

## **Trade Setups:**

Let's start with Trend Trades and discuss the different nuances in the Macd BB lines that you will see when confronted with a trend trade and how each of those is going to effect the setup and when and where you get in.

1. The Macd BB Trend is in the direction of your upcoming trade on the 576-tick chart, sometimes referred to as the Bollinger Band Trend Trade.
2. The Macd BB lines trend has changed trend by crossing outer Bollinger band on macd bb lines but is very far above or below the zero line.
3. The Macd BB lines have changed trend and are making an aggressive move towards the zero line on the macd bb lines. This may have slight over-run of zero line and still be ok to take the trade. Think of the zero line as an "area" not an exact price.

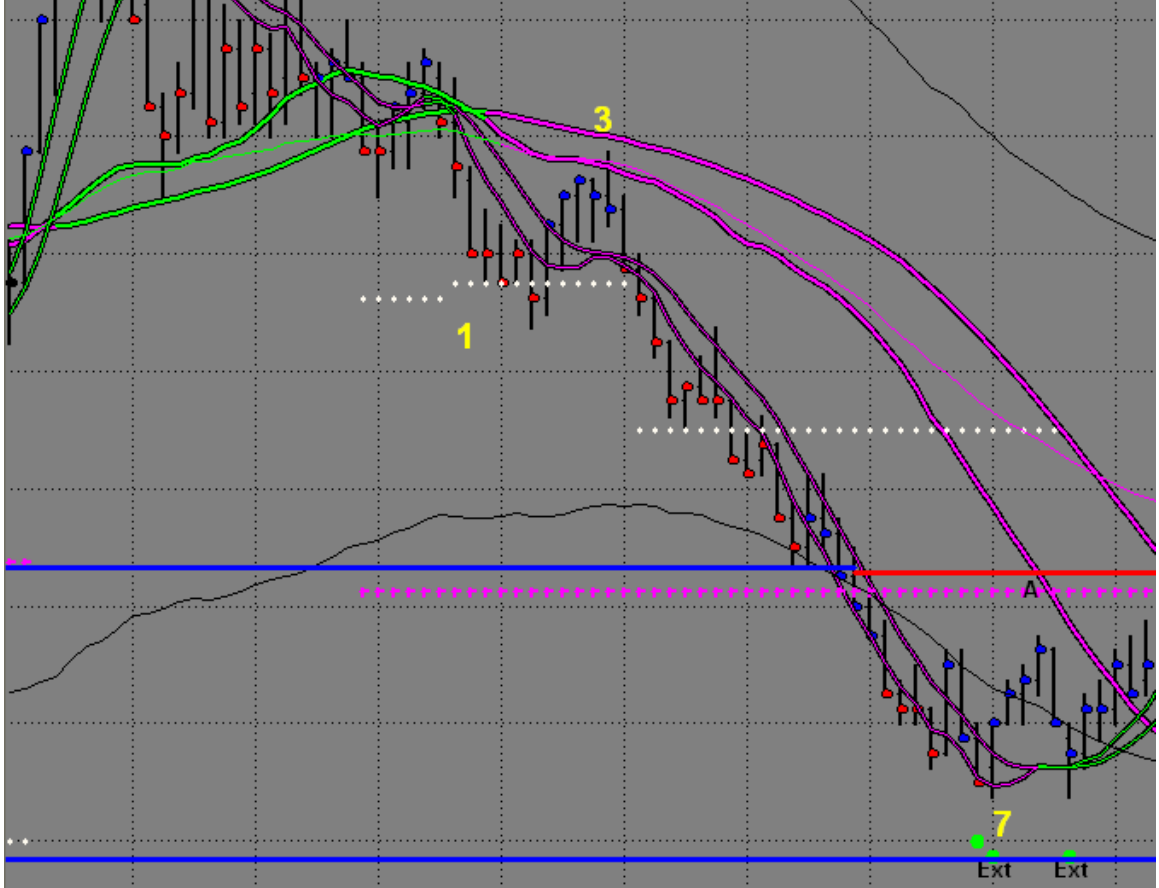
First we will look at the trend trade that is with the Macd BB Trend. This trade provides a significant advantage to a trader when the trade is taken at the area. (We will call this TT #1) when referring to it in the hotcomm rooms.

