ian - PA): [00:37:03] I think Matt would probably be able to tell you a little bit more than myself because he was in attendance.

'Matt': [00:37:09] Yeah it was about 150 last year. And we're closing in at about 180 right now and it was about 150 last year.

[00:37:28] That's great. Yeah.

Ian Hoffmann (@Ian - PA): [00:37:34] OK. I posted a picture here in the North Atlantic Slack if you guys want to check it out. Oh yeah. And since I have all you guys here make sure you've taken that survey that was posted in announcements. I think a lot of you probably have but I'd like to have our region as represented as possible so make sure we sort that out.

Ian Hoffmann (@Ian - PA): [00:38:00] Yeah that's what that napkin was.

[00:38:03] Real quick about that survey that, yeah, that, we all just kind of laid it out on the table a little bit, we're thinking about, we're very lightly considering, we'll talk about it the next council meeting we are lightly considering the benefits of the current arrangement with, or how we have our Slack servers organized, versus the national server. You know, for the sake of accessibility, I think there are some drawbacks to having the current arrangement. I was originally in favor of it but it has ended up being quite a bit of work for each member and each coordinator to manage these. So, you know, I think one, one potential solution to that is having basically one national IE server then having basically all of the other servers inside of it, whether it be the regional and local server, server, everything inside of it because Discord as like server category based, there are server channel categories, if you will, so you can actually kind of break it down into a more organized thing. I understand there's obviously some concerns still, Discord and its privacy, but there, it's, it's yet to be seen how true [inaudible] really are, a lot of those concerns stemmed from outside of IE and the content and the articles that they were putting out and making allegations about Discord that, were, ended up not being true.

[00:39:46] Talking about Discord, you know, leaking screenshots of servers when it turns out that servers had public invite links floating around and were weren't very well vetted, etc.

[00:40:02] Guys, we, you know, we may have had a close call with an infiltration or two in the past, and I'm not going to deny that, but we've never had, we've never had leaks of our actual server get out. Knock on wood, right.

[00:40:16] So it doesn't quite add up that, you know, where we've got, you know, the biggest organization out of everything, and yet, you know, Discord, you know, isn't, if they were leaking, they would be [inaudible] and maybe, you know, our events would be compromised, we go to an event [inaudible] there. And it's just not happening. So in addition to that, I mean all of these Silicon Valley tech companies all, you know, they're all, they are all run by, you know, liberals. However, they are bound by certain legal requirements to protect private information. And recently in particular in the Charlottesville case, they have been objecting to the plaintiff's requests for

information off like the old Discord servers and from old Discord accounts because they recognize that if they just give up information, if they just start, you know, volunteering stuff to plaintiffs who just ask during, uh, civil court cases, then they're going to be open to liability claims and people are going to be much, much less likely to trust them. So that is something that, you know, hasn't been considered by a lot of the Discord, uh, by a lot of the people making the allegations about it, and that is something to consider. And lastly, there isn't another platform like Discord, there really isn't. We've searched high and low and we've tried to build one our self and there is no other platform like this, that allows unlimited users, unlimited, you know, data and file usage, voice, voice meetings these massive voice meetings...

[00:42:00] Integrated video all for one-on-one calls, integrated video during the call, you can make your own group so easily, massive pictures, you can upload gifs, you can upload PDFs,.

[00:42:12] All of these permissions, these [inaudible] permissions, there isn't another platform that does it, so we're not going to sacrifice security for, for features, so to speak, but we do need a platform that works. And if it's the case that the terms of service really aren't that better on Slack and all these people are using, are using, are not using, you know, the [inaudible] guys, who among us, let's be honest who among us is checking the activism Slack, on like a daily basis, you know, as frequently as we do, you know, the national Discord. Let's, let's be honest, like, there's not that, like, maybe Balboa [David Fanelli] is, maybe I am, Wayne, maybe [Justin] Wayne [Peek] is, but I don't think, I think, for an activist organization to have basically nothing dedicated to our, to our national server about activism really, and in terms of the theory, all the different ideas and planning, and all that stuff. You know, that's an issue that, you know,, we could we could solve, and we could do it pretty easily. But people would just, we would just have to get people comfortable [inaudible], you know, how, you know, how often do you not want to, like, log into one, one or the other, when it comes to your national versus, your, the regional server.

