

TOM CROOKER INVESTMENT FORUM AGENDA FOR WEDNESDAY, JULY 11, 11:45AM

Tom Crooker will be the Forum Moderator

The (Two) Weeks that (Were.) For the two weeks ending July 6, the stock markets were: up 1.04% for the DOW; up 1.50% for the S&P; up 1.56% for the NASDAQ. Markets were up from eased European concerns, but slumped with the disappointing US jobs' numbers on Friday, July 6. Most pundits predict that the jobs' growth numbers, while low, are not low enough for the Fed to take additional stimulus actions. The Supreme Court healthcare decision, unknown but much discussed at our last Forum session, appears to have little impact on the markets.

Discussion Potpourri: Tom will lead discussions of the following topics, to be continued if time does not allow.

- Common emotional traps that hinder investors from making good decisions.
- The global debt crisis and its impact on retirement strategies.
- Why is the investing public fleeing stocks and continuing to pour money into bonds?
- For stock investors (those few who still exist), how funds of all types can blind investors to risk.
- The virtue of simplicity in stock investing (article posted on the Forum website.)
- A rare vision of optimism about explosive growth in tech and telecom.

Personal Introduction. Manfred Boehringer will give his personal introduction. Anybody else ready?

Forum Member (disclosed) Buys and Sells.

Buys

Fidelity GNMA FUND (FGMNX) - low duration, low risk, 3% yield

Apple (APPL) - low P/E, good prospects

3D Systems (DDD) - three dimensional printing - emerging technology

Laudus Growth Investors US Large Cap Growth Fund (LGILX) - total return for 3 months, 1 year, 3 years and 10 years is impressive

Burger King Worldwide, Inc. (BKW) - adult and child-friendly vs. McDonalds

Qualcomm, Inc. (QCOM) - price down briefly

Conoco Phillips (COP) - 4.8% dividend, recent restructuring

Sells

Exelon (EXC) - prefer AEP, with less risk.

Vail Resorts, Inc. (MTN) - "reinvesting" profits in a ski trip to Vail. I got my priorities!

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