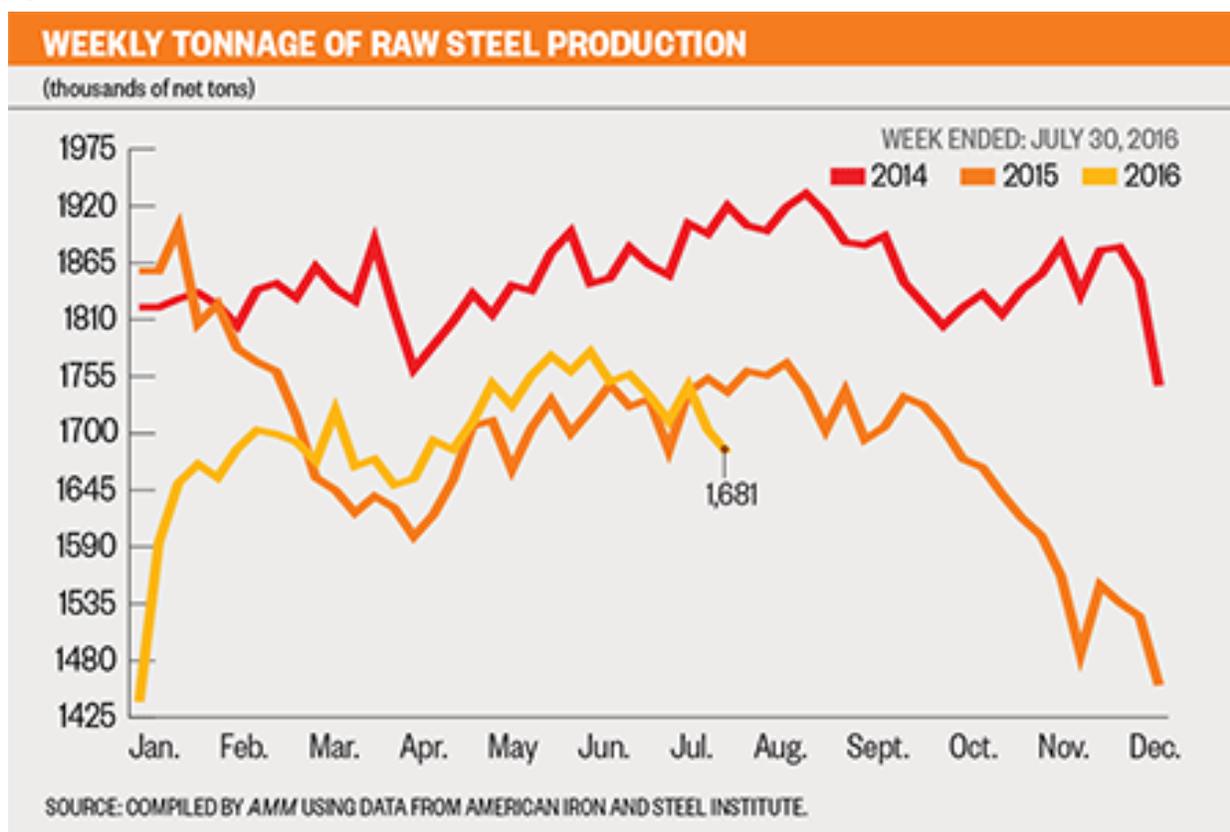


This is the Scrap Metal & Commodities Recycling report, by BENLEE Roll off, Lugger and Open Top Trailers and Raleigh and Goldsboro Metal Recycling Monday August 8th, 2016.

In this report, last week multiple commodities came down in price while parts of Wall Street hit new all-time highs.



U.S. Steel production declined to an approximate 90 day low, despite continued good news of U.S. continued slow growth.

CRUDE OIL



SOURCE: WWW.TRADINGECONOMICS.COM | NYMEX

Oil after dipping below \$40 for the first time in months, closed at about \$42/barrel which was up for the week, yet down from the about \$50/barrel in recent weeks.

