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Central Indiana Technical Market Analysis Group, and overview of the Indianapolis group.

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“The Houston Computer Investor’s Association” by Tucker Coughlen, User Group Leader

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“Automating the Development and Maintenance of Mutual Fund Trading Families Using Trade” by Werner W. Gansz. A step-by-step tutorial on constructing a family of funds to use in any type of fund selection strategy.

“Model Testing with Trade” by T.C. O’Brien Step-by-step, defines the process to test a model and shows the results obtained.

“Trading Gold Mutual Funds with Point and Figure Charting”, Kieran Loughman
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by Michael Giese and Richard Boroff
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When Ego Destroys Trading
by Dr Ruth Barrons Roosevelt
She discusses how we get in our own way and what to do about it.

Zen Meditation and the Inner-Game of Trading,
by Dr. Richard D. McCall
He discusses a way to take control of ourselves to improve our trading.

The Impact of Cognitive Style on Investment Decision-Making. by Dr. Richard Geist
He discusses details about cognitive styles and how they influence and change our decision-making.
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by Brian B. Stocks Brian discusses his techniques and uses charts to show how he makes his decisions.

“It’s 10:00 am. Where will your Favorite Fund Close?” by Phyllis Edmundson She describes how she uses the correlation module of FastTools to find an index she can track intraday to assist in making end –of-day decisions.

“Creating a Personalized Family of Funds” by Rod Romero using a variety of fund-selection modules in FastTools.

“How I am using FastTools (No investment advice intended) by Raoul Chapman. A very easy-to-use strategy for investing.

“More You can do with FastTools” A short collection of ideas.

Volume 6, No.4 –Cycles

“Viewing Cycles in the Marketplace Utilizing Detrended Stochastics” by Fred Werner. An excellent overview by Fred on the use of Cycles in investing and in FastTrack

“The Basics” “Cycles and FastTrack for Windows”, “Cycle Interpretation” by Richard Boroff. Three in-depth articles to lead you step-by-step through the principles of cycles, their construction in FT4W and their interpretation.

Volume 7, No.1 –Sector Investing

“Eco9 Select Sector Trading System”, by: Don Wilson Don discusses how to set up a family of sector funds, find pairs for a good trading strategy, the parameters used to select the pairs and the market timing he does.

“Easy Trading System” by Bruce Saunders
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“Putting it all Together” by Richard Boroff. A brief overview of the techniques used, along with a technical analysis example of how to time the market.

“The Louisville, KY user group”
by Lisa Disselkamp

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“Using the Small-Cap Indices as a Guide to Investment Productivity – Part One” by Werner Gansz. This article is the first of two parts on using famcreate.ini and Ncalpha to select risk adverse funds.

“Stochastic” by Richard Boroff. A discussion of the derivation and use of the stochastic oscillator.

“Position Wanted” by Michael Giese. Ten steps to being a better market trader. Michael is one of the members of the FT Monitor Editorial board and has been studying the market for over twenty years.

Volume 7, No.3 – NCalpha, Part Two

“Using the Small-Cap Indices as a Guide to Investment Productivity – Part Two, Volatility Adjusted Performance” by Werner Gansz. This article is the second of two parts on using famcreate.ini and NCalpha to select risk adverse funds. The theory is an incorporation of Modern Portfolio Theory into the practical world of fund selection.

“Where’s the Bottom” by Richard Boroff. Four tools you can use to identify a market bottom. Fibonacci Retracement levels and horizontal lines, Regression Channels, Bollinger Bands and Cycles Studies.

