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Today's trading was characterized by position squaring in the commodity currencies as trade data from China this morning showed that exports increased 5.1% in July, but imports increased by 10.9%. Short AUD positions were closed in a strong reaction to this news (significant short squeeze). Technically nothing has been altered in the long term down trend in AUD. Significant position squaring into the end of summer may keep the AUD from making new lows below .8842, which is what I expect. I added a position which will benefit if the AUD does not make new lows in the next four weeks.

The USD sold off vs the CAD from 1.0423 last night down to close to 1.03. We took profit on the CAD position at 1.0423.

[U.S. jobless claims were improved this am, with weekly claims at 332,000.](#) The average number of workers applying for jobless benefits declined to 335,500 in the four weeks ended Aug. 3, the least since November 2007, according to Labor Department data. This is very USD supportive, needless to say.

Today's p/l was down a little from yesterday at **(\$100k)**.

I will be reachable next week but will be away with my family for Monday-Friday so trading volume will hopefully be lighter.

Thank you for everything.

Laurie