



LOUDOUN CYBERTECH:

ACCESS. NETWORK. ENGAGE.



AUGUST 11, 2026

- 5:30 p.m. Social Hour & Networking
- 6:10 p.m. Welcome: Loudoun County Economic Development
- 6:15 p.m. Black Hat 2026 & DEF CON 34 Recap – Julian Zottl
- 6:45 p.m. Open Mic
- 6:50 p.m. Networking continues
- 7:30 p.m. Adjourn

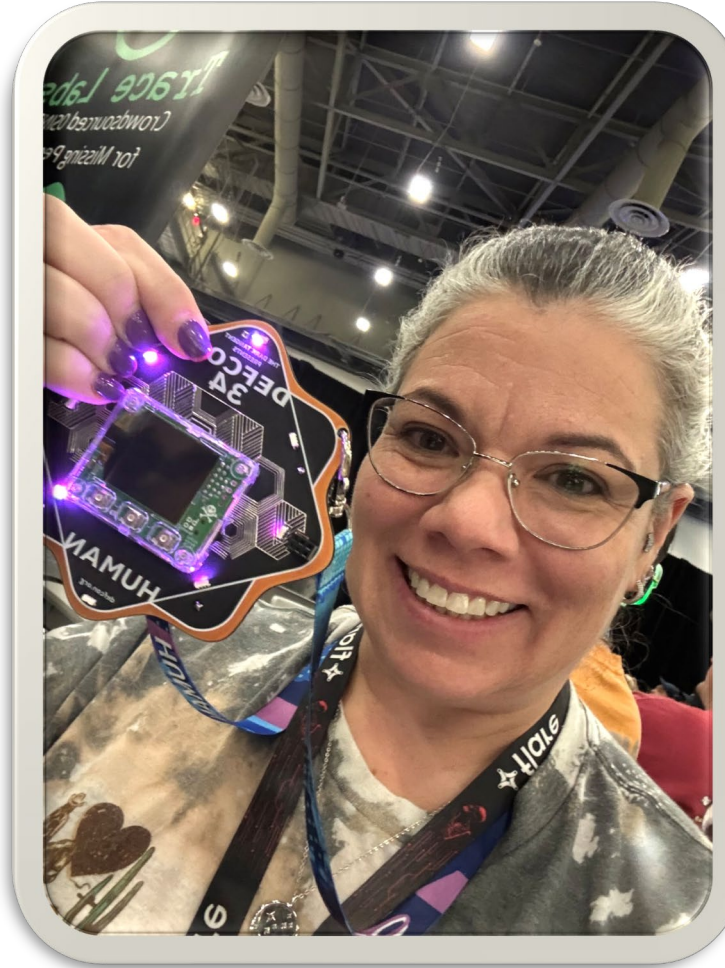


LOUDOUN CYBERTECH MISSION

- Build our Loudoun and regional cybertech community
- Host speakers on topics of interest
- Help you establish personal and business connections to help you win business and grow
- Foster workforce development and increase participation in internship and apprenticeship programs
- Create cyber-ambassadors for Loudoun County and region

MESSAGE FROM JESS!

- I'm so sorry to miss everyone tonight but please enjoy the insights and SWAG from Black Hat 2026 and DEF CON 34.
- You are in great hands with Julian Zottl!
- These insights are a mix of my experience, online stats, and what Julian noticed.
- Welcome to all the new folks and a big hello to our regular attendees!
- Enjoy and be sure to share the swag with each other!



WORK IN LOUDOUN PROGRAM & EVENTS CALENDAR

If you or someone you know has been impacted by Federal layoffs, please connect with Nancy Evanko directly for a 1:1 consultation!

- **August 13:** Virginia Runs on Small Business Virtual Employment Fair, 10am – 4pm
- **August 21:** Launch Loudoun Special Event: MWAA Certifications Sessions, 11am – 1pm
- **August 25:** eVA Lab: Doing Business with the Commonwealth of Virginia



Scan the QR code for additional Work in Loudoun events and details!

