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Radix Ecosystem Weekly

What the room was really talking about

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COMMUNITY MOOD · DAY BY DAY

5/10 · same as last week



Previously: the community marked one year since Dan Hughes's passing, with warm remembrances alongside talk of validator fees and cheap FIDO2 cards for the wallet.

A bittersweet week: CaviarNine, one of Radix's oldest DeFi teams, announced its departure, and a six-year validator closed its doors — while other builders leaned in with liquidity milestones, new products and open-source plans. Underneath it all ran a raw argument about whether the community will actually step up in the DAO era.

449	177	Tuesday	0
MESSAGES	PEOPLE TALKING	BUSIEST DAY	NEW MEMBERS

MESSAGES / DAY



peak 101/day · most active: Timan | Astrolescent, Kadafi

WHAT THE ROOM TALKED ABOUT

CaviarNine leaves Radix

Tronn announced CaviarNine is winding down all projects, citing economics that no longer work. The DEX moves to withdraw-only and Surge will unwind in stages, but the DEX smart contracts stay live on ledger — anyone can build a new frontend on them.

driven by Tronn, MAvRe, Timan

Avaunt Staking validator closes

avaunt announced the Avaunt Staking validator shuts down on 28 August after six years, with all services migrating to StakeSafe, a long-standing Radix operator. avaunt stressed they're not leaving Radix — just stepping back from running a validator.

driven by avaunt

NFT marketplaces all down

Jonas and bigdev_xrd found every Radix NFT marketplace offline, including BullRing with zero active listings, and asked whether any are open source so they could be resurrected. No marketplace surfaced as alive.

driven by Jonas (Delphibets), bigdev_xrd

DAO-owned permanent liquidity pools

Jelthebest proposed the DAO or Foundation run permanent 50/50 liquidity pools with wrapped assets (BTC/USDC, ETH/USDC) to give dApps dependable depth, arguing this beats temporary incentive campaigns. BassPhil questioned whether such pools would erode via arbitrage.

driven by Jelthebest, BassPhil

THE BOTTOM LINE

REMEMBER THIS

CaviarNine is leaving after five years, but its DEX contracts stay live on ledger — and Astrolescent is already moving to fill the gap.

NEXT WEEK

Watch for: CaviarNine's considered answer on handing over its admin badges, the 29 August Stokenet reset, and news from Gary's market-maker meeting.

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From the council & the crowd

What the tracked voices said, and the week's best exchanges.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

“How can I set up a pool to buy BTC dips with hUSDC now that CaviarNine is gone?”

Timan pointed to a DefiPlaza-powered hUSDC/hwBTC pool with CALM impermanent-loss reduction, and Gary noted you can do the same on RSwap by adding liquidity to the hUSDC side and earning fees on top.

ASKED BY JOSÉ MELO MACEDO NETO · ANSWERED BY TIMAN

DEBATE OF THE WEEK — WILL THE COMMUNITY STEP UP?

ONE SIDE

flightofthefox and Phil Gibson argue nobody new will volunteer — anyone willing would have emerged months ago, and those waiting for a DAO mandate never will.

THE OTHER

foxylady, Timan and Gary counter that the DAO is now the community and it must propose and build, pointing to doubled RSwap liquidity, a market-maker meeting and RDX Holdings support as proof it’s happening.

Still open — expect a rematch.

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Around the ecosystem

What shipped and launched, and the week's best lines.

FROM THE NEWS ROOM

Stokenet reset on 29 August

Daffy announced a full reset of the Stokenet test network for Saturday 29 August at 07:00 UTC: all balances and history are destroyed, but addresses stay the same. Resets planned every 9-12 months.

RSwap crosses $300K liquidity

Gary announced RSwap passed $300,000 in total liquidity, doubling over August, with work underway with Astrolescent on better swap routing and a $500K milestone next.

Astrolescent reviving limit orders

Timan said Astrolescent is taking another pass at its unreleased limit orders product — orders auto-filled during swaps — now that CaviarNine is leaving the DEX space. No timeline given.

Trading console going open source

Kadafi shared his trading console built on Radix DEX components — portfolio tracking, risk scoring, token info — and confirmed Daffy's suggestion to make it an open-source community project.

FROM THE DEV ROOM

A node operator reported that babylon-node v1.3.0.5 crashes on startup with a database config error while v1.3.0.4 runs fine in the same setup — the forum thread has no replies yet. Daffy also invited developers to flag conflicts with the 29 August Stokenet reset.

HEARD IN THE ROOM

> *"But the economics of operating here no longer work, and the network is a long way from what any of us signed up for in those early years."*
>
> — TRONN

> *"the reports of Radix's death are greatly exaggerated"*
>
> — FLIGHTOFTHEFOX

> *"There was an important job to be done and Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did it."*
>
> — PHIL GIBSON

THE PULSE

The mood: Somber but stubborn: grief over CaviarNine's exit and validator closures, met by builders quietly shipping and optimists insisting the community-led era can still work.

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The tracker

What the room expects to happen — and how last week's calls went.

PREDICTION TRACKER

NEW **Stokenet resets on 29 August**
Daffy scheduled the reset for 07:00 UTC with more every 9-12 months.

NEW **RSwap reaches $500K liquidity**
Gary's next milestone after crossing $300K.

NEW **New market maker signed for 3-month bridge**
Gary has a meeting with Andy and a prospective market maker.

NEW **RDX Holdings helps liquidity next month**
Gary expects their support from September.

WORTH A CLICK

Radix Week in Review
radix.wiki/blog/week-in-review-2026-08-23

Catch-up covering CaviarNine's exit and more.

StakeSafe
www.stakesafe.net

The operator taking over Avaunt Staking's validator.

Node v1.3.0.5 bug report
radixtalk.com/t/v1-3-0-5-not-working/2327

Validator node crash report — node runners should read.

JARGON, DECODED

Stokenet — Radix's public test network, where developers experiment freely without risking real funds.

Impermanent loss — The loss a liquidity provider can incur when prices move and their pool balance shifts.

Wrapped asset — A token from another blockchain (like BTC or USDC) represented on Radix so it can be used in Radix DeFi.

LINKS

THE CHAT THIS DIGEST READS

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telegram-mcp-phi.vercel.app/ecosystem

SISTER DIGEST — THE HYPERSCALE BUILD

Hyperscale Weekly

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