"Using Vix" by Richard Boroff, Interpreting Vix with Fibonacci Retracement

**Volume 7, No.4 –
"Implementing Modern Portfolio
Techniques using Trade
or FastTrack for Windows"**

By Robert E. Stevens,
Medical Imaging Specialist
FastTrack User
IMAP Contributor

Bob has written an excellent
"How-to" article about Werner Gansz'
NCAIpha. It'll help you run it in
Trade or FT4Win. And it'll show
you places to look in the output
for valuable information. Bob
did a lot of work and it shows.
He is a regular contributor on the
Imap board, and member of the
Boston User group

**"PAISM - A Step-by-Step Tutorial
In Three Parts
By Richard Boroff
Editor and Publisher of
The Monitor**

This is a similar article about
Werner Gansz' Paism. It'll show
you how to run Paism in Trade,
how to change the Paism.ini
file to make it give you the
information you desire, and
give you some ideas on how
to use the Paism.ini output

Both articles are intended for
people who want to run these
procedures, but do not want
to figure out how from scratch.
They are full of tips for using Trade
and FastTrack.

**Volume 8, No.1 –
"Cloning a Mutual Fund" by Roy Ashworth, the
Developer of FastRube**

An excellent article showing you how to duplicate the
results (total return) of a mutual fund using the Ft4W
stocks database and correlation in the Spreadsheet.

"Risk" by Richard Boroff, the Editor of the Monitor
This article helps you define and understand Risk and
then manage it using selection tools and concepts
available in FT4W such as NCAIpha. It also directs you
to a free Risk Management utility and shows you how to
use it.

**Volume 8, No.2 –
"Opportunistic Hedging" by Bruce Robinson, A
major participant on the Ft-Talk Forum**

This is the issue you need for these volatile times!!!

Bruce explains why you need to hedge, and then how to
do it using his "shorthedgetime2.ini" Trade file.

He holds your hand and directs you completely
through the process. The topics included are, Why
Hedge?, Definition of the Hedge, What to look for in a
Hedge, Hedge Trading Systems and the results of a
Hedge.

**Volume 8, No.3 –
"Opportunistic Hedging, Part Two" by Bruce
Robinson, A major participant on the Ft-Talk Forum**

This article picks up where Bruce left off in Issue 8.2. He
discusses Maximizing, Confirming and Managing the
Hedge. Other types of hedges. Changes in the Market
Characteristics, Hedges in the Spectrum of Investments

**"Just Put a Hedge On"
by Michael Giese**

A discussion of Modern Portfolio Theory
as well as implementation of the hedge.

**"The Big Picture...One View"
by Fred Werner
"Do We Have A Bottom?"
by Tim Wood**

Two articles examining the October 2002, low, both
using cycles as well as additional tools and coming to
different conclusions.

**Volume 8, No.4 –
AMIBROKER
By Bill Barack and Ken Close**

The authors show how this general-purpose program for
charting, analyzing securities and trading systems can be
used with FastTrack and Trade-developed systems. AB
has parts of the functionality of FT, Rube, Trade, Ftools,
FastBreak, FastWays, and EZ Pnf. They use Trade
routines for doing the Ruttr signal and Headsup in
Amibroker.

**Volume 9, No.1 –
Trading Funds with FastBreak Pro™
By Ken Huck and Nelson Huck**

This article examines different aspects of trading bond
funds and makes the case that bonds have been a very
good investment, not for just the past three years of the
bear stock market, but for a very long time.

It gives you ideas of different kinds of bond funds to look at, ways to invest in them, and is much more than just an article about FastBreak Pro. Much of what is discussed can be implemented without using their program.

They also take a look at some potential methods for taking advantage of a major bear market in bonds.

Volume 9, No.2 –

“Analysis of Market Trends”

By Joe Wood of the Boston User Group

Joe Wood is a long-time member of the Boston User group. He does an "Analysis of Market Trends" using some very interesting tools and techniques. He goes from standard charting and channel analysis to Trin and Chande's Market Thrust Oscillator. Last he goes into a short discussion of Money Supply.

“Saving Time with FNU Export”

By Bill Barack, Leader of the Cleveland User Group

Bill Barack, the User-Group Leader in Cleveland, shows a free program that converts Excel data into FNU files that can be displayed.

**“The Sharpe Ratio in AmiBroker” and
“The Sharpe Ratio Defined”**

By Richard Boroff

These articles are on using the Sharpe Ratio in Amibroker. They give you the AFL code, some definitions and goes through some basics.