SecureWV/Hack3rCon
Security Conference
Presented by the 304Geeks

Conference background information:

The 304Geeks started out as an average bunch of computer folks from West Virginia who decided to get out from behind computer screens and "do stuff." This group has since grown to over 130 folks in surrounding states, and some international, who are bound to a common goal to learn from each other and have a great time as well. The original members of 304Geeks created Hack3rCon to be a way to bring these ideas together.

Hack3rCon is very technical in nature, so in 2015, we decided to try a more general tech conference while still keeping our Information Security roots. Hack3rCon has become a regionally known conference with attendees from several states (see below) and we built upon that success to ensure SecureWV was also as big, if not bigger than Hack3rCon.

We had a lot of feedback after the first SecureWV about bringing back the more technical aspects of the information security field, which is what Hack3rCon was all about. Along those lines, and with the success of SecureWV in 2015, we decided to have both Hack3rCon and SecureWV during the same weekend.

Last year we added a Forensics track to our lineup to augment our Learning and Speakers tracks. We had some great instructors from Marshall University come in to show attendees how they do things.

We have had several Information Security speakers at Hack3rCon and SecureWV in the past and several of those folks will be returning this year for talks and/or classes. We pride ourselves on having speakers who have also given talks at the other big name conferences like Black Hat, DefCon, ShmooCon and DerbyCon, just to name a few.

To get an idea of the speakers, and topics, we've had at Hack3rCon and SecureWV in the past, please refer to the following conference video pages from Adrian Crenshaw's web site (IronGeek.com):
- Hack3rCon 1: http://www.irongeek.com/i.php?page=videos/hack3rcon-videos
- Hack3rCon 2: http://www.irongeek.com/i.php?page=videos/hack3rcon2/mainlist
- Hack3rCon 3: http://www.irongeek.com/i.php?page=videos/hack3rcon3/mainlist
- Hack3rCon 4: http://www.irongeek.com/i.php?page=videos/hack3rcon4/mainlist
- Hack3rCon 5: http://www.irongeek.com/i.php?page=videos/hack3rcon5/mainlist
- SecureWV 1: http://www.irongeek.com/i.php?page=videos/securewv2015/mainlist
- SecureWV 2/Hack3rCon 7: https://www.irongeek.com/i.php?page=videos/securewv-hack3rcon2016/mainlist

For the past seven years, we've averaged 45 attendees at each conference. Last year, our total number of attendees was the highest turn out to date - 97 attendees. When you include the staff and instructors, we had over 120 folks at the conference last year.

The states these folks have hailed from include:
- West Virginia (Charleston/Huntington area and Clarksburg/Fairmont/Morgantown area)
- DC
- Virginia (mostly Northern Va.)
- Ohio (Dayton, Cincinnati)
- Pennsylvania
- Indiana
- North and South Carolina (Raleigh/Durham area, Charlotte, Charleston South)
- Kentucky (Louisville and Lexington)

Most of these attendees work in the Information Security industry or are in the system administrator field.