[00:43:31] We've done a good, we've done a really great job of getting everybody on the North Atlantic stuff over there, but there's still people who didn't make the switch. And I know it's in, it's in a worse state in many of the other IE regions. So it's just, it was also a ton of work. Yeah. Yeah it is. And in managing that there's no automated process, there's no automated process. But if everything was on one server, then, you know, if somebody needed to be de-ranked, to be removed, somebody needed to be ranked up. It would be very, very instantaneous. So that's just something we're thinking about. We'll see how it goes. You know, there's no hard decision yet. We're still going to discuss it, we're still going to hash out how exactly something like that is going to work. But it's clear that the current arrangement between Slack and Discord isn't going the hottest. And based on the survey results that I've seen, the great majority of everyone is fine with coming back and doing one, basically a holistic, you know, streamlined Discord thing and just having one app.

[00:44:32] Wouldn't it be nice for like 90 percent, of the 95 percent of the [inaudible] one single, one single Discord or one single application to interface with IE with, wouldn't that be nice.

[00:44:42] So anyways again I don't wanna like oversell it or [inaudible] it is what we're thinking pretty, or it would be pretty interesting.

[00:44:48] So we'll just have to see because Slack is, Slack is good as an idea and as a concept because it's, like, very corporate, it's professional and, you know, it's got similar functionality but it's got some serious limitations. And to get the full access on a premium version it's like six dollars and sixty six cents, you know, per month, per user. So we'd basically be throwing away all of our dues revenue to facilitate that. So that would basically, that would basically be the end of us if we wanted to do everything on Slack.

[00:45:29] So you know, I, you know, I see what you're saying though.

[00:45:35] You know, the last person that I talked to that had, the last person that I talked to that I saw who had serious privacy concerns over Discord was also like a very intense fan of proprietarianism and I don't know if you're familiar with proprietarianism but it would make sense to me that a person who's a big fan of proprietarianism is really, really concerned about their online privacy.

[00:46:02] You know, like, overly extremely concerned. So, to the point of paranoia. So I'll just leave it at that. Yeah.

[00:46:13] Balboa [David Fanelli] was bringing up an interesting and fair enough point. He says Slacks are best for members who are active in IE irl activities and community, the Discord should be for members who never leave the internet. [inaudible] are the problem. Look, I don't disagree. It's a fair point. However platforms are what you make of them. If we switched entirely over to Slack, guess what. The Slack would be a #general chat that's just as, as busy as this. You know, some people like to check IE national on their lunch breaks and, you know, see what the boys are up to, chat with the boys. Some people probably would benefit from stepping away from the computer screen. I don't disagree with that, but again, it's a platform and platforms are, really, it's about the user base and how they use it and what they make of it, what you make of it. So I think if we're gonna have an organization that is, you know, we have people who are as dedicated activists as yourself, Balboa [David Fanelli], and then people who treat it like, we've said before, like an NRA membership, where they pay 10 dollars a month and have access to, basically a chat room, that's fine too, that's, that's, this is maybe a, uh, maybe a good platform for that and Discord can encompass both those sorts of people, I think I talked over Matt but it was that, you were probably going to say something... A.

'Matt': [00:47:39] No, you're good, I was just going to say, I was going to say imagine if there was a server category on here, on our server list, that was like its own specific group of channels, that was dropdown, that only North Atlantic people could see, that had the same stuff that we do in the Slack. But it was here on national also pretend if like that, and so we could just basically get rid of and have one app, so you would still have the same access that you do to meet ups and everything. And, you know, pledges obviously wouldn't have access to it.

[00:48:12] It would be just something, you would just basically be this current Slack experience but it would be on a local regional category here on your end as well.