US OIL RIG COUNT



SOURCE: Baker Hughes

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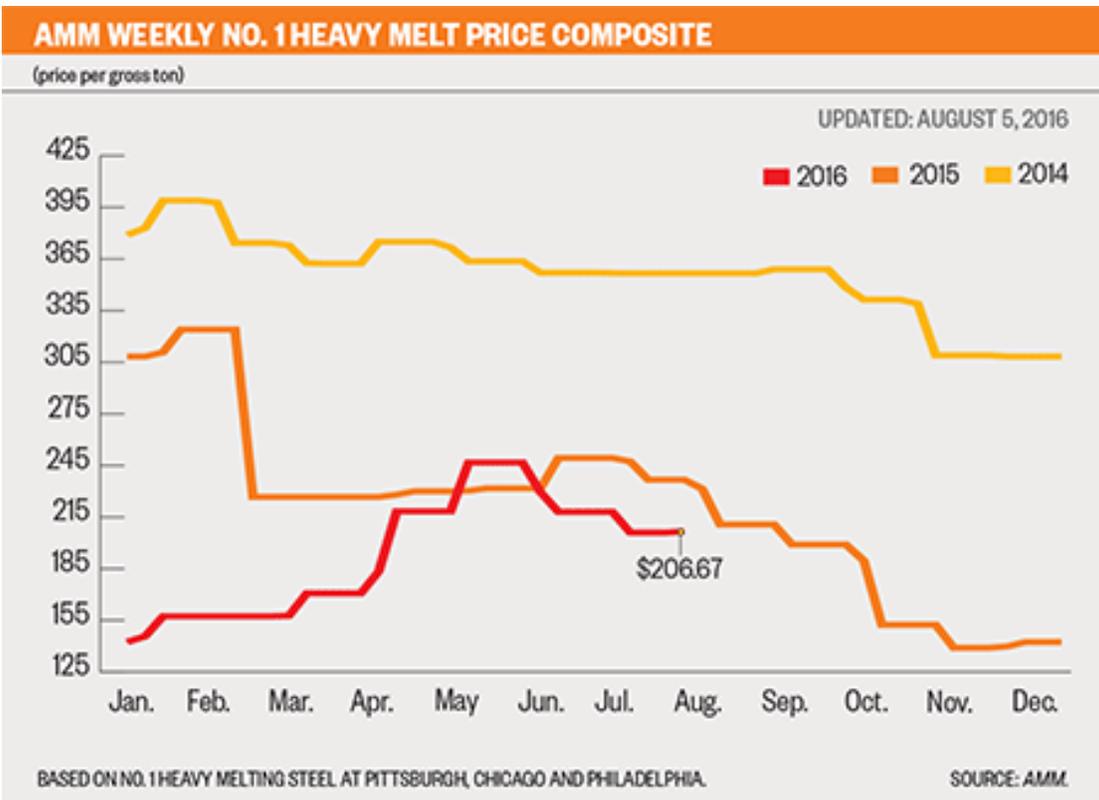
Oil rigs, which use major amounts of steel rose yet again and while not up a lot in recent months, the rig count is now the highest since March 18th, almost 5 months ago.

IRON ORE



SOURCE: WWW.TRADINGECONOMICS.COM | THE STEEL INDEX

Iron Ore decreased 2 percent for the week to \$59/MT which now makes it up only about 5% for the year, yet still about 55% above where it was about 9 months ago.



