

Musings

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In this article, Mr. Richards looks at a few charts that he finds interesting right now.

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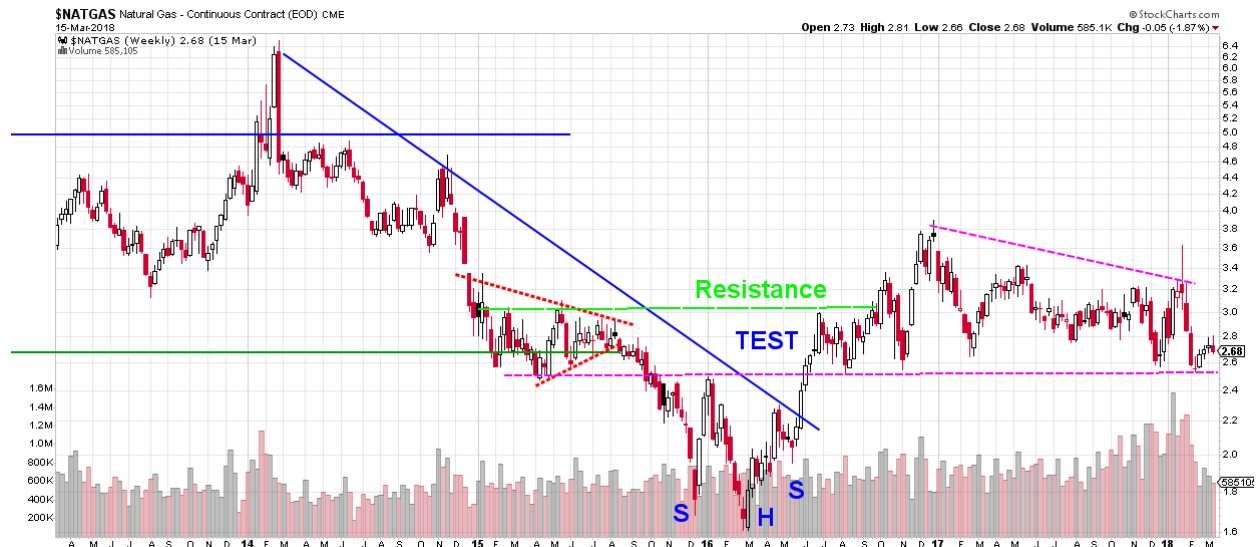
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By: Keith Richards (bio at end)

Here are a few charts that have caught my eye for one reason or another. Most are coming off of – or in the area of – a significant support level. Seasonals are positive for some of them. Some might be suitable only for near-term traders, some for longer-term investors. Some are historically more volatile than others. Some are just things to watch for now. Investigate these ideas on your own. If any of my basic observations spike your interest, you can consider a trade.

Here we go:

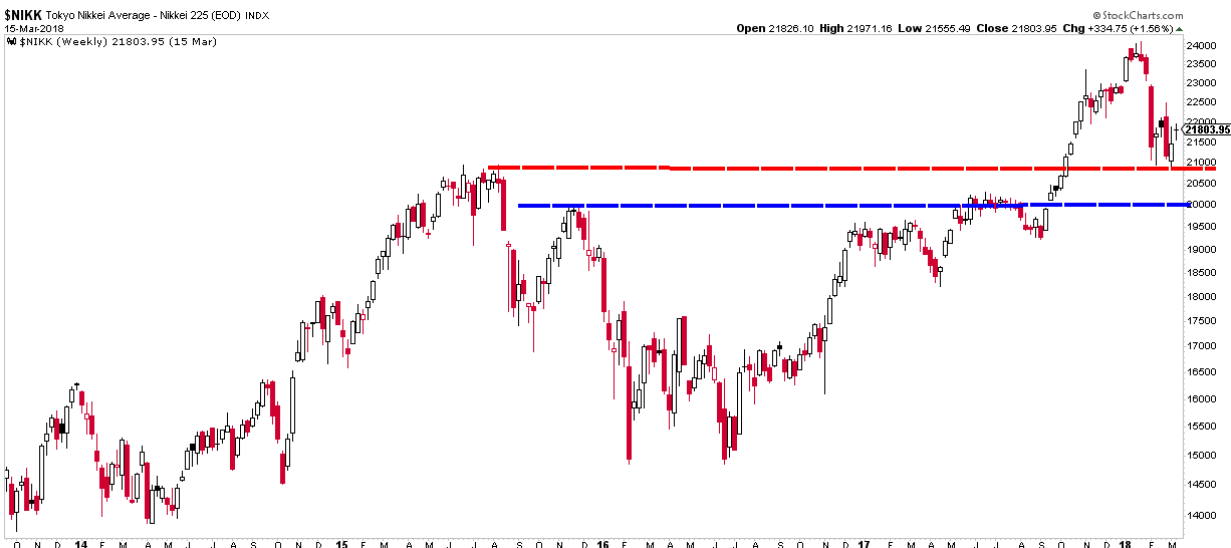
Natural Gas



Nat gas shows an old neckline level from its 2016 bottom formation as current support. That support comes in around \$2.50. Clearly, natty is bubbling up from support, and may rise above \$3 in the near future. That is a short term, relatively shallow trade—but perhaps worthy of a near-term traders' attention. Nat gas is seasonally strong from now until June.

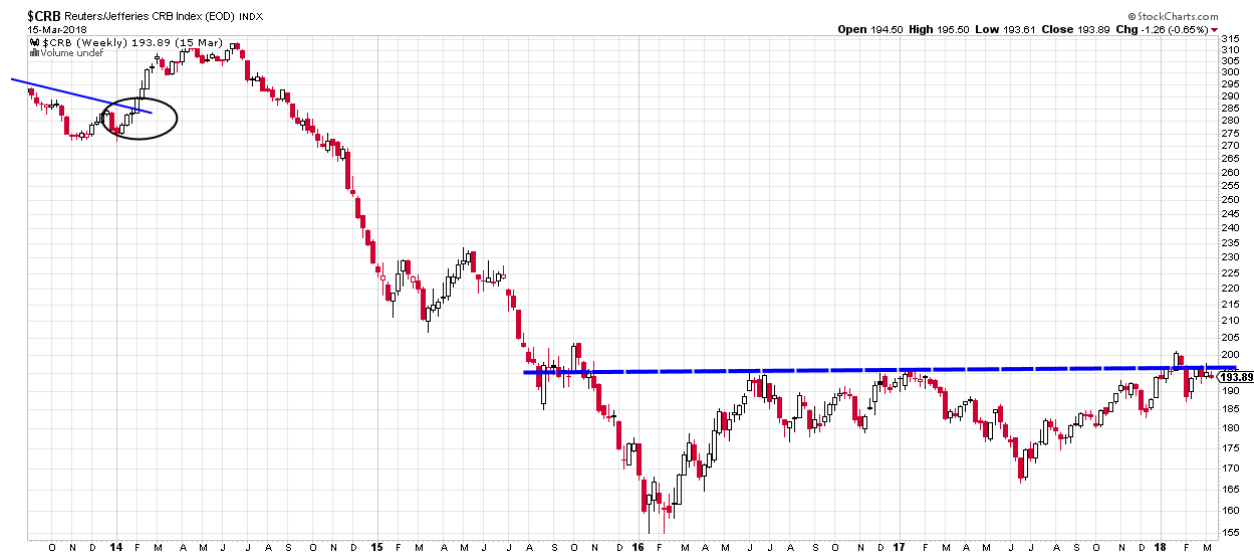
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Nikkei



Japan's major index has clear support (former resistance points) between 20,000 and 21,000. The index looks to be bouncing off of the 21,000 level. Seasonal tendencies are bullish for that index from now until May. Perhaps 24,000 will be seen again. Worthy of a trade consideration for near-term traders.

Commodity Index



You can choose to trade the individual commodities like I did when I bought into oil not too long ago. Or you could buy a basket of commodities which includes metals, the softs, etc. The CRB index is widely followed as a broad representation of the commodity space. The problem with such a viewpoint is that it is pretty hard to compare agricultural commodities to something like copper. Likewise, can you really compare something that we use industrially to something with vastly more concentrated audiences as gold does? Whatever the case, the CRB has been in a giant base since mid-2015. If it breaks out, watch out!

India



Bombay's exchange has been on an uptrend since 2012. However, it periodically arches off the trend-line to become overbought. Short-term topping patterns emerge after such an occurrence, and the index peels back. Watch for a neckline break on the BSE index. If it breaks, expect a return to the trend-line. Such a move would likely mean a great buying opportunity.