[00:48:23] That's what that's basically, that's basically the current brainstorm, but we'll see, we'll see how it goes. Like I said don't want to oversell it. Don't overhype it, promise it,, but it is something interesting to think about and if you have strong feelings on it, you can let me know. But we wanted to have that survey to gauge it and we'll continue to talk about it and keep, uh, keep you guys apprised but we want to have, we wanna have the best experience, it's all, it's all about having the best and easiest and most accessible experience for you guys, our beloved members.

[00:49:02] Anyways, thank you, for everyone, for showing up at the fireside tonight.

[00:49:06] I'm going to head out, if you have any more to add please, please do so and I will see you guys [inaudible] this weekend, if you're going to the DC meet ups, and the Richmond meetup, and then at the conference in early March.

[00:49:21] Awesome.

[00:49:22] Yeah. I don't have anything else to add, guys. I'll hang out in here for a minute or two but. Yeah. Have a good night.

Kyle: [00:49:34] Alright folks.

[00:49:34] See ya, Kyle

[00:49:45] Hey, careful, careful with that.

[00:49:45] Yeah i realize how that sounded, huh? (Laughs.).

[00:49:45] [inaudible] parts.

[00:49:47] Did I ever tell you the story when I first met Matt he actually came out to my 30th birthday at the [inudible]?

[00:49:55] No. Tell Me.

[00:49:56] OK.

[00:49:56] So on the way out of the restaurant we're on our way back to our cars and it's Matt and another guy from the area that we're at, my 30th at this German restaurant, and in the parking lot.

[00:50:09] And I'm with my parents. They're going to drop me at home and they both turn around and just put their arms up.

[00:50:16] Nothing, like, nothing too sketchy about it,, just waving goodbye and they just very loudly and enthusiastically going, 'see You Kyle!'. Oh my God. It was, no one understood why I was so uncomfortable yet laughing.

[00:50:35] Yeah, that's hilarious (laughter).

[00:50:40] But, uh, we don't do that anymore guys.

[00:50:42] Yeah.

[00:50:44] And we never really did to be quite honest.

[00:50:46] No, no, thankfully not. I'm watching some stuff from a shot show this year.

[00:50:54] I didn't know it was invite only. Lewis was the one who told me that, I thought anybody could get tickets. That's what. Yeah. And I actually confirmed that I looked it up you couldn't just like get a plane ticket to Vegas and go.

[00:51:20] [inaudible] the biggest deal in the world, like, it's a lot of manufacturers that are just chilling.

[00:51:25] And a lot of this stuff is like [inaudible].

[00:51:30] Yeah the videos that come out of it are always cool though.

[00:51:34] Yeah. I mostly follow like Ian on forgotten weapons and like the in range TV guys

they're spergy.

[00:51:42] Yeah well this is like this is something that's very cursory for, uh, for me, and like pretty much your main hobby for you, so I'll always defer to your judgment there.

[00:52:00] Yeah after moving to a Free State I kind of got, you know, a little over my head.

[00:52:15] Yeah I'm, I am, really kind of gotten and gotten the car bug pretty hard.

[00:52:25] I want to get like a four by four to go off roading in in a year or two, start making, like, treks.

[00:52:32] Are you looking at vintage stuff?

[00:52:36] Not necessarily, I'm looking at, like, a budget four by four, so there's only like a couple vehicles that would really qualify that you can get, something that's like good off road and maybe, like, do an entire build between 7 and 5 grand, there's only like a couple vehicles that would hit that bill as a platform. So it'd have to be a little bit older but like you could get like a Nissan Exterra and that's, like, in good condition for like, three grand, and get a lift kit and nice tires,, and you'd pretty much be set for around five thousand dollars.

[00:53:12] So it's like, it's possible, but yeah.

[00:53:18] I've just been watching, there's this channel 4WD, four, that's four wheel drive obviously, action.

[00:53:24] It's an Australian channel and yeah, it's gotten me the bug, I've been like, working on my website, and doing other stuff, and having this channel play in the background and man I'm just like, like I said I caught the bug pretty hard.