First we will go through a mental progression of what we are looking at and what we see and what we anticipate out of each component of this trade. I have labeled the chart accordingly.

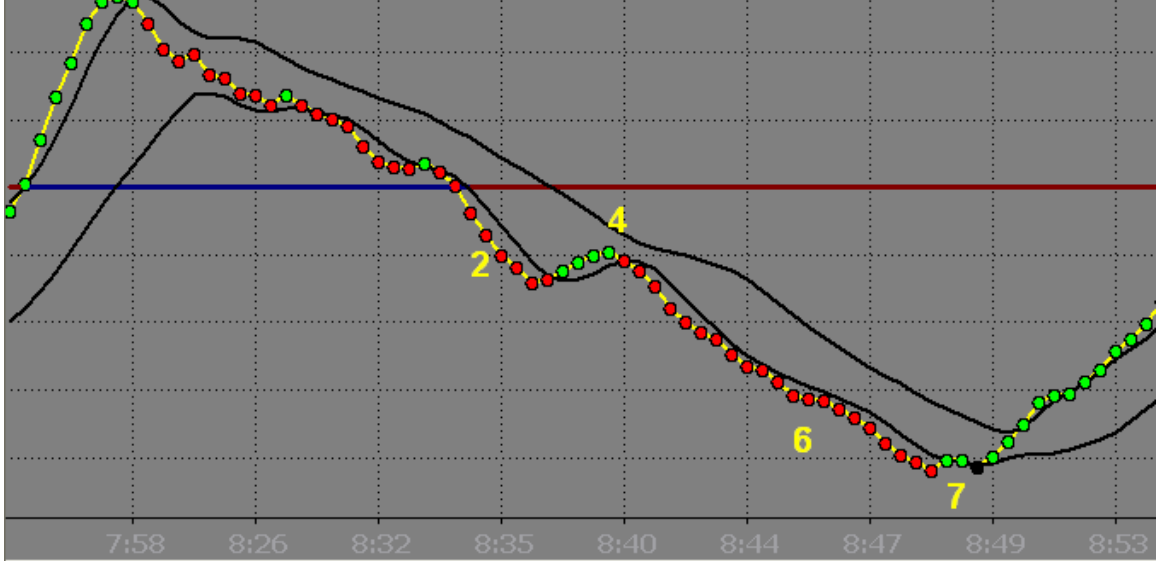
On the following chart we had multiple timeframe resistance from the 1 & 5 minute and 2304 chart (there is no resistance on the 576 chart so major areas of Fibonacci need to be monitored from other timeframes if not present on the 576)