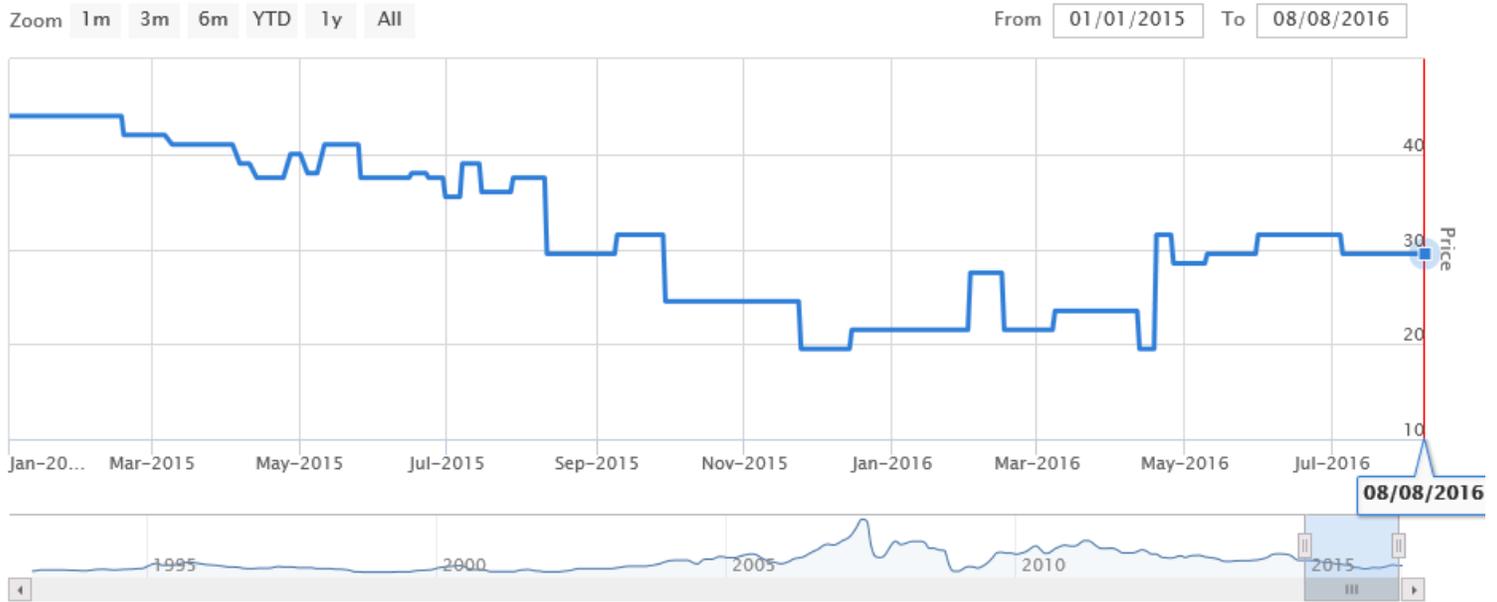
Most scrap steel prices will be no change for the month, despite imports of scrap, mainly due to a major reduction of material coming in to scrap yards. With low prices and very high temperatures in the U.S., volumes coming into scrap yards has dropped significantly in many parts of the country. This drop combined with major amounts of scrap metal and scrap metal substitutes being imported into the U.S. is keeping scrap prices steady except for higher scrap steel grades which did decline this month.