[00:53:45] That's pretty cool man. Yeah, I, um, I was actually looking the other day at old Mercedes wagons.

[00:53:55] Yeah. I've always liked G wagons, dude.

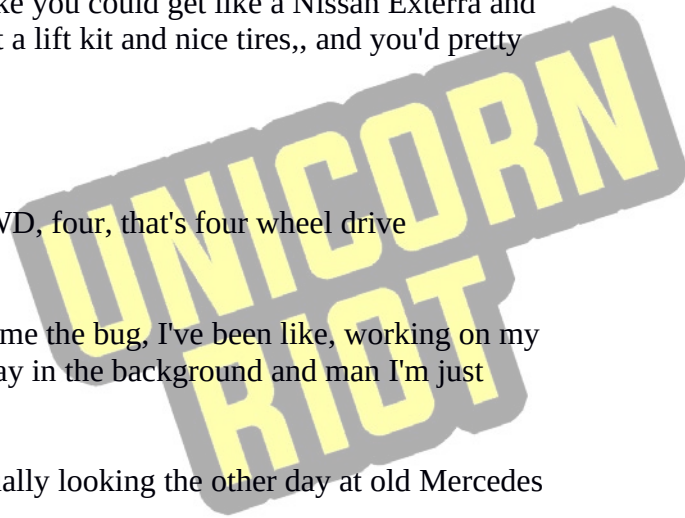
[00:53:58] The old stuff from like, the 80s, the 70s-80s, are really cool because a lot of the ones from then are the two doors. Yeah, and a lot of them are like weird Austrian military models and they have, like, mounting points for G3 rifles.

[00:54:18] Yeah. Dude did you know that you can request a an FN catalogue on their website and they'll send it to you and it has like stuff that private military contractors, and, like, world governments can order. In the catalog. Like obviously you can't get it but you can, like, look at it.

[00:54:37] Yeah. All those companies are like, just wrist deep, or, like, ankle deep in blood.

[00:54:44] Yeah. Yeah no doubt. But it's just like, it's cool to have the catalog like, on your dining room table. You know, I guess, you'd call it light reading for your mercenary needs.

[00:54:56] I think it's just kind of a fun thing to have. Yeah I, I gave all of the catalogs that I got at the outdoor show to my girl's brother. He's um, he's like 14 or 15. He's like just starting to get into some of this stuff. But if you like, if you like that Era G wagon you should check out, have you seen some of the Toyotas that they still make for, basically, the Middle East and North Africa?



[00:55:25] Yeah yeah.

[00:55:26] They are really really cool.

[00:55:29] Let me see here.

[00:55:33] The Land Cruiser 70 series. There's even videos.

[00:55:39] It's like yeah. Here we go. This one's forty three minutes long so I certainly don't expect you to watch the whole thing, I'll DM it to you. But yeah dude it's epic. They have the one it's like setup is like a troop carrier. I think it probably linked you to the time that I was watching at too before but it's like, it's literally just like the late 70s early 80s ones would for the best platform, but like just the, with an offroad set and a few minor modern updates like a newer radio and I think air conditioning and I don't even know if it has power windows.

[00:56:20] I had no idea they did this. This is the coolest thing that they do that.

[00:56:24] Yeah. Oh dude yeah. These are all white. The ones that, see, they make them in Portugal so they make, they make them in Japan and Portugal, and the Japan ones go to, I don't even know if they, they sell em to Japan. They go to, like, Indonesia and the Philippines and stuff. And also Australia, you can buy them in Australia, and they don't meet, they don't meet American safety standards, so we won't be able to get them until twenty five years from now. And then in Portugal, they manufacture them for like the Middle East and North Africa.

[00:57:00] Awesome. Yeah. Really.

[00:57:03] I, now I just want a white Toyota with a Russian heavy machine gun on the back 23.

[00:57:10] Yeah. Hang on let me find. I'll send you.

[00:57:13] I had, like, an interesting tweet that I put together with a couple of the previous ones too because they make them in more than just white as well which is nice.