For addition information and other questions, contact Nancy Evanko: Nancy.Evanko@loudoun.gov

CYBER GUILD: KEEPING KIDS & TEENS SAFE ONLINE

- Thursday, August 13, 2026
- 12pm – Virtual
- For More Information:

INTERACTIVE VIRTUAL ROUNDTABLE

Keeping Kids and Teens Safe Online

Practical Strategies for Parents, Schools, and Cyber Professionals

Thursday, August 13 at 12:00 PM EST



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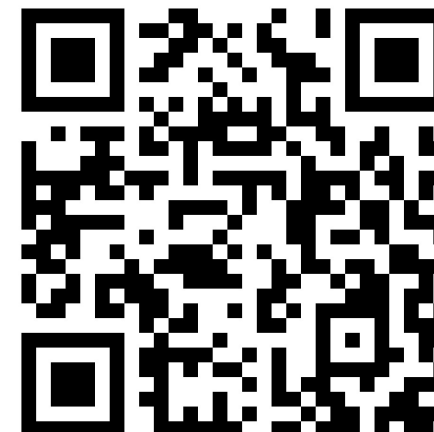


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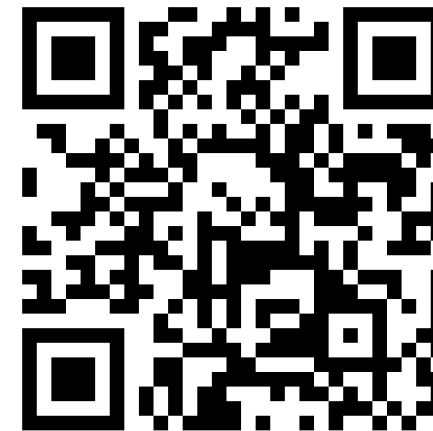
 **TheCyberGuild** In collaboration with: **SaferShift**



NVTC: HOW ORGANIZATIONS ARE BECOMING AI NATIVE



- September 10, 2026
- 8:30am – 10:30am
- LMI HQ, 7940 Jones Branch Drive, McLean
- For More Information:



GovJAM 2026



- September 10, 2026
- 5pm – 10pm
- American Prime, McLean
- For More Information:





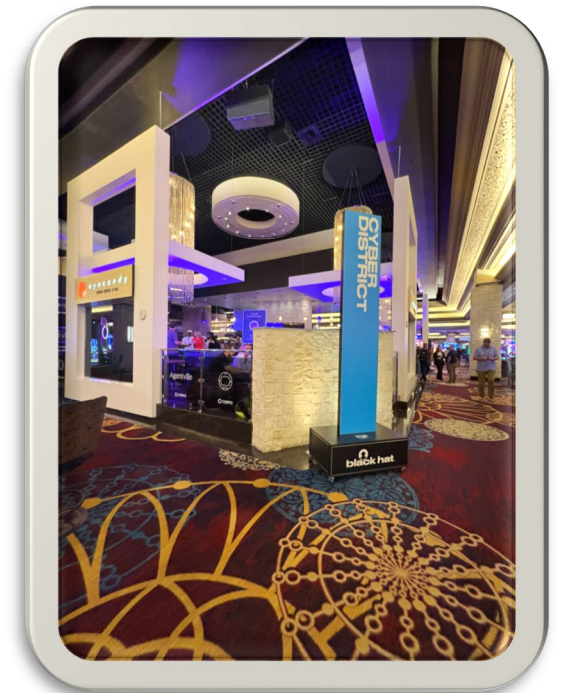
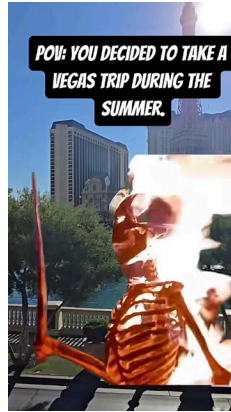
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Black Hat 2026 RECAP

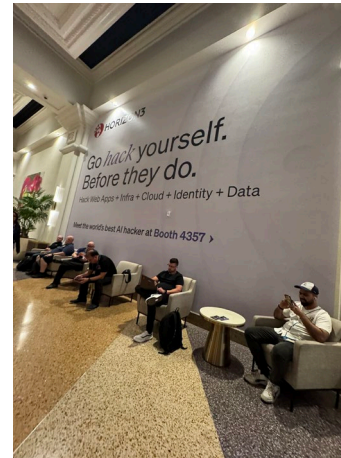
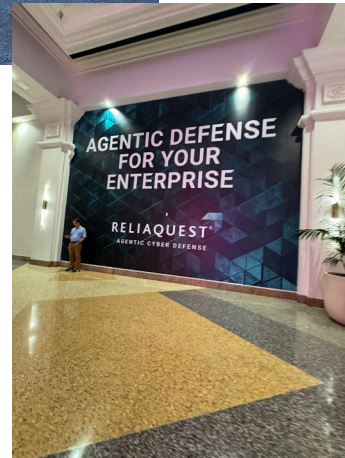
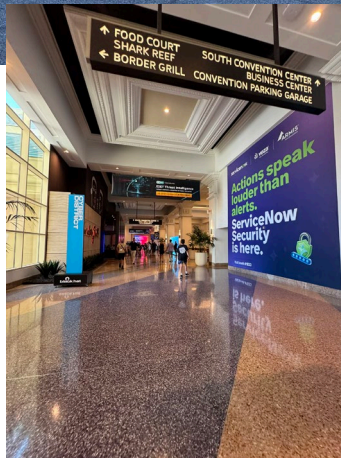
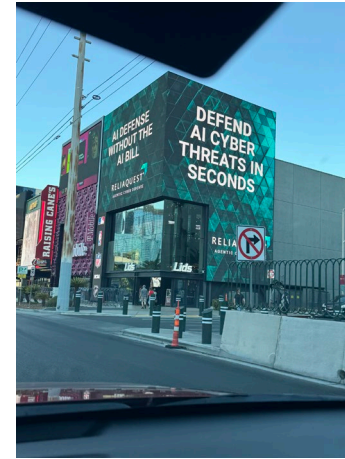


