

COMMODITY RESEARCH

August 17th ,2017

CURRENCIES

USD/JPY

The US dollar rallied a bit during the day on Wednesday, going into the FOMC Meeting Minutes. We initially reached towards the 111 handle, but then pulled back to find bits of support. I think the market is trying to break out to the upside, and perhaps go looking towards the 112.50 level. Ultimately, this is a market that I think continues to attract buyers on dips, if we can stay above the 110 handle.

EUR/USD

The EUR/USD pair fell during the trading session on Wednesday, testing the 1.17 level underneath. This is an area that should continue to offer a bit of interest, but with the FOMC Meeting Minutes coming out, it's possible that we may see a bit of volatility. Ultimately, this market I think will find buyers, the question now is whether we can find it here, or if we have to find it at a lower level. A break above the 1.1750 level is a signal that the buyers are coming back, and that we should continue to go higher.

GBP/USD

The British pound went sideways during most of the session on Wednesday, hugging the 1.2850 level. The market is waiting to see with the Federal Reserve is thinking, and the Meeting Minutes could have a lot to do with where we go next. If we break down below the bottom of the daily range, then I think we probably go to the 1.2750 level underneath, which has been important in the past. Alternately, if we break above the 1.29 level, then we have to do with the 1.30 level above.

Market Watch

USD/JPY

Open	109.99
High	110.10
Low	109.67
Close	110.19

(Prices as of August 16th , 2017)

EUR/USD

Open	1.1193
High	1.1235
Low	1.1190
Close	1.1766

(Prices as of August 16th , 2017)

GBP/USD

Open	1.2892
High	1.2907
Low	1.2881
Close	1.2892

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CURRENCIES

USD/CAD

The USD/CAD pair fell significantly during the session on Wednesday at the open, but the 1.27 level has been offering a bit of support. At this point, I would anticipate that the buyers may return to the market, but we have the FOMC Meeting Minutes coming out later in the session, and that could have a bit of influence. Ultimately, I believe that the US dollar will continue to gain against the Canadian dollar as not only the oil markets are struggling, but quite frankly there are a lot of cracks in the economy north of the border.

AUD/USD

The Australian dollar rallied significantly during the day on Wednesday, but found the 0.79 level above to be a bit resistant. Quite frankly, I think this will be and I selling opportunity unless we break above the 0.7925 handle. If we do break above there, then the Australian dollar is free to go much higher. Ultimately, I'm looking for signs of exhaustion to start selling though, because the Australian dollar has yet to pull back to the 0.7750 level, an area that should be retested for support.

USD/CHF

USD/CHF's upside is still limited below 1.0118 resistances and intraday bias remains neutral. Near term outlook stays cautiously bullish as long as 0.9929 minor supports holds. Fall from 1.0342 could have finished at 0.9860 already. Above 1.0118 will turn bias back to the upside for retesting 1.0342. However, break of 0.9929 will likely extend the decline from 1.0342 through 0.9860 low.

Market Watch

USD/CAD

Open	1.2624
High	1.2634
Low	1.2588
Close	1.2618

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AUD/USD

Open	0.7933
High	0.7963
Low	0.7925
Close	0.7925

(Prices as of August 16th, 2017)

USD/CHF

Open	0.9650
High	0.9672
Low	0.9626
Close	0.9658

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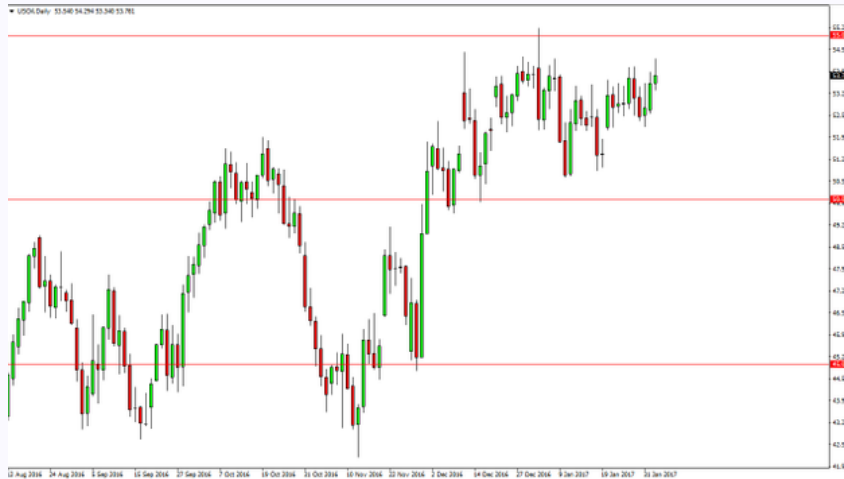
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Crude Oil

The WTI Crude Oil market fell significantly during the session on Wednesday, as the Federal Reserve Meeting Minutes were much more dovish than anticipated. This suggests that perhaps not all is right in the economy, and that would be yet another problem for crude oil. Because of this, the market is very likely to continue to find sellers on short-term rallies.



TECHNICAL

I believe that the market will continue to offer selling opportunities on exhaustive candle's after short-term rallies, and I now have no interest in buying this market as it is not behaving well to the US dollar at all.

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Market Watch

Open	\$47.71
High	\$47.84
Low	\$47.78
Close	\$47.55

(Prices as of August 16th , 2017)

Moving Averages

5 DMA	\$45.39
10 DMA	\$45.98
14 DMA	\$46.56
50 DMA	\$48.28

Bollinger Band

Upper Band	\$50.926
Middle Band	\$44.500
Lower Band	\$45.997

Support

Support 1	\$48.2133
Support 2	\$47.3767

Resistance

Resistance 1	\$49.6833
Resistance 2	\$50.3167

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GOLD

Gold markets went sideways during the session on Wednesday, breaking above the \$1275 level eventually. That being the case, the market found resistance above there, and I think that the short-term pop will more than likely find sellers.