Hot Rolled Coil Steel



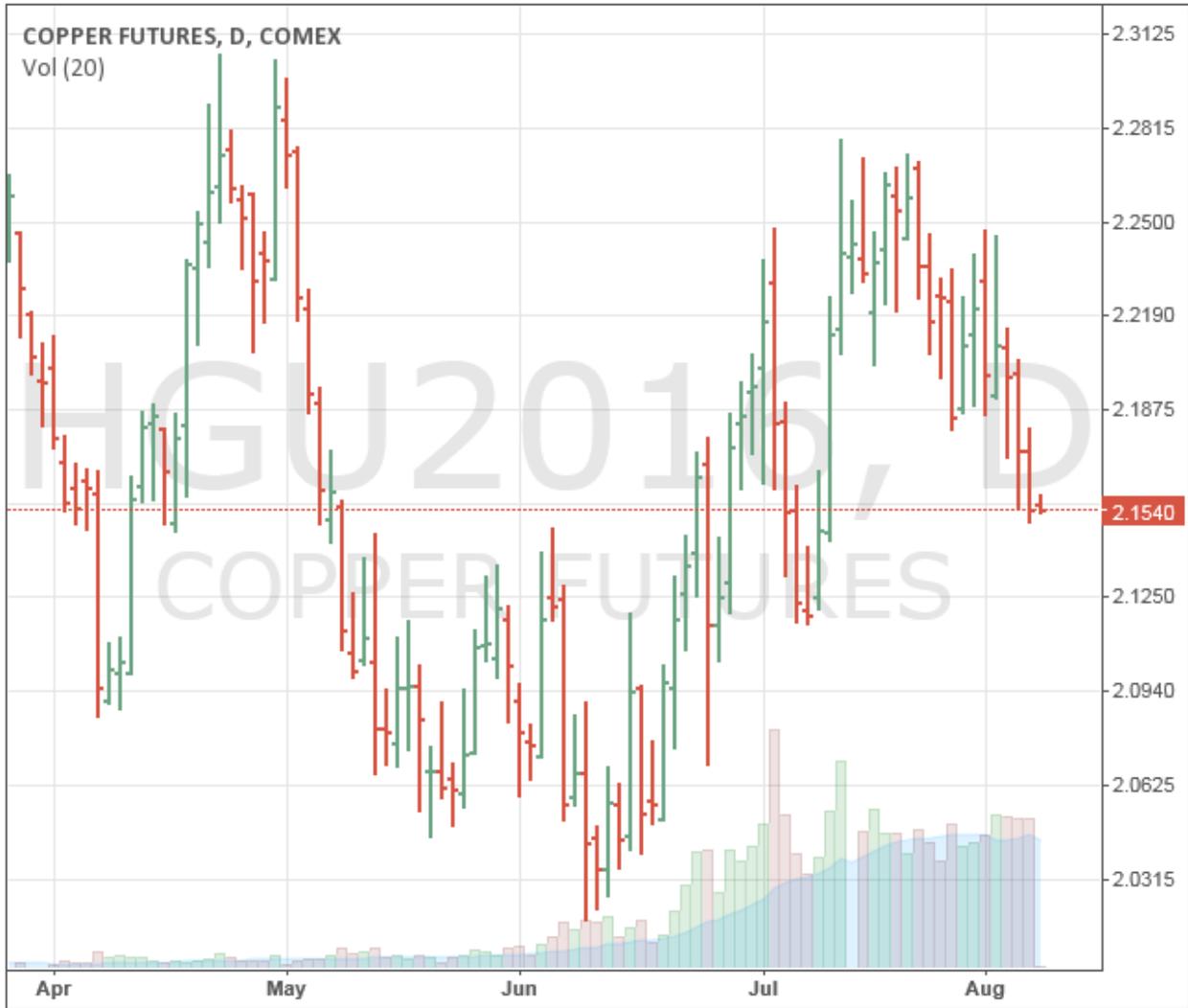
Hot roll coil prices have come down a bit, but remain fairly high as tariffs have done their job in allowing U.S. steel mills to raise prices.

304 Stainless Scrap



and we see 304 stainless scrap prices remain unchanged at a fairly high level compared to earlier in the year.

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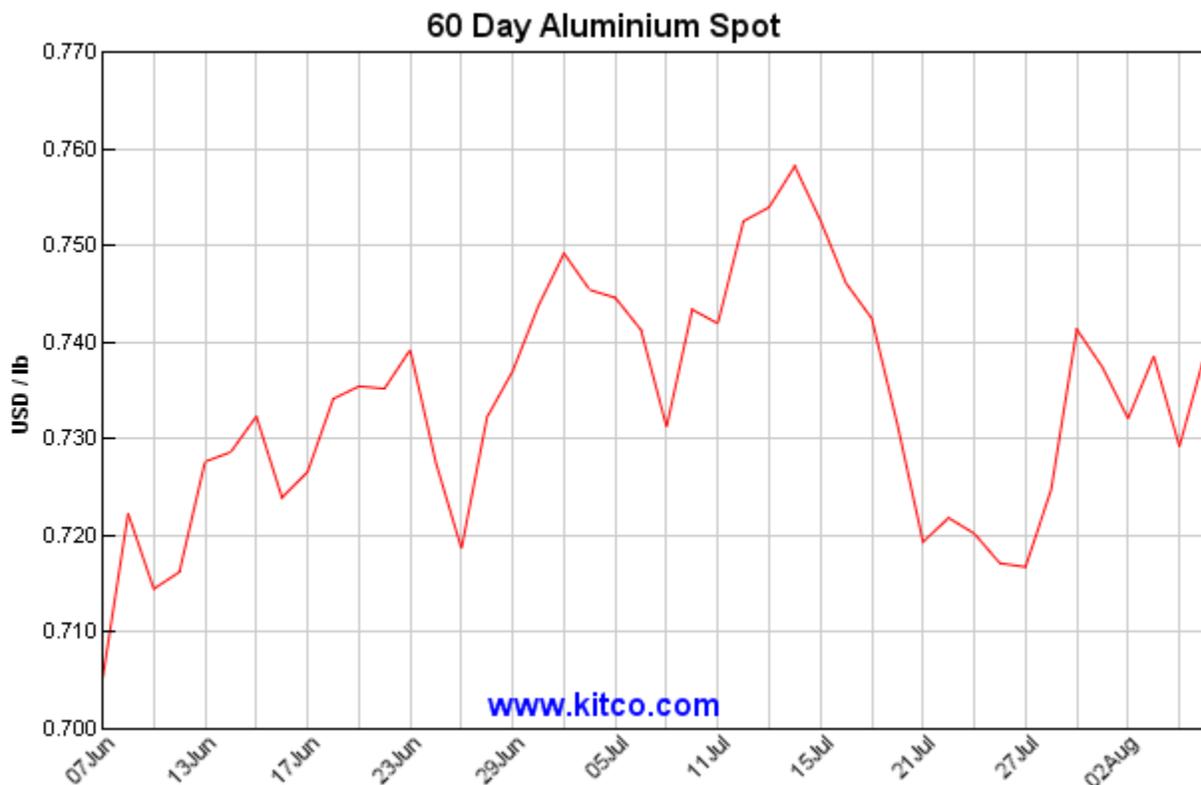