[00:57:26] There we go. But white is, is, is rice, borthor. There you go. Look at that and Intel and say that sentence again. Oh fuck that is really. Oh it's really gorgeous isn't it.

[00:57:45] It reminds me of the the extended cab...

[00:57:52] ...Which I found a video of the other day.

[00:57:56] So it's like sick. It's like six wheel drive all six wheels, you know, have power, which is, just to me it's just nuts.

[00:58:04] But I'd like if you see like the third or fourth pic.

[00:58:11] Or like what do they call the geo metro's the Chevy blazers?

[00:58:18] These are great

[00:58:23] I wish American companies did shit like this.

[00:58:25] I wish this car was available in America.

[00:58:29] Mercedes needs to do this with old G wagons.

[00:58:32] There's a rumor that they're going to be putting out a pickup truck in America in the next few years, they already have a truck in Europe.

[00:58:39] No shit.

[00:58:39] Yeah.

[00:58:48] There is also the X class a Mercedes truck. From its. I don't know. I know.

[00:59:00] You know I had an old Merc and that's what my dad like worked on his entire life. He was born in Germany and was like a master Mercedes mechanic. But. Honestly just helping him out in the shop when I come home from school in the summer sometimes. Or just like in high school as well. I really can't advocate for buying like a Mercedes more recently than two thousand five or six and a BMW more recently in like two thousand and one or two or three. It's just like they're plagued with like electrical issues. Everything's like made out of plastic so ship breaks constantly. And I mean every cars has like plastic issues nowadays. But you know it's like a little retaining clip. You break it on. I don't know a Honda and you can get it replaced for three dollars and that's like a forty five dollar clip. If you get it from BMW or Mercedes or whoever.

[00:59:59] Yeah man I know exactly what you mean. I drive the 3 BMW for the last I don't know. You see my car. Yeah it's one of the last good ones actually I think. What is it a five series or a three series is free. It's a 320. Exciting but the thing is had its transmission rebuilt like eight times.

[01:00:18] Oh jeez. Well that must be automatic then.

[01:00:24] Yeah yeah I would have no qualms with like buying your car in manual but I would not buy your car in automatic you're one of those three. Well I mean look. Sometimes that was automatic but just like a manual transmission. That's also like the [inaudible] fact that I buy for like I would never buy like a Nissan exterra with like one hundred and twenty thousand miles on an automatic transmission. But I would absolutely buy one that has a manual transmission because like what's the worst thing that can happen with a manual transmission. You have to.

[01:01:01] Right. Right.

[01:01:03] Yeah you can do in your garage if your garage is well kitted.

[01:01:08] That's true. I'm only kit it up for a major firearm builds. Yeah the last my family swears by Mercedes from the year 1990 fuck anything after that they think is kind of shit yeah I had.

[01:01:30] Gosh what was my 19. I think it a 90.

[01:01:35] I had a three I got from forgetting what car I had now was a 300 D with a turbo and I think it was a nine teen ninety thank mind was a ninety three.

[01:01:55] Yeah it looks identical was 92 or 93 and one was in white.

[01:02:00] Yep that's my car.

[01:02:03] Yeah and it got it got two hundred and ninety now was just like at that point I was like man this car's been so good to me but I can't put any more money into it.

[01:02:14] Yeah there is a certain point with those cars we drive them until they're quite literally their engines are exploding.

[01:02:23] Yeah but I mean dude it was a comfortable ride it was a smooth ride. This suspension was great its entire life. I had to replace the shocks here and there. But yeah that thing just rolled and rolled and rolled and rolled.

[01:02:37] A good good car. One one twenty four body Yeah he wants Vargas car with the same paint job a lot.

[01:02:48] I think they're called Yeah the Russian.

[01:02:54] Yeah just cruise around here too. Yeah right.

[01:03:05] Do you want to hop in.

[01:03:06] But we've got a bunch of lurkers and you're just listening to us like some creepy, creepy creepy, ass crackers.

[01:03:13] These lurkers in here.