TECHNICAL

I believe that a move to the \$1265 level is probably the next move, and then perhaps even down to the \$1250 level. This will be especially true if the Federal Reserve looks hawkish in the meeting minutes, which is more likely than not. I have no interest in buying gold, and I think that the \$1290 level above could be an excellent selling opportunity as well if we do get a short-term rally.

Market Watch

Open	\$1,288.96
High	\$1,294.29
Low	\$1,293.43
Close	\$1,282.90

(Prices as of August 16th, 2017)

Moving Averages

5 DMA	\$1,263.06
10 DMA	\$1,271.79
14 DMA	\$1,271.99
50 DMA	\$1,258.01

Bollinger Bands

Upper Band	\$1,276.76
Middle Band	\$1,226.40
Lower Band	\$1,207.49

Support

Support 1	\$1227.24
Support 2	\$1,220.23

Resistance

Resistance 1	\$1,239.96
Resistance 2	\$1,245.67

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SILVER

Silver markets rally during the day on Wednesday after initially going sideways. However, the \$17 level above will continue to offer resistance. This is a market that will continue to be volatile.



TECHNICAL

I think it extends to the \$17.20 level. And exhaustive candle is an opportunity to start selling again, and I believe that the market will go down to the \$16.50 level under there. A break above the \$17.25 level would be a strong signal to start buying.

Market Watch

Open	\$17.097
High	\$17.160
Low	\$17.045
Close	\$16.940

(Prices as of August 16th , 2017)

Moving Averages

5 DMA	\$16.897
10 DMA	\$17.170
14 DMA	\$17.230
50 DMA	\$17.057

Bollinger Band

Upper Band	\$17.24
Middle Band	\$16.23
Lower Band	\$16.25

Support

Support 1	\$17.8063
Support 2	\$17.6867

Resistance

Resistance 1	\$18.0553
Resistance 2	\$18.1847

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NATURAL GAS

Natural gas markets continue to look very volatile, because quite frankly there is a lot of headlines that the markets will be paying attention to. The \$2.85 level below should be supportive, this is a market that should continue to be bearish as the oversupply concerns of the natural gas markets continue to be a serious issue in this commodity. A breakdown below the \$2.85 level should then go down to the \$2.75 level after that.



TECHNICAL

I think that the \$2.85 level might be supportive for the short-term, but longer-term I think it's susceptible to selling pressure as it has been sold through several different times in the past. After all, there's nothing special about this particular move, and it just solidifies the overall bearish pressure in the "ceiling" at \$3 above.

Market Watch

Open	\$2.889
High	\$2.900
Low	\$2.881
Close	\$2.890

(Prices as of August 16th , 2017)

Moving Averages

5 DMA	\$2.90
10 DMA	\$2.92
14 DMA	\$2.94
50 DMA	\$3.05

Bollinger Band

Upper Band	\$3.029
Middle Band	\$2.420
Lower Band	\$2.748

Support

Support 1	\$2.961
Support 2	\$2.965

Resistance

Resistance 1	\$2.960
Resistance 2	\$2.991

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COPPER

Copper futures traded lower on Tuesday in reaction to weaker prices in London, a stronger U.S. Dollar and a series of disappointing economic reports from China. Overbought technical conditions helped drive copper prices lower in London in a move that spilled over into the New York copper market. The U.S. Dollar continued to rise on Tuesday, making dollar-denominated copper more expensive for foreign investors. This helped to slice into demand.



TECHNICAL

I think we've hit a critical area on the charts. Bullish traders are going to have to be willing to buy strength at current price levels to drive this market through resistance. However, they are going to need a catalyst to give them enough confidence to do this since prices are relatively expensive.

Market Watch

Open	\$2.963
High	\$2.550
Low	\$2.534
Close	\$2.954

(Prices as of August 16th , 2017)

Moving Averages

5 DMA	\$2.666
10 DMA	\$2.663
14 DMA	\$2.655
50 DMA	\$2.608

Bollinger Band

Upper Band	\$2.703
Middle Band	\$2.240
Lower Band	\$2.528

Support

Support 1	\$2.659
Support 2	\$2.670

Resistance

Resistance 1	\$2.659
Resistance 2	\$2.670

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Today's Economic Calendar

Date	1:53am	Currency		Forecast	Previous
ThuAug 17	4:20am	AUD	RBA Assist Gov Ellis Speaks		
	4:30am	GBP	Retail Sales m/m	0.20%	0.60%
	5:00am	EUR	Final CPI y/y	1.30%	1.30%
		EUR	Final Core CPI y/y	1.20%	1.20%
		EUR	Trade Balance	20.4B	19.7B
	7:30am	EUR	ECB Monetary Policy Meeting Accounts		
	8:30am	CAD	Manufacturing Sales m/m	-1.00%	1.10%
		USD	Unemployment Claims	240K	244K
		USD	Philly Fed Manufacturing Index	18.3	19.5
	9:15am	USD	Capacity Utilization Rate	76.70%	76.60%
		USD	Industrial Production m/m	0.30%	0.40%
	10:00am	USD	CB Leading Index m/m	0.30%	0.60%
	10:30am	USD	Natural Gas Storage	47B	28B
	12:30pm	USD	FOMC Member Kaplan Speaks		
	18th- 19th	CNY	Foreign Direct Investment ytd/y		-0.10%

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