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Copper declined pretty hard for the week and closed at about \$2.15/pound, which was a low for about the last month yet came up a couple of cents this morning.



When looking at the 5 year chart we see copper remains in a range and has been going slightly up and down for almost 9 months, so copper pricing today is where it was in November.



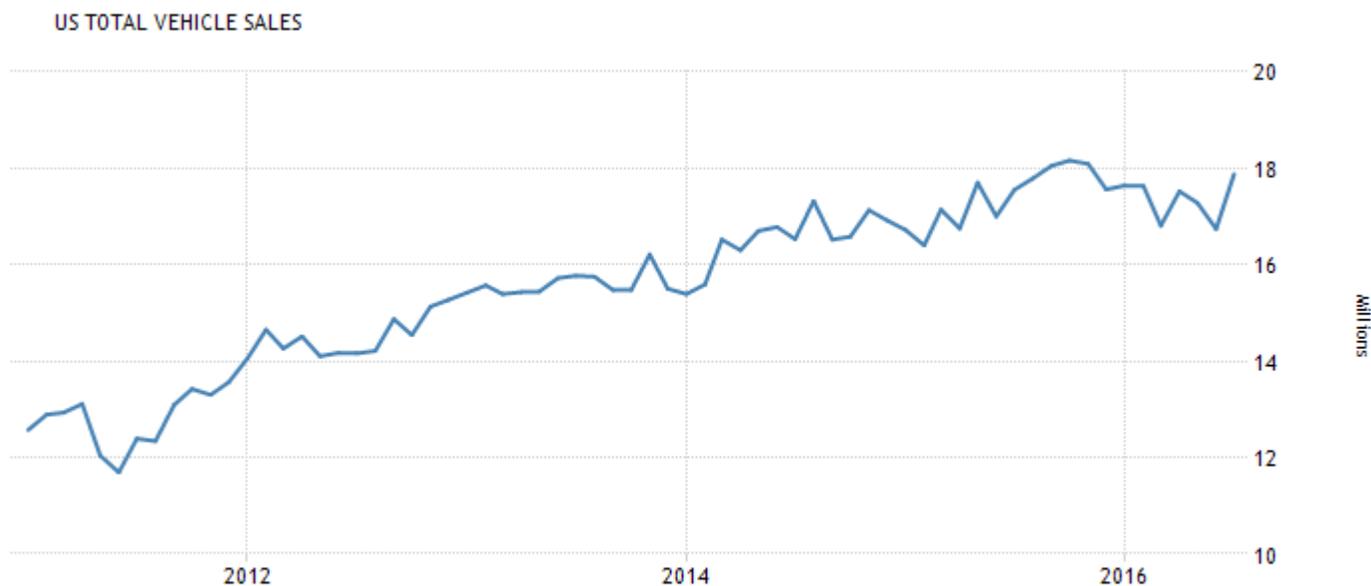
Aluminum finished the week up a bit and is near its 10 month high, due to nice global demand.



when looking at the 1 year LME aluminum inventory chart, we see after a brief stabilization, inventories continue to decline



