

Trading the Summertime Chop

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What is the Summertime Chop?

- Holiday Time
- Usually till Labor Day
- Seems like a there is a lot of people taking the last 2 weeks off.
- HFTs getting an oil change?
- Low volume, less liquidity consumption.
- Slow, choppy action much of the time.
- We've already got a taste of it.







Pro's & Con's

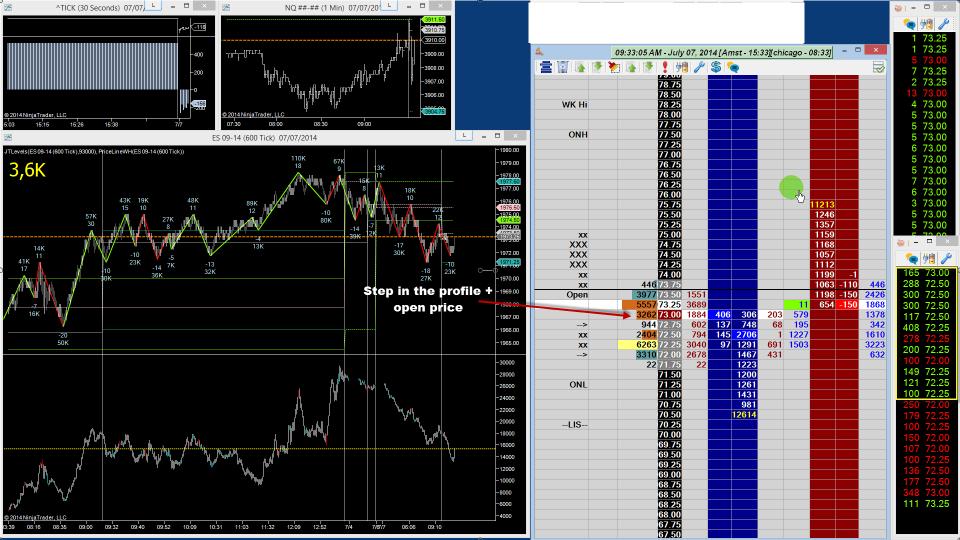
- Predictability (Range vs Trend)
- Develop skills you can use all year.
- More time, less risk
- Respects Levels
- Sometimes Never gets to a Level
- Less reward
- Commission impact
- More patience required
- SIM Trading less realistic