BLACK HAT 2026: LAS VEGAS

- 120 degrees with daily Heat Advisory
- AKA Hacker Summer Camp Week
- Mandalay Bay Convention Center
- Over 22,000 attendees
- Technical Sessions, Summit Talks, Keynotes, and Business Hall
- Took over areas outside the business hall



IT STARTS BEFORE YOU WALK IN!



BUSINESS HALL

*AS OBSERVED BY ANDY ELLIS

- 450 Exhibitor Booths (approx. 100 more booths than in 2025)
- 235 booths mentioned AI, Agents, or Agentic – harder to find ones that didn't mention AI.
- Assertive staff, louder than previous years but less aggressive badge scanning.

By the Numbers:

38 in AI category

67 Applications

24 Data

80 Governance

39 Identity

5 OT

21 All in One

15 Cloud

23 Enablement

44 Humans

38 Networks

55 Operations



Keywords Mentioned:

AI (199)

Autonomous (20)

Exposure (20)

Human (20)

Resilience (12)

SOC (36)

57 booths with unclear messaging

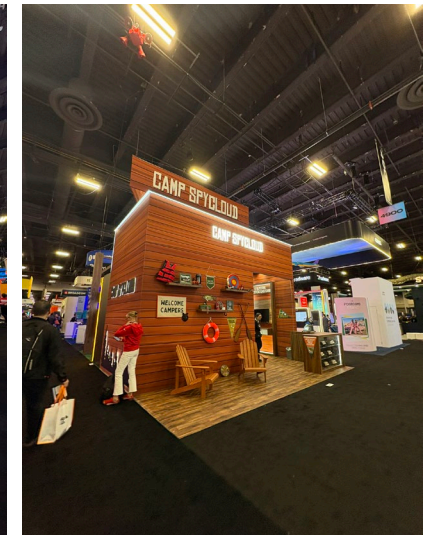
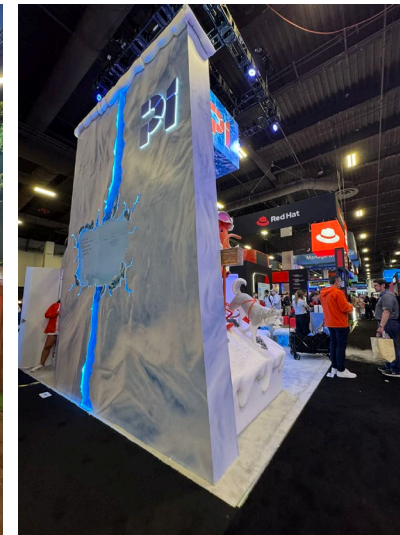
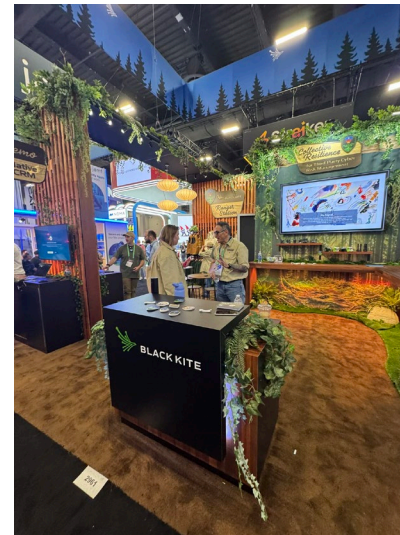
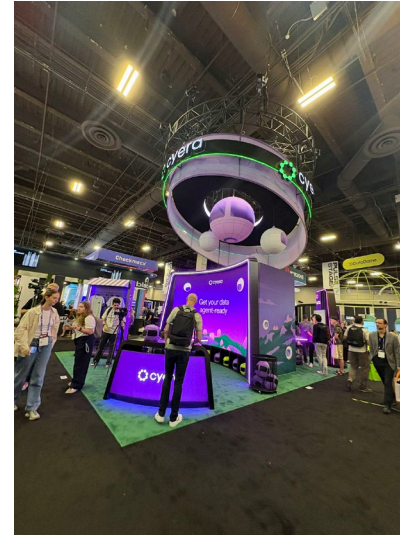
Agent/agentic (104)