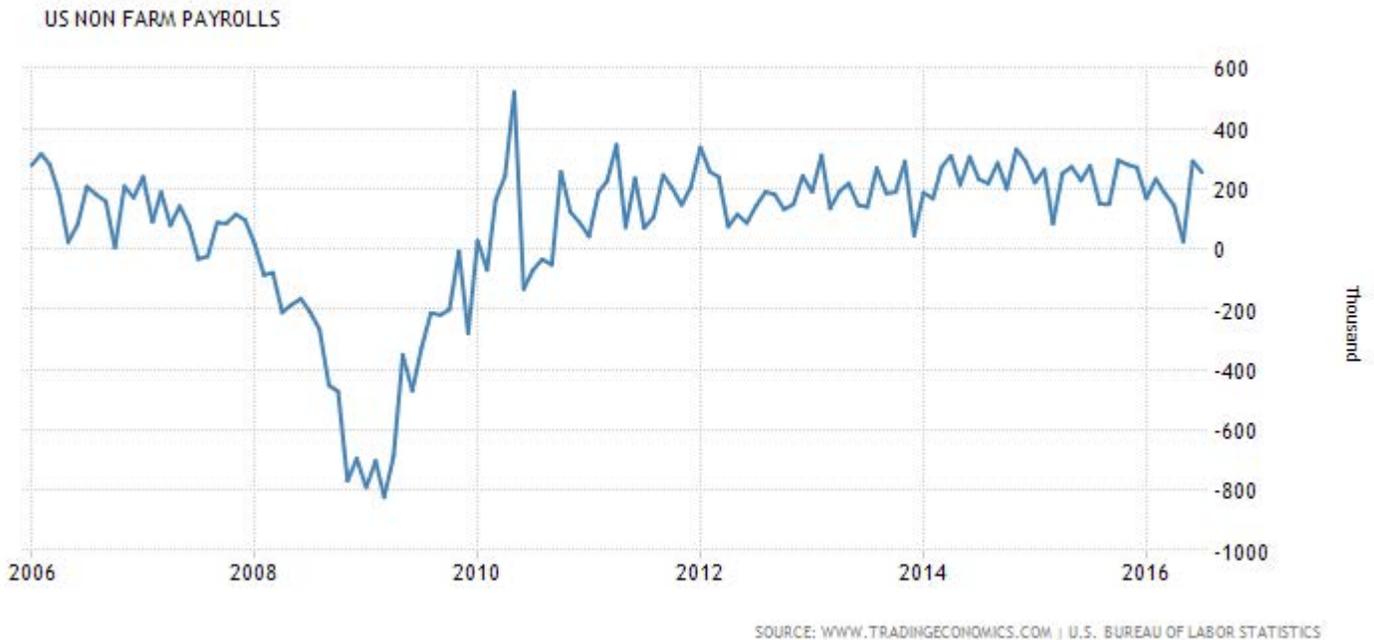
and when looking at the 5 year, we see inventories are down about 60% from where they were three years ago, which will continue to bring price stabilization, which will induce more production in the coming months.



U.S. Automotive sales hit an annualize rate of 17.88 million in June, which was the best level since November 2015 meaning automotive sales are remaining strong, even if not having a major growth over last year.



Scrap demand in the U.S. remains fair and prices low. This chart is one of the reasons. Auto production has been moving to Mexico at a major rate. Mexican vehicle production has more than doubled in the past 10 years and some forecast it to grow by another 50% by 2020. This will keep downward pressure on U.S. scrap prices and demand, in the years to come.



Non-farm payrolls had one of their largest jumps in months, well ahead of forecast and the unemployment rate stayed at 4.9 percent. Very good news. On another point there is an unemployment measure called U-6 which is unemployed people, plus people that are working part time, but want full time work. Last month U-6 rose to 9.7 percent, from June's 9.6, but the 9.6 was the lowest since April 2008 when it was about 17%. Again very good news.



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On a personal note, my thanks to Brad Gladstone and his Watchdog security team. We had a meeting last week with the Raleigh Police department and discussed how until we had the Watchdog system, we had 1-2

break-ins a month, now with the Raleigh community knowing we have the system, we have had one in the two years and that person was arrested. Watchdog is a great system with a great return on investment. Brad, thanks.

With that we hope all have a Safe and Profitable week. My name is Greg Brown.