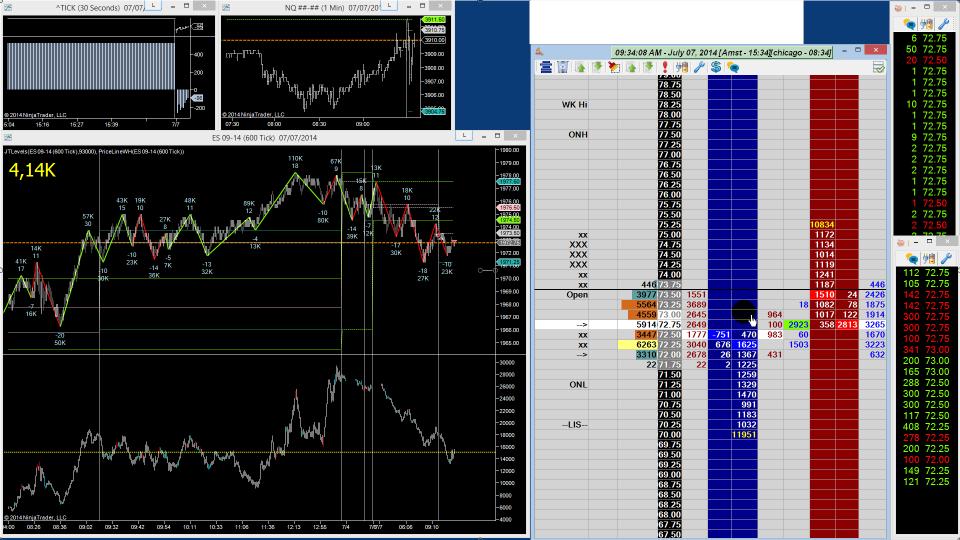


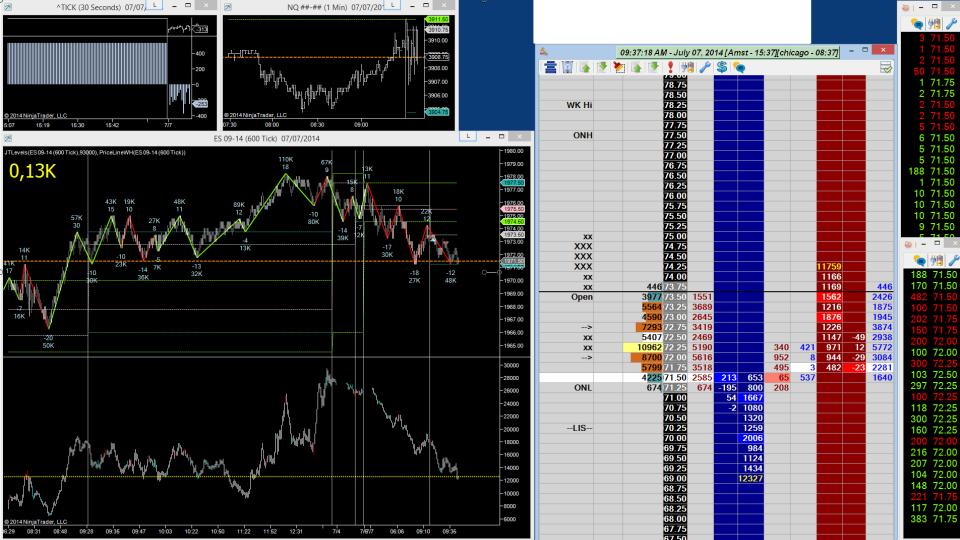


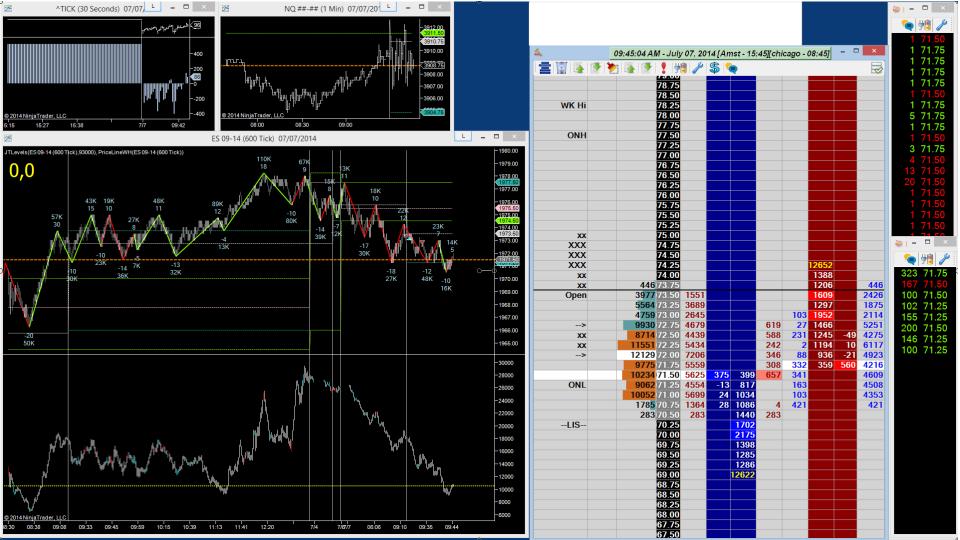


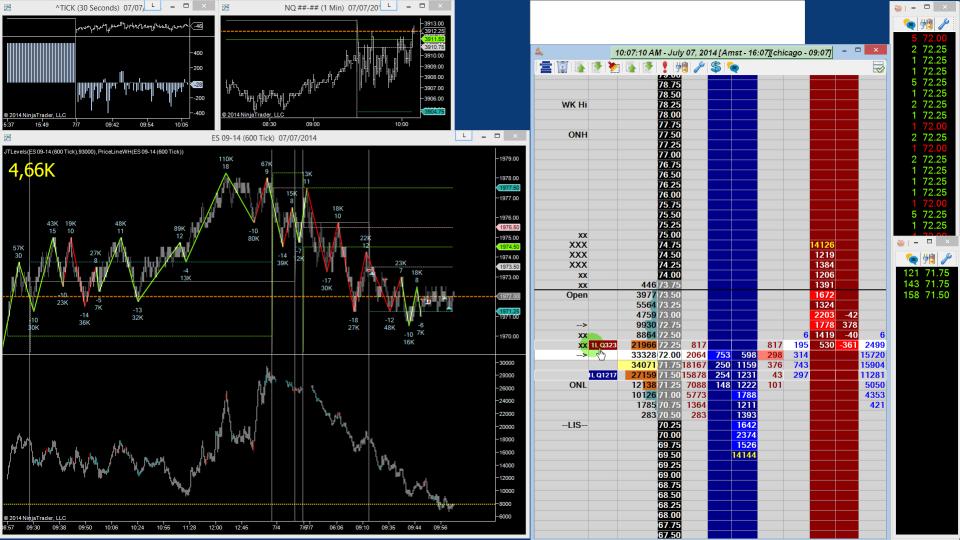


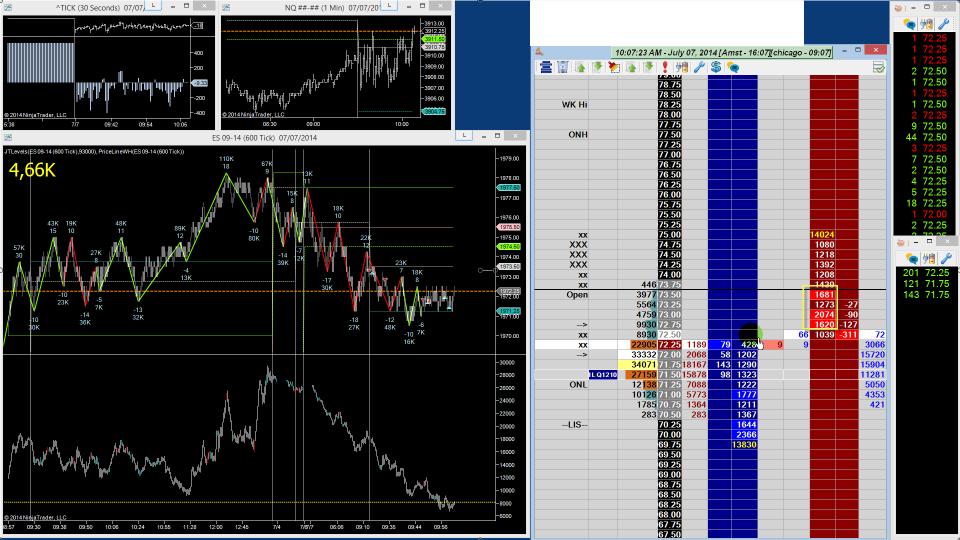


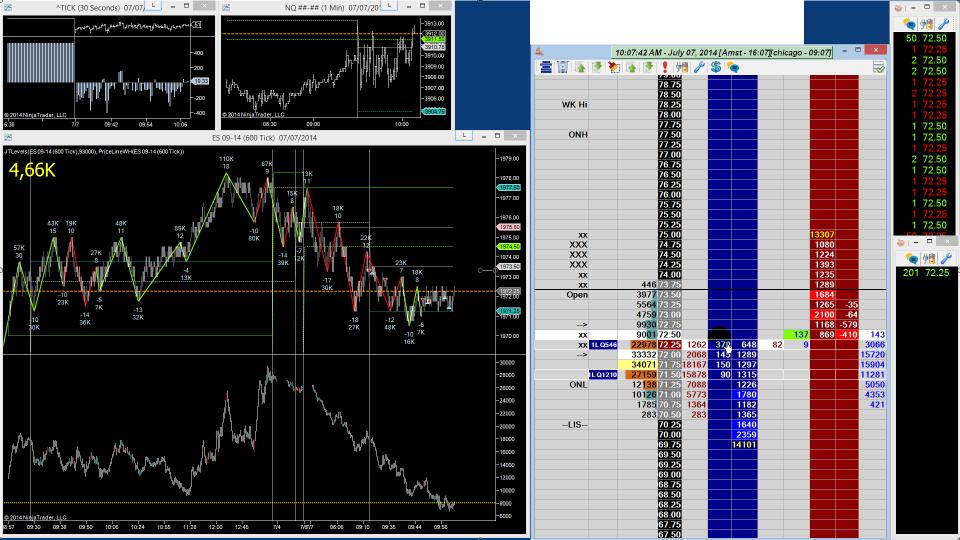


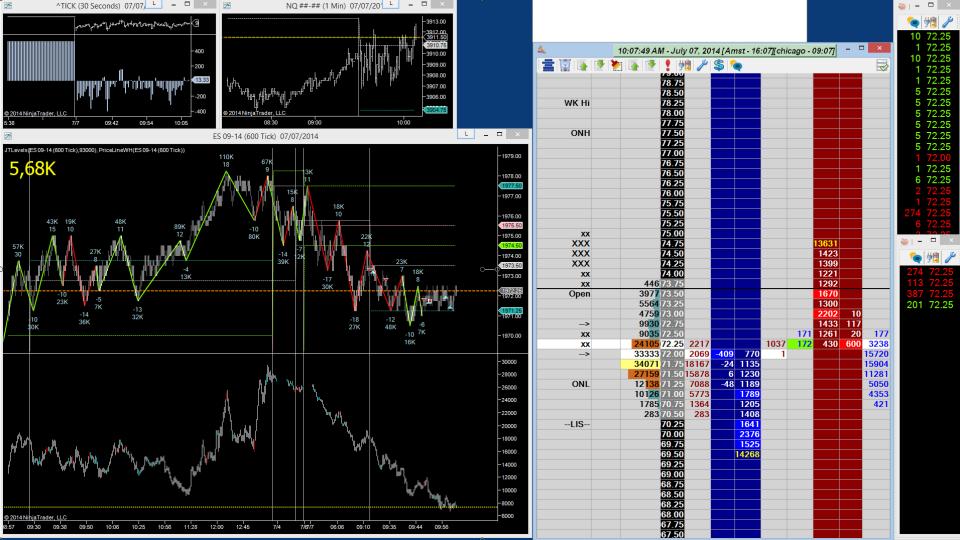


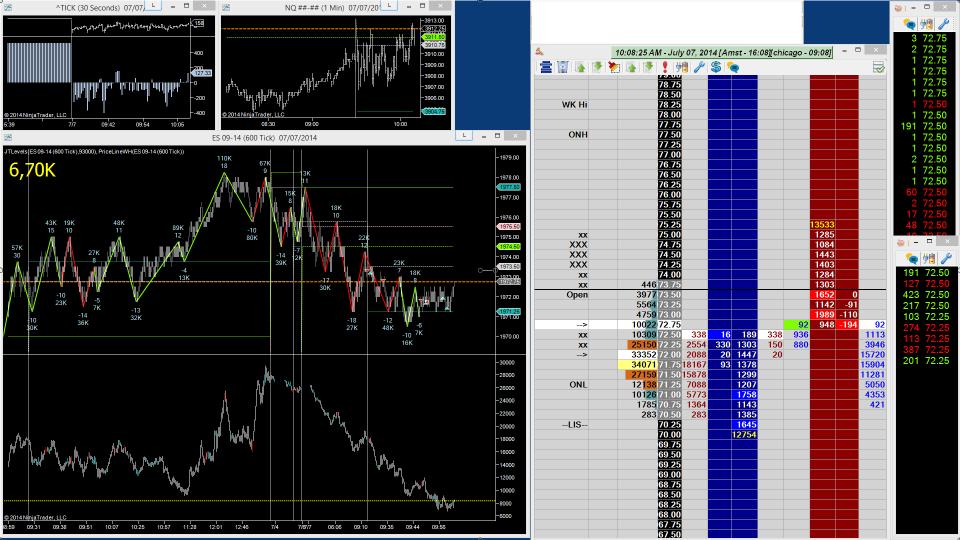


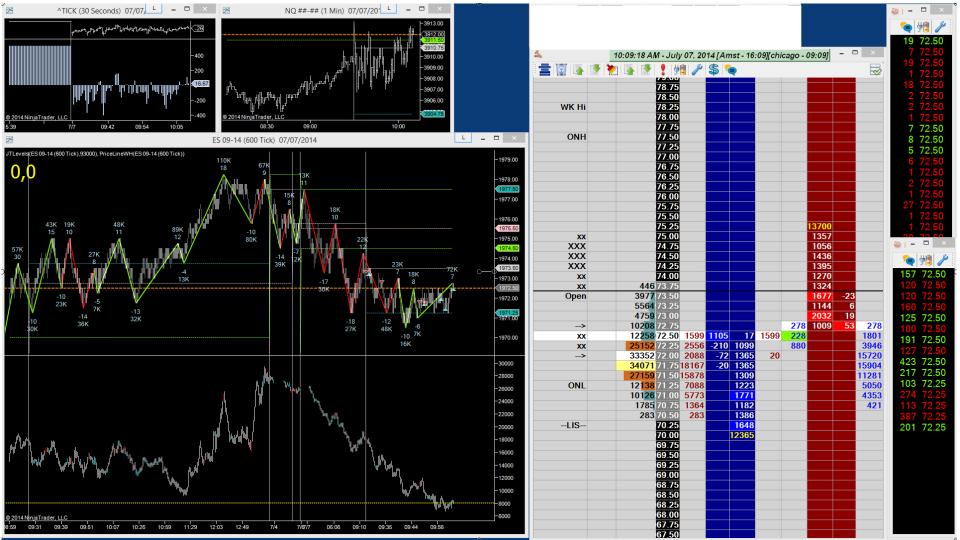


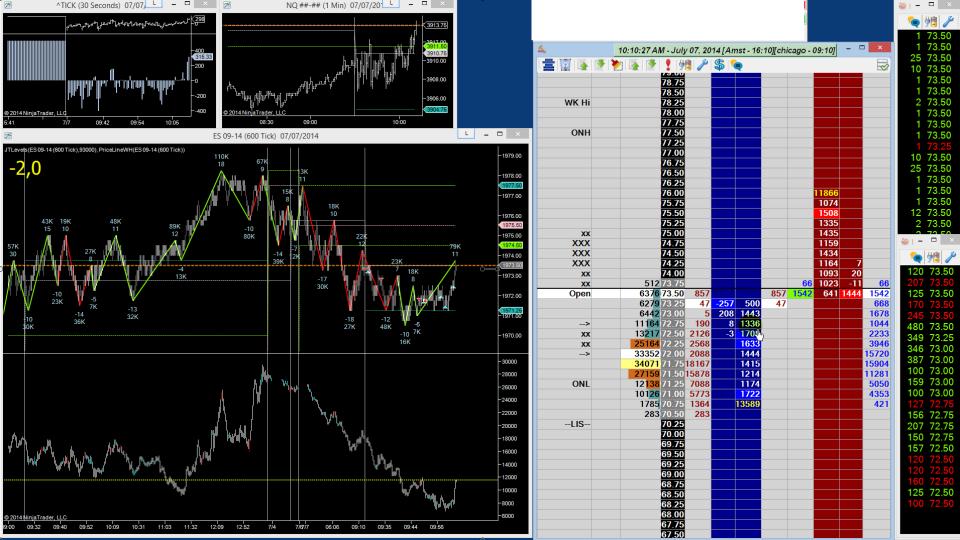
















Range Play

- Use the fact that rangebound behavior becomes the norm
