

Title: Wut doin, Septembrrr? Some key events and speculation for what's in store in the next couple of weeks...

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Ladyapes and Gentleapes, I know you are all waiting patiently for the market to open tomorrow. So while we stare longingly out of windows, I thought it is a good time to take stock and review what has happened so far this month, and what may be to come in the next couple of weeks. So here is a run-down of key events, along with a healthy serving of speculation on my part.

****Sep 1st:**** BCBS-IO스코's Uncleared Margin Rules (UMR) Phase 5 in effect. SHFs must post significantly higher initial margin for trading OTC Derivatives (e.g. Options, Swaps and Futures). Forecast by the DTCC lead to an "upsurge in the volume of margin calls".

Speculation: *This will affect some of the mid-sized SHFs more than larger ones, in my opinion. This is based on a couple of replies I got from those working in the Buy Side industry and having a deep knowledge of UMR, after I posted about it last month. Some of the (relatively) smaller SHFs that have shorted GME may fail to post the increased margin requirements for making derivatives contracts. These could include derivatives such as Total Equity Return Swaps, which have been speculated to be the main method by which the SHFs have been using to kick the covering of short can down the road. Perhaps a number of these affected SHFs will be desperate to "roll over" existing Swaps contracts to keep on kicking that can, but may simply not have the collateral necessary under the new UMR regulations. As a consequence, we may see some of these firms failing Margin Calls, as we progress through the month.*

****Sep 1st:**** Federal eviction moratorium due to the pandemic ended. From now, 11 million households are under threat of immediate eviction and homelessness.

Speculation: *This is a macroeconomic issue that may have an impact on the unemployment rate, housing market, and general health of the economy. The stock market has not been particularly connected to how the economy and society has been fairing in the last 18 months...but the two always catch up to each other at some point. If millions are left destitute as a result of this moratorium ending, it could lead to bearish sentiment and a market crash. With GME's Negative Beta status compared to the rest of the market, this could well lead to it mooning while everything else crashes.*

****Sep 3rd:**** NSCC's SR-2021-005 in effect. Requires each member - including SHFs that may have dozens, or even hundreds of shell companies - to post 25x in deposits to the NSCC than before.

Speculation: *There are about 4000 financial institutions that are members of the DTCC and are required to post deposits to continue to "stay on the dance floor". The new deposit of \$250,000 will not be a major issue for the likes of Shitadel, in my opinion, even with their numerous shell companies. But it could become a serious issue for small hedge funds and family offices, some of whom may be short on GME. It only needs a few of these to fall foul of this regulation, be Margin Called, and from there start a domino effect as their positions are forced closed. Note that some may have failed Margin Calls already last Friday, although again we will only know as the month progresses.*

****Sep 6th:**** Approximately 11 million Americans will lose weekly federal pandemic unemployment benefits. For the majority, this is their sole income source.

Speculation: *See above about the Federal eviction moratorium ending. The same macroeconomic effects apply here, and GME's Negative Beta status once again means a market crash could result concurrently in the MOASS (just don't dance, though...)*

****Sep 8th:**** GME's quarterly earnings report is announced. Having secured its financial position, and with continued growth forecast for the foreseeable future, this includes the potential for announcing a quarterly dividend (as had been consistently the case up to 2019). Such a dividend could take the shape of a digital format - such as issuance of an NFT - which may mean SHFs having no option but to cover their short positions.

Speculation: *The situation seems perfectly set up for GME to make some kind of "BIG" announcement on Wednesday. What this will be remains to be seen, but with a healthy cash surplus, the company does have the funds necessary to issue a dividend. However the real fun would be if, instead of a cash dividend which short sellers could pay out, it is in digitalised. There has been speculation on this sub for months now that GME is developing something using NFTs, and it may well be that this is nothing to do with dividends. However, equally, the Overstock saga showed us that it is a sure fire way to successfully get short sellers off a company's back. That episode has resulted in multiple legal battles, some of which are still ongoing, so Ryan Cohen may feel it is not worth the fight. However he bought into and became Chairman of GME with a purpose, and the company can really only flourish once SHFs are ripped from its back. The CEO Matt Furlong announcing a dividend in the form of an NFT would go a long way towards achieving just that, in a very short space of time...*

****Sep 9th:**** Final day for "rolling over" of Equity Index Futures contracts. The theory is that the counter parties of SHFs who have shorted GME using Equity Total Return Swaps, would have bought Futures contracts as a hedge against the share price rapidly increasing. These Futures contracts expire every three months and must be either closed (by buying the underlying stock) or "rolled over" by partially closing out the contract. Up until this final rolling over date, the counter parties must buy the underlying stock in order to go Delta Neutral, increasing the share price.

Speculation: *During the period from when these Futures contracts settled to the final rolling over date - running from August 26th to September 9th - the counter parties have no option but to buy the underlying shares. As with the March and June run-ups the price inevitably spikes, this time potentially packed into an action packed three days from after the Labor Day weekend, as they seemingly did not carry out this action last week. The result could be some big run-ups in the price on Tuesday 7th, Wednesday 8th and Thursday 9th...just before Matt Furlong announces earnings as a potential knockout blow.*

****Sep 14th:**** US Bureau of Labor Statistics releases Consumer Price Index report for August. Annualised inflation rate up to July was +5.4%, and the current forecast is for August to be slightly below this.

Speculation: *There could of course be a surprise and the annualised rate remains at or higher than forecast. Even if it is a little under July's +5.4%, recent months have consistently been above 4%, and an announcement of this continuing could lead to an immediate impact on stock prices. Generally speaking, high inflation means high borrowing costs and lower forecasted earnings for companies. Continuous high inflation figures, particularly surprise figures, has therefore often led to high volume sell-offs of stocks i.e. market crash. Once again, such a macroeconomic impact could lead to the Negative Beta GME rocket launching, with the rest of the market in flames below it.*

****Sep 17th:**** Quadruple Witching Day and expiration date of the above mentioned Equity Index Futures contracts. QWDs generally sees high volumes of trading, thus high volatility for stocks with large Options interest.

Speculation: *The previous Quadruple Witching Days promised much, but failed to deliver(!) I believe this was because the SHFs suppressed the price of GME massively back in March and June, when these were hugely hyped up by Apes. However, such price suppression by the SHFs is seemingly not having as much

of an effect now as before - they are barely able to hold the share price down these days. So will the SHFs have enough left in the tank by this date to counteract the effects of QWD? If not, then this QWD may well see high volatility and high trading volume actually have an effect on the share price. Third time lucky, perhaps, for the QWD hyping...?*

So there you have it - some of the key events we have coming up until mid-Septembrrr. Have I missed anything or got any of this wrong? Feel free to dissect and correct me if there are any errors. If there are some other key events happening in the next couple of weeks that you are aware, please share that information.

Of course, take the speculation parts with a grain of salt, given these are just the insane ramblings of a financially illiterate lower primate. But sometimes the crazies can see things extra clearly...and this particular mad Ape is **titted to the jacks** at the prospects for tomorrow and beyond! *Hedgies r fuk.*