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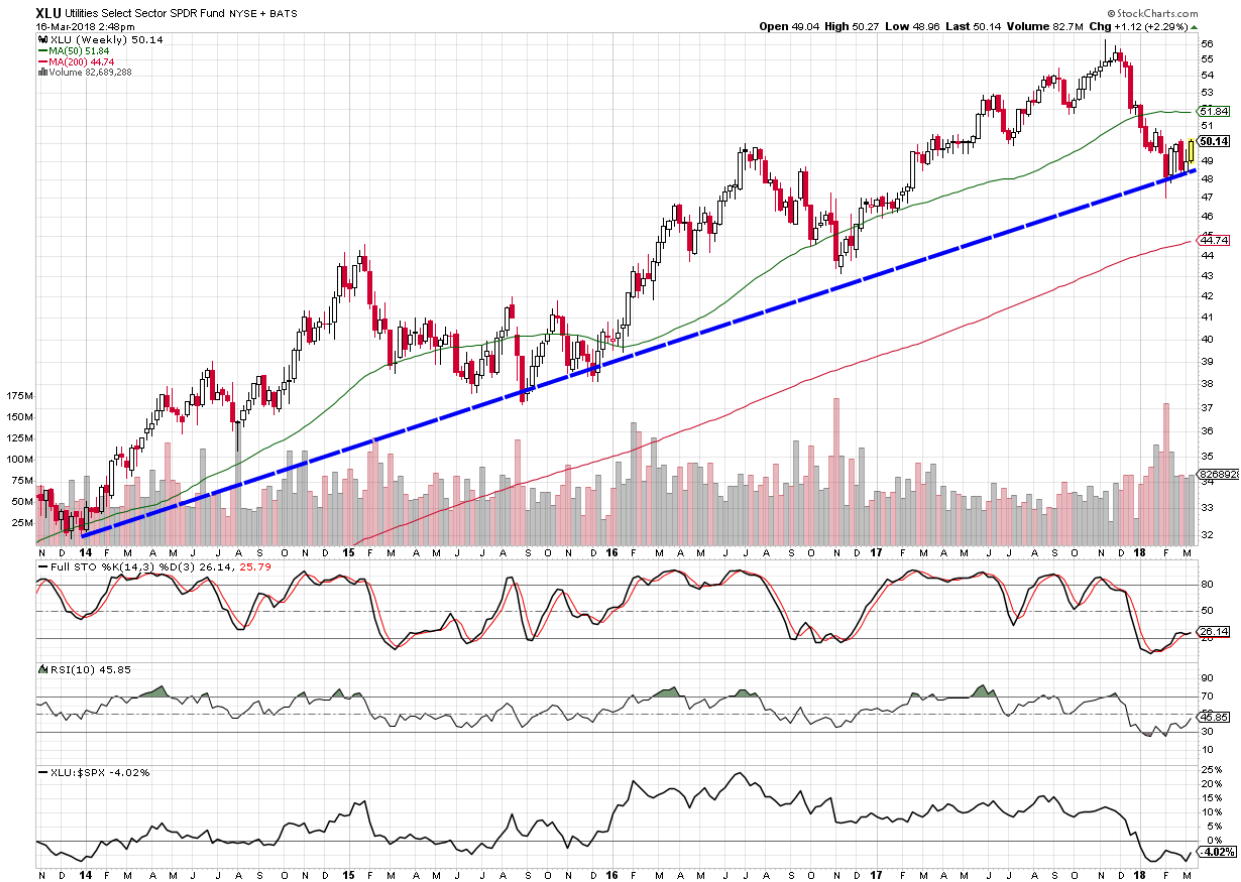


Man, that's one big honkin' triangle!

If this puppy breaks to the upside—expect a monster move up. If it cracks – well, let's just be sure we don't own the sector if this thing cracks.

One to watch. It could be huge either way!

US Utilities



Everyone knows that rising rates hurt utility stocks. That is because utility companies have lots of loans, and higher rates mean lower profits. U.S. rates are going up. The secret is out! But, at some point, the bad news (rates) get priced in. Could now be that time? Seasonal trends are for this sector to rock-n-roll in the summer. The trend-line seems to be intact. Momentum oscillators seem to be hooking up. A contrarian play?

Hmmmm.....

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