

Sun City Summerlin Computer Club

**Internet Investing
SIG**

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SIG Meeting Schedule

- **The Internet Investing SIG meets every other “even” month on the third Thursday morning at 9 AM. The next six meetings will be:**
 - *August 18, 2016*
 - *October 20, 2016*
 - *December 15, 2016*
 - *February 16, 2017*
 - *April 20, 2017*
 - *June 15, 2017*

Recent Market Moves Discussion

- **Let's Look at Recent Charts for Market Averages**
 - *Dow Jones Industrials Chart ^DJI*
 - *S&P 500 Chart ^GSPC*
 - *Nasdaq 100 Chart ^IXIC*
 - *Russell 2000 Chart ^RUT*
 - *Key Dow stocks: <http://money.cnn.com/data/dow30>*
- **The markets have recently been trading higher.**
 - *Dow has been in a range between 17,400 to 18,100.*
 - *Volatility still seems to be the norm.*
- **What did *YOU* do (if anything) in the past two months?**
 - *Buy on the dips? Sell (at the bottom or at the top)? Hold?*
 - *Did you buy Puts? Buy Calls? Sell Puts? Sell covered Calls?*
 - *Did you or will you buy in near the bottom?*
 - *Are you moving into or out of "safer" investments (bonds / CDs)*
- **What do *YOU* think *will* happen in the next 3-6 months?**

Fundamentals Review

- **Dollar remains very strong against foreign currencies.**
 - *Oil priced in dollars.*
 - *Saudis and Iran are still pumping and flooding the markets.*
 - *Crude oil now about \$49 and many energy stocks have risen.*
 - *Other commodity prices and stocks of producers still down.*
- **ISIS and Russians in the middle east causing great concern.**
 - *“Flight to quality” (Selling stocks and buying US Govt. debt) has pushed bond yields down. The 10 year Treasury note now yields about 1.61% !!!*
The 30 year Treasury note yield is 2.44% !!!
- **China’s economy & markets still tanking.**
- **Eurozone – in *BIG* trouble due to hoards of refugees.**
- **Federal Reserve *may* raise rates .25% in June.**
- **Official Inflation rate is *fairly* low (< 2% / year)**
 - *Some food prices have come down (beef, pork)*
 - *NV Gasoline is still fairly cheap (\$2.25 at Costco)*
 - *Medical care & insurance is NOT cheap*

Bitcoin Digital Currency (1)

- What is Bitcoin?
 - <http://bitcoin.org/en/>
 - <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bitcoin>
- Some exchanges where can you buy and sell Bitcoin?
 - <https://Coinbase.com>
 - <https://www.weusecoins.com/en/how-buy-bitcoins-online-best-bitcoin-exchange-rate-bitcoin-price/>
- Bitcoin – Recent Prices
 - <http://www.coindesk.com/price/>
 - <https://coinbase.com/charts>
- You store your Bitcoin in a digital wallet.
 - *A wallet is an app + file that allows you to manage your Bitcoin*
 - *A wallet runs on your computer, handheld device or the web.*
- Can you use Bitcoin to make purchases?
 - *Many online merchants now accept Bitcoin*
 - *Some brick and mortar stores also accept*

Bitcoin Digital Currency (2)

- **Is Bitcoin “Safe”**
 - *Relatively safe if you deal with reputable Exchange and Wallet operators.*
 - *Governments don't like Bitcoin and so there are attempts to attack it or make it “illegal” (e.g. claim it's used for drug dealing).*
- **Is Bitcoin a viable hedge against dollar inflation?**
 - *Bitcoin to dollar exchange rate is somewhat volatile.*
 - *In event of serious paper currency inflation, Bitcoin should hold value.*
- **Should you hold Bitcoin?**
 - *May be more trouble than it's worth.*
 - *Similar to buying gold – doesn't pay any interest.*
- **Buying Gold Coins**
 - <https://www.blanchardgold.com/#1>
 - *About \$50 over spot price (+ shipping)*

Open Discussion