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**A Monday Morning Musing from Mickey the Mercenary Geologist**

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I was honored to be a general session speaker at the recent [New Orleans Investment Conference \(NOIC\)](#), invited by convener, colleague, and friend Brien Lundin. NOIC is the longest-lived gold investment conference on the planet. It begins on Wednesday at midday and continues thru a banquet reception on Saturday evening.

The four-day conference is populated by high net worth investors who pay a high hundred dollar fee to attend. The set-up consists of exhibitor booths, a general session hall for what is always an impressive roster of speakers from the media, financial, and junior resource sectors, a number of speaker workshops, and many company-sponsored breakfasts and lunches.

This year, there were around 900 attendees and 85 sponsor companies. The speaker and panel line-ups in the great hall are the main attractions with the exhibit hall populated during breaks throughout the day. And the days are indeed long with events starting at 7:15 am and continuing until 8:30 to 9:00 pm.

Tucker Carlson of Fox News gave the keynote speech to a packed audience on Saturday afternoon. I found him entertaining and at times hilarious with a stream-of-consciousness speech (or was it just a 30 minute run-on rant?).

Since I was addressing a largely gold-bug crowd of free-market speculators, I chose “Seasonal Trading of Gold and Junior Resource Stocks” for my 20 minute presentation. I showed how good profits can be made nearly every year via short-term seasonal trades from late Q4 to early Q1 for gold and from mid-December to early January for select TSXV-listed stocks. You can access my power point presentation [here](#).

Folks, along with a well-organized conference attended by genuine people, good companies, and great speakers, and offering an assorted array of speculative opportunities, this is the Big Easy on Halloween weekend so entertainment abounds. I was very fortunate to attend dinners at three well-known (including one world-famous) New Orleans eating and drinking establishments.

The only downside is that sleep seems to be in short supply over the four days.

After the conference, Brien was so kind to invite me to a second overnigher at his “cabin in the woods” in southwest Mississippi. Our group of five also included Scott Gibson, principal of Kitco-Gibson Capital, Jim Paterson, Chairman and CEO of Kivaliq Energy, and Cooper Quinn, CEO of Osprey Gold.

We all got to tromp around Brien’s land with big weapons looking for critters to kill, fish in his ponds, ride the trails in ATVs, build big bonfires, eat charcoal-grilled steaks, drink hard likker, watch the World Series, and target practice with a few long guns.

I grew up a good ol’ boy American libertarian hillbilly redneck, but Scott, an avowed city-boy, had never experienced this kind of backwoods fun; all crammed into 24 hours to boot:



Par for the course, I landed more bass than the others combined but say hey, what else is news?

Not only did I have almost too much fun over these six days, I also found some new deals that [only free email subscribers](#) will be privy to within the next month or so. They are all gold newcos created via spin-out or RTO. Stay tuned.

And as you know, I always put my mercenary money where my mouth is. So keep an eye-out for upcoming [Mercenary Alerts](#) and always check our Sunday notices for the latest doings and opportunities.

Thanks once again, Brien, for the invitation to speak and continuing hospitality; you are truly a southern gentleman and a scholar besides.

Ciao for now,

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