Enterprise (19)

Frontier (8)

Platform (50)

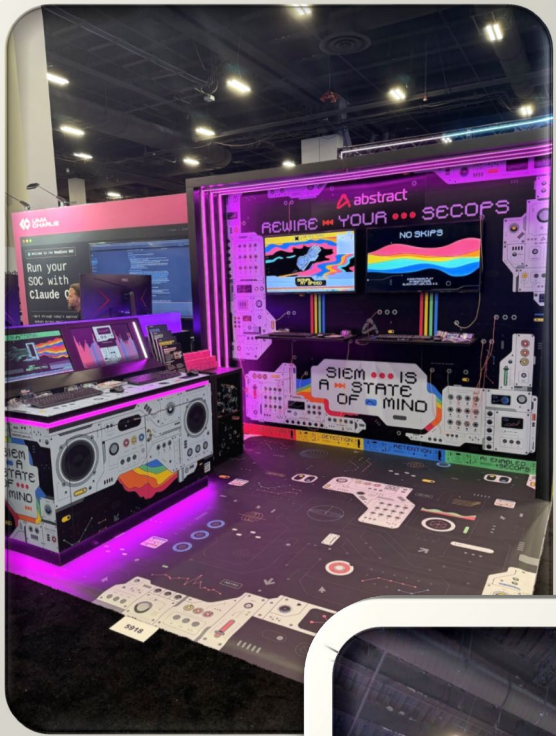
Risk (32)



COOL THINGS IN THE BUSINESS HALL



**BOOTHS
WERE
BRIGHT!**



**BOOTHS WERE
LOUD!**



US CYBER CON

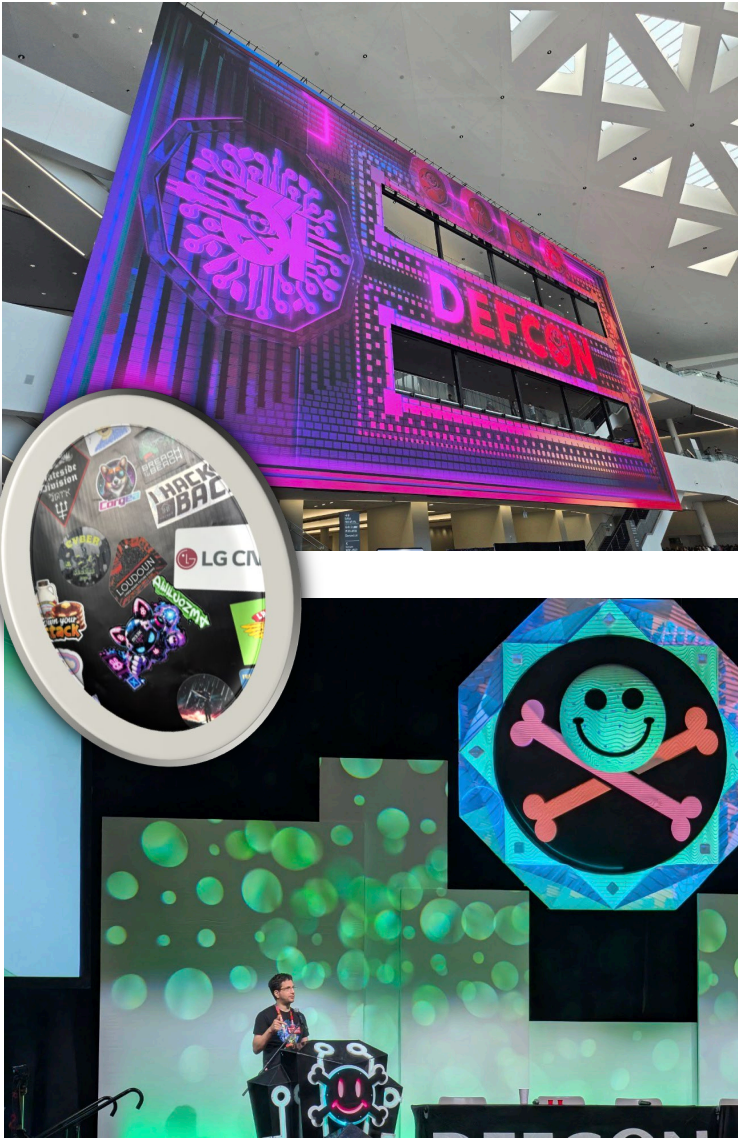
- HyperX Arena, Las Vegas
- University of South Florida's CyberHerd took 1st place
- 4-hour live Attack & Defense CTF with ZERO AI assistance and provided hardware.
- Teens competed directly to raise money and awareness for cybersecurity nonprofits and causes.





