

## **RESOURCES TO LEARN ABOUT TECHNICAL ANALYSIS**

Compiled by Dave Wright

### **Where to investigate books on TA:**

**Buy and read at least two TA books!**

- Amazon.com – details, reviews – and sometimes discounts
- TradersPress.com – some reviews; sometimes deep discounts
- TradersLibrary.com

**BOOKS ON TECHNICAL ANALYSIS:** See attached list (2 pages) of selected books

### **PERIODICALS ON TA:**

- Technical Analysis of Stocks & Commodities – and check out the ads in it. (You may review info about this leading magazine at [traders.com](http://traders.com).)
- Journal of Technical Analysis – published by the Market Technicians Ass'n. The MTA is the U.S. organization of professional technicians, and offers the Certified Market Technician designation.
- AAI Computerized Investing – can be received by e-mail
- FT Monitor – for intermediate to advanced people
- Futures Magazine – many of the best TA ideas come from the commodities side
- Much timely TA commentary is available via the Internet on TC2000, FT4WEB, RealMoney.com, etc. – but 95% is devoted to U.S. stock indices (a foolish focus?)

### **TA WEBSITES:**

- Equis offers a free online book on TA: [equis.com/Education/TAAZ/](http://equis.com/Education/TAAZ/)
- Another free website to learn about TA is [stockcharts.com/education/](http://stockcharts.com/education/) – note that StockCharts.com recently acquired John Murphy's advisory firm
- Another is <http://www.decisionpoint.com/TACourse/TACourseMenu.html>
- Forbes.com offers a glossary of TA terms at [forbes.com/2000/06/03/feat.html](http://forbes.com/2000/06/03/feat.html)
- [Prophet.net](http://Prophet.net) – offers some free charting and analysis tools, three levels of pay services
- [StockTA.com](http://StockTA.com) – offers info and education on TA, and links to resources
- [Big Charts.com](http://BigCharts.com) – if you don't want to spend money on good charting software

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### **TA COURSES:**

- Perhaps the best courses are offered by the Chicago Mercantile Exchange:  
See <http://www.cme.com/edu/course/schedule640.html>
- Three courses are offered by Golden State University, San Francisco
- Cpt. Michael Price – ask Dave Wright or Don Gimpel. About \$4,000 plus expenses
- Ralph Acampora – a seasoned pro. Via MTA.org
- Some TA courses are available by mail on tapes or CD ROMs
- MetaStock and TC2000 offer intro classes in Los Angeles periodically, based on their respective software but illustrating some basic TA concepts

### **TECHNICAL ANALYSIS SOFTWARE: The seductive trap: GOALS should come before tactics and systems!**

- Investors FastTrack – apparently the most widely used in LA and Orange County
- MetaStock
- TC2000
- TradeStation
- Prophet.net
- AMiBroker

### **TA USER GROUPS/PEER NETWORKING:**

- FastTrack user groups meet in LA and in Orange County
- AAI Computerized Investing SIG – meets 5-6 times a year in Culver City
- Market Analysts of So. California – presents a speaker each month in Culver City
- Other user groups: (from the audience?)

### **CONFERENCES ON TECHNICAL ANALYSIS:**

- Oct. 16: Montreal Conference, Canadian Society of Technical Analysts
- Nov. 4-6: IFTA Annual Meeting – Madrid (many sessions in English) – will include John Bollinger, John Murphy, Martin Pring
- Technical Analysis Group (TAG) – New Orleans?

- Other? Read the ads in the magazine, Technical Analysis of Stocks & Commod.

## **INTRODUCTION TO TECHNICAL ANALYSIS**

**Sponsored by the Los Angeles Chapter,  
American Association of Individual Investors**

**Saturday, July 17, 2004**

### **PANEL ON RESOURCES TO LEARN ABOUT TECHNICAL ANALYSIS**

#### **Panel Chair: David C. Wright**

Dave has charted stocks and mutual funds since 1966, and personal computers came as a great relief! After 16 years in government and with major law firms, Dave served for several years as the Director of Technical Research for a large brokerage firm, where he also started a money-management operation. In 1987, Dave and his partner Dr. Kenneth Sleeper started their own independent company, Sierra Investment Management, Inc., where they currently manage over \$400 million in private accounts for retirees and other conservative investors. Dave works daily with MetaStock and FastTrack.

#### **Frank Barbera, CMT**

Frank is well-known from years of explaining market trends on KWHY, The Business Channel. Starting in the investment business more than 20 years ago, Frank became the right-hand man for John Bollinger, with whom he worked for several years before moving into other money-management roles. One of the most respected technical analysts in the west, Frank is a Certified Market Technician, the designation awarded by the Market Technicians Association, and a founding member of the Market Analysts of Southern California. In recent years Frank has been working with major firms applying Technical Analysis to managing large private accounts.

#### **Bill Pope**

A fascination with the markets and Technical Analysis has driven Bill Pope to work countless hours developing studies and techniques to improve his investment results, using a variety of software. Bill has traded stocks, mutual funds and closed-end funds for over ten years.

Note: Dave's handout materials also include input from Don Gimpel, PhD