@ES - 576 Tick Bars CME L=820.00 -19.75 -2.35% B=820.00 A=820.25 O=839.50

### MARKET FALLING FROM RESISTANCE AREAS January 15th today .....

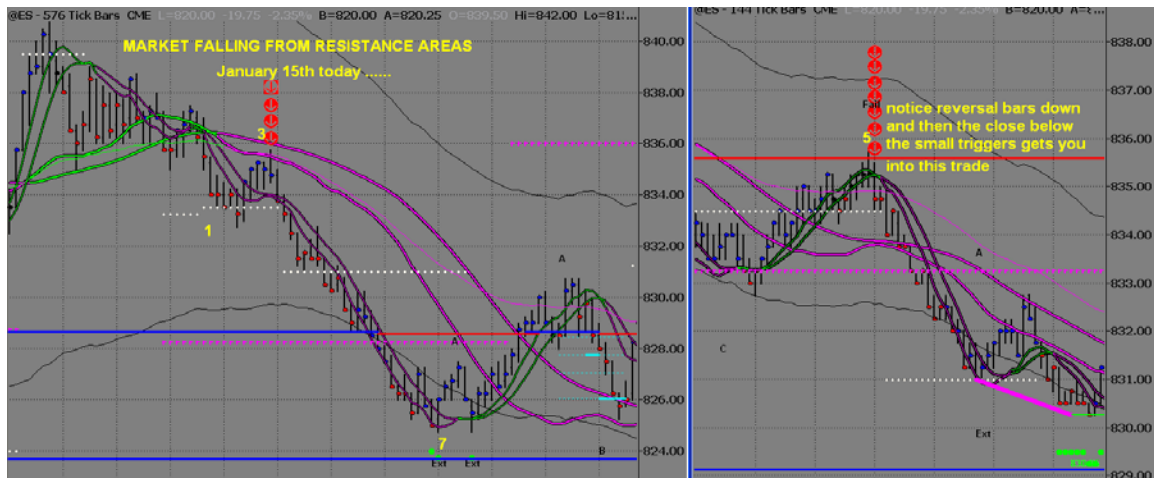


T-3 MACD BB Lines (green,red) 0.52



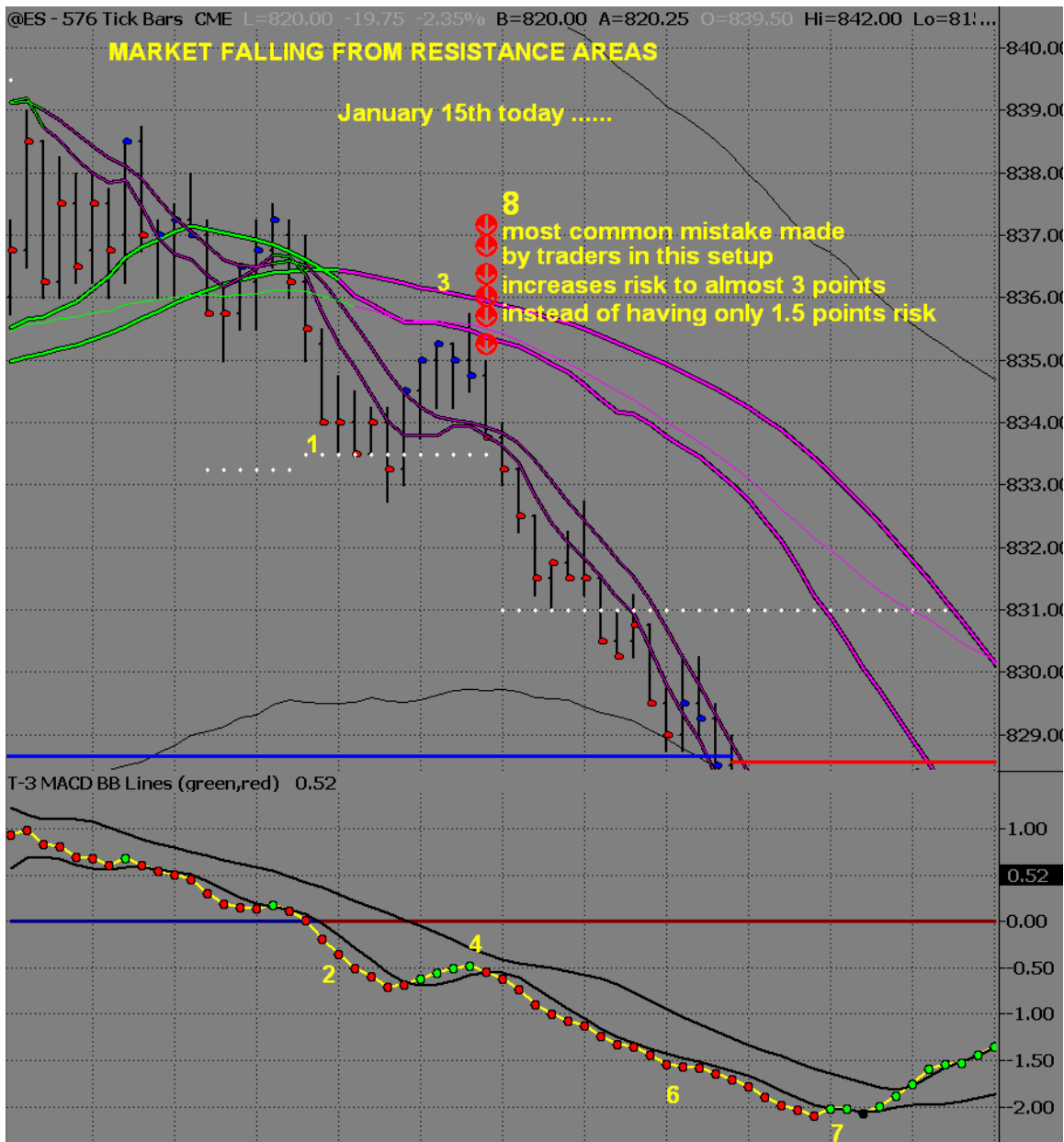
The following number corresponds to the progression of the setup.