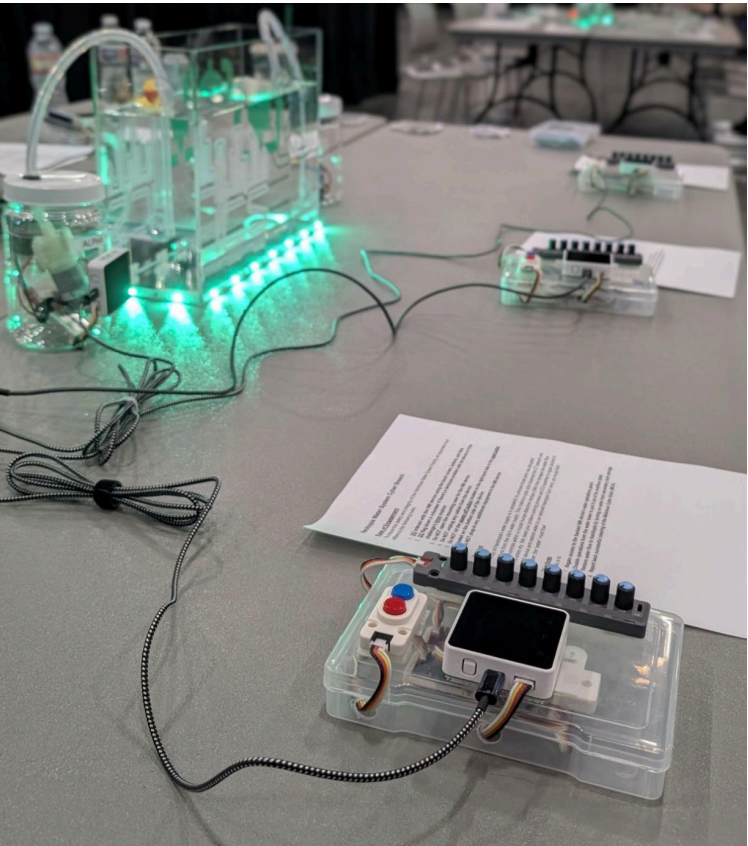
- 2026 Theme: **Agency** (self – determination and user agency in technology)
- 30k attendees = World's Largest Underground Hacking Event!
- Villages: specialized micro-communities hosting talks and hands – on challenges.
- Contests: CTF and red-team challenges



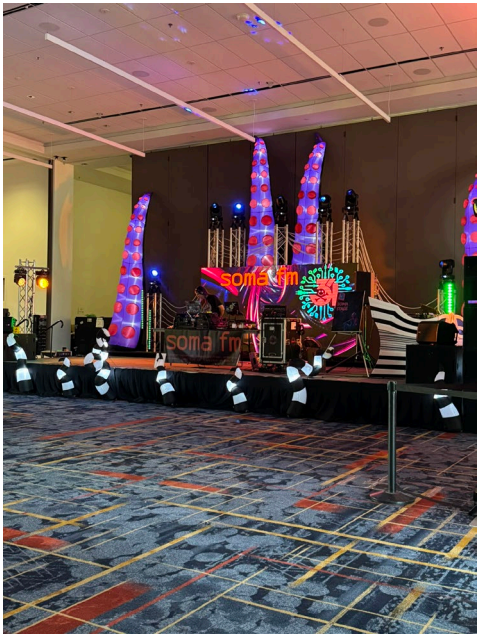


- Talks & Villages focused on digital self-determination, auditing agent-tool boundaries, and preventing automated over-reliance.
- Introduced shifts in how we handle weaponization of AI and hardware verification transparency.
- 2026 badge designed by Andrew “bunnie” Huang built around the Baochip.





CAR HACKING ICS VILLAGE



SOCIAL ENGINEERING

OPEN MIC

Raise your hand if you'd like to make an announcement
or tell us a bit about yourself or your organization.





NEXT MEETUPS

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Honor Brewing, Sterling, 5:30pm

September 1, 2026