- Use the fact that the market is slow
- Let the range form
- Do not play 3 tick ranges
- Use Volume Profile & Bids/Offers to detect extremes
- Expect headfakes
- Beware entries at POC or mid of range
- If you fail to get thru POC and come back be very careful
- Ranges within yesterdays range are more reliable
- Look for stuck shorts/longs at the extreme
- Look for Range-Break-Range-Break



Range Fade Entries

- Limiting in.
 - Resting orders at each extreme
 - Joining small icebergs
 - Joining larger bids/offers
- Hitting into a failing bid/offer
 - Reducing, not refreshing
 - Pulling offers, refreshing bids
- Entries should have a nearby, logical exit point with decent liquidity.



Breakouts

- No range lasts forever
- Ranges do tend to look like they will go through on every hit of the extreme
- Without doubt they are the hardest trades to play
- Stuck sellers, icebergs
- If it slides back, you don't have momentum
- You need to be able to spot breakouts, not necessarily trade them.



Cutting Trades

- Aggressive after entry
- Don't expect momentum through the range
- Just be on the lookout for obvious absorption or large size coming in against you
- Don't jump at shadows though!
- Other than that just sit and let it play out.



Summertime Trading is not for everyone but as mentioned many times, markets do slow down intermittently, so it's worth spending some time one summer with a new perspective on using the pace of the market to your advantage.

Many Thanks For Listening!

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