1. You see that your market is going down from multiple timeframes of resistance and has broken through the mid band
2. You then look at your macd bb lines to make check the strength of them and you will see that at point #2 they are strong to the downside and also below your zero line.
3. You must then retrace back to the “area” which is your mid band and large trigger lines
4. As you pull back to your area you must then gauge the strength of your macd bb lines. In this case they are defined as “weak” because the spacing between the DOTS themselves is small and they do not have enough power to even get back to the Bollinger band which is the top black line coming down.
5. You now have the PERFECT AREA for the potential short with a VERY WEAK macd bb line condition. The fact that you have Large Triggers wide and spread in your trade direction also makes this trade area better. YOU MUST use this knowledge to make the most money for the least amount of risk. In this case you WILL use your lower timeframe chart for entry. Once in to the trade your stop is to be placed just above the pivot high on the 144-tick chart. A bonus on this trade setup is that you ALSO have a Fibonacci resistance on your 144-tick chart, which is not needed, but it is helpful. The actual entry on the 144-tick chart will be made with a close below the small triggers on the 144-tick chart AT the 576 area.



6. You will then look to the continued strength of your macd bb lines to reach your initial target of the outer band and key Fibonacci area at 828.50
7. You will see that after not exiting at your first Fibonacci target due to the macd bb lines being outside the Bollinger band your next Fibonacci target from your 1 & 5 minute charts (not shown) was reached. When reaching that target your macd bb lines lose momentum and your price bars start to close above your small triggers netting you almost 8.5 points in profit potential.
8. Next we will look at the most common mistake that traders make when looking at this specific trend trade, which is waiting until the close below the small triggers

on the 576-tick chart. This will increase your risk and reduce your reward potential dramatically.

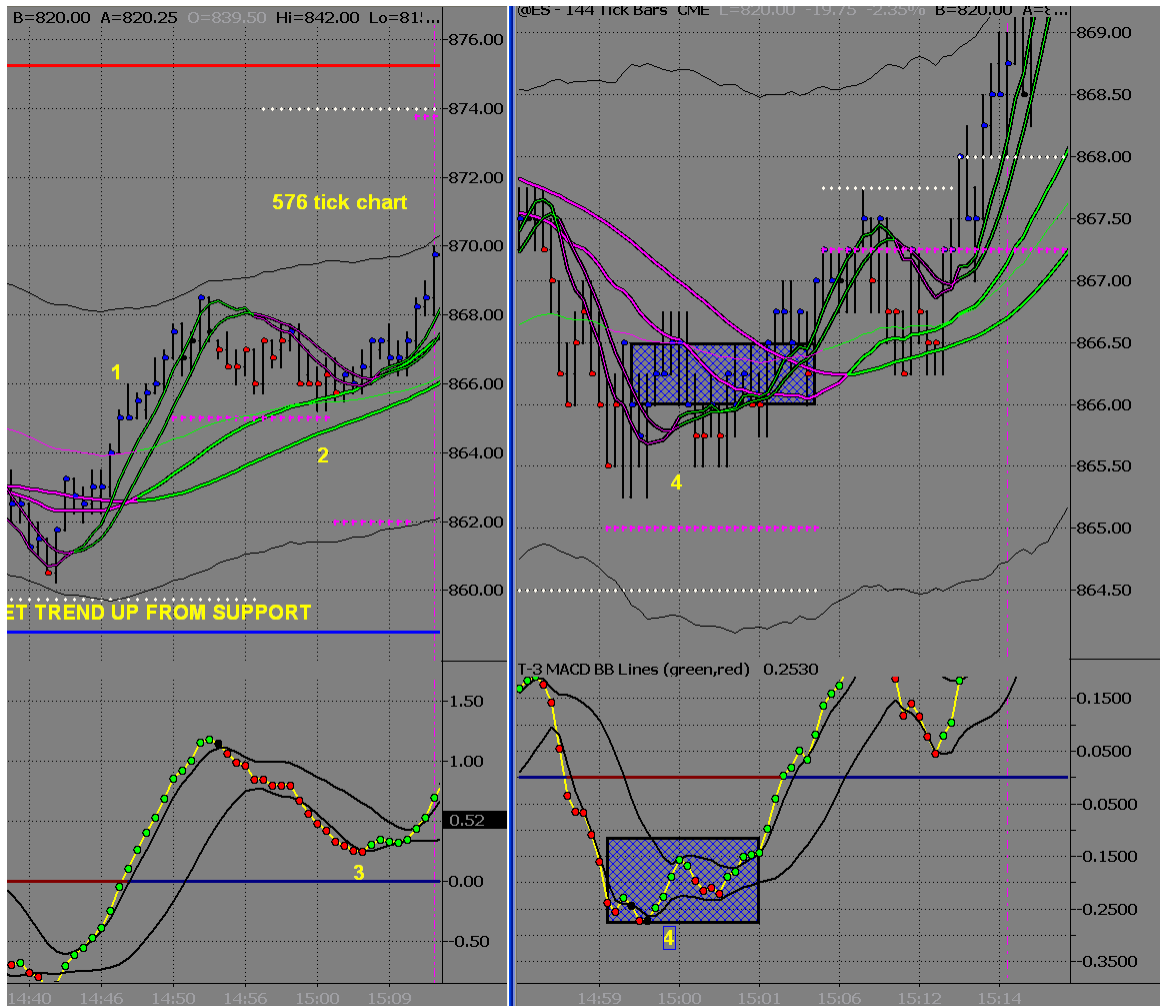


So to finish this trade setup thoughts, knowing where the “best” areas are is essential. Knowing the strength of the macd bb lines during the retracement is essential and getting in as quickly as possible at the most profitable area will make you a better trader.

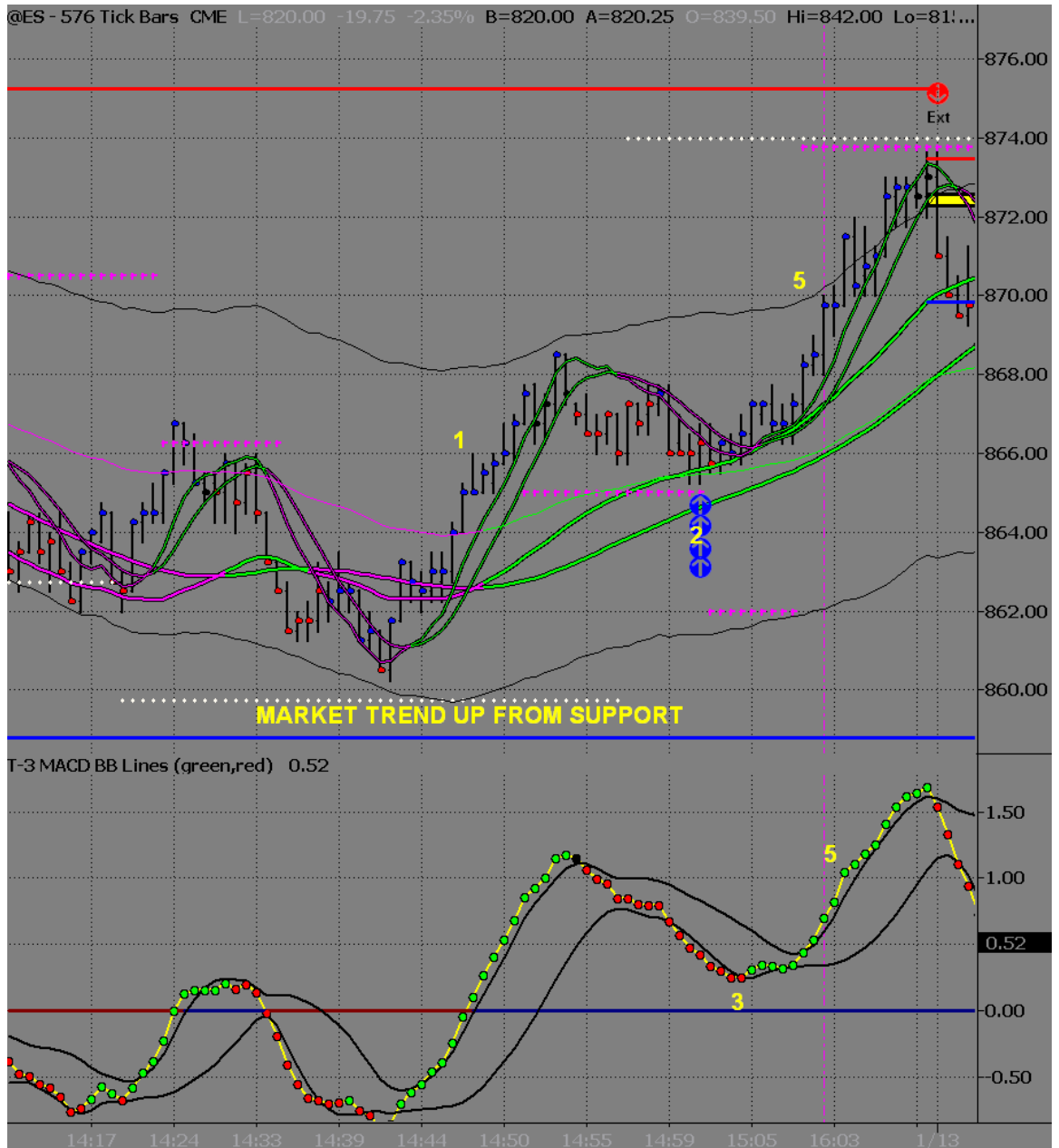
The second type of trend trade that I would like to discuss is when you have the area of mid band and or large triggers that are crossed in your direction and have the Macd BB lines unable to reach the zero line. (We will call this TT #2 in the hotcomm rooms). The major difference between TT#1 and TT#2 is that TT#2 macd bb lines did change trend whereas in TT#1 the macd bb lines where unable to change the macd bb trend.

1. You will see that the market is trending up from Fibonacci Support areas and the Macd BB lines are strong to the upside and well above the zero line.
2. You “reach” the area of the mid band and the Large Triggers which are wide and spread out to the upside
3. As you reach your area you notice that your macd bb lines are in a trend down but do not have enough strength to reach the zero line. You also notice that the “SPACE” between the dots has diminished and the macd bb lines are losing some momentum to the downside giving you further indication that this area may hold.
4. With this area that is anticipated to hold you will also use your 144-tick chart to help you fine-tune your entry to reduce risk and maximize profit. Notice that the macd bb lines on the 144 starts up and your small triggers on the 144 start to roll. This is the .50 window that you are looking at for your entry. 866.00-866.25 being an “optimal” fill. This would put your risk at 1-1.25 points for a minimum of 4 points potential to the outer band.

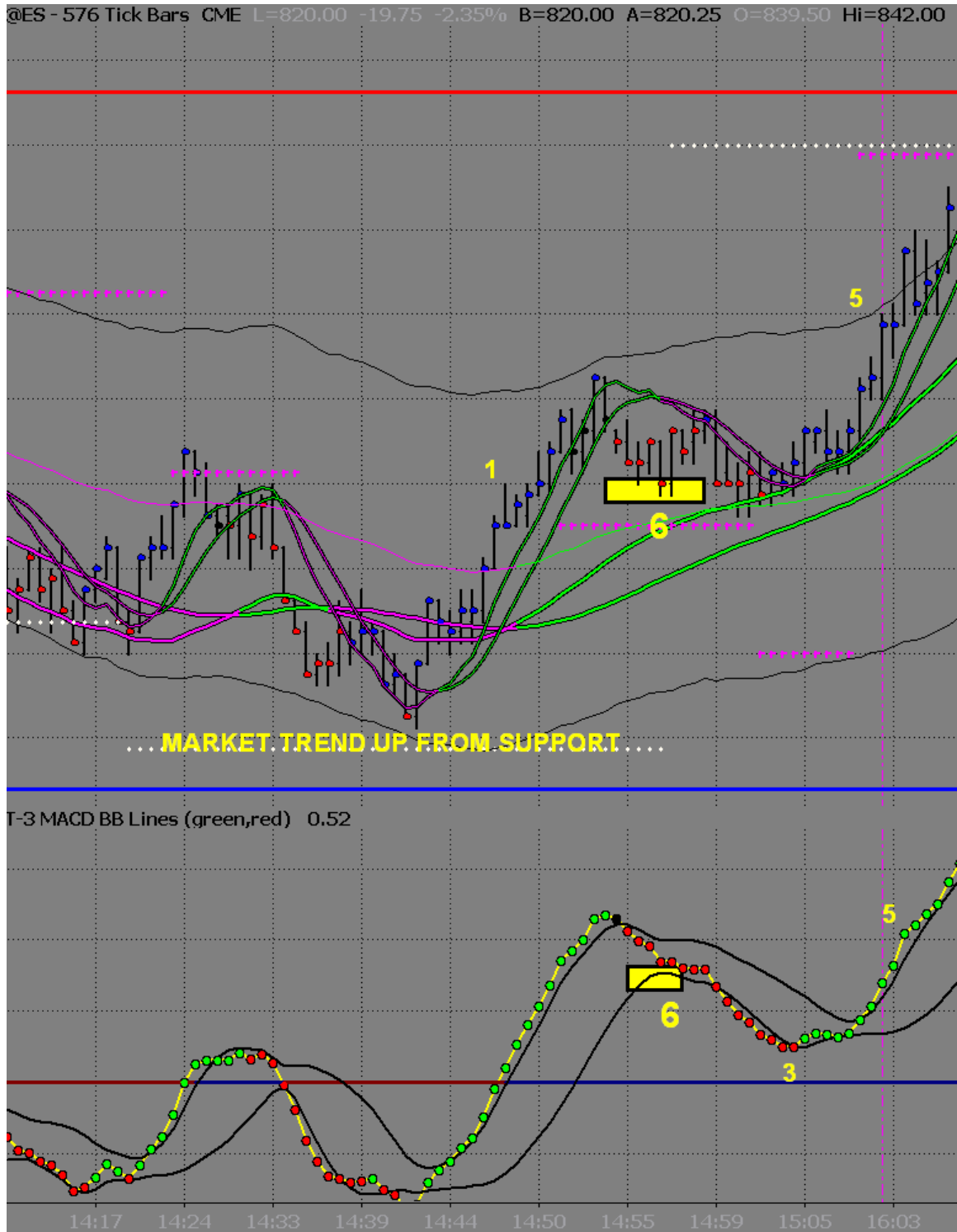
\* So the trick to a TT#2 entry is to wait for some rolling of the 144-tick chart of the trigger lines and macd bb lines and recognizing that you cannot just take the first close beyond small triggers on the 144 as you can on a TT#1.



5. You will then again use your macd bb lines from the 576-tick chart to help guide you to the next target area, which ends up being around the 873.50 area and ultimately exiting after the close below the trigger lines on your 576-tick chart.



- Where most traders will get into trouble with this type of trade is not waiting for the areas to get reached before analyzing the macd bb lines. Usually this is a result of impatience and manufacturing a trade in your head from the lower Bollinger Bands of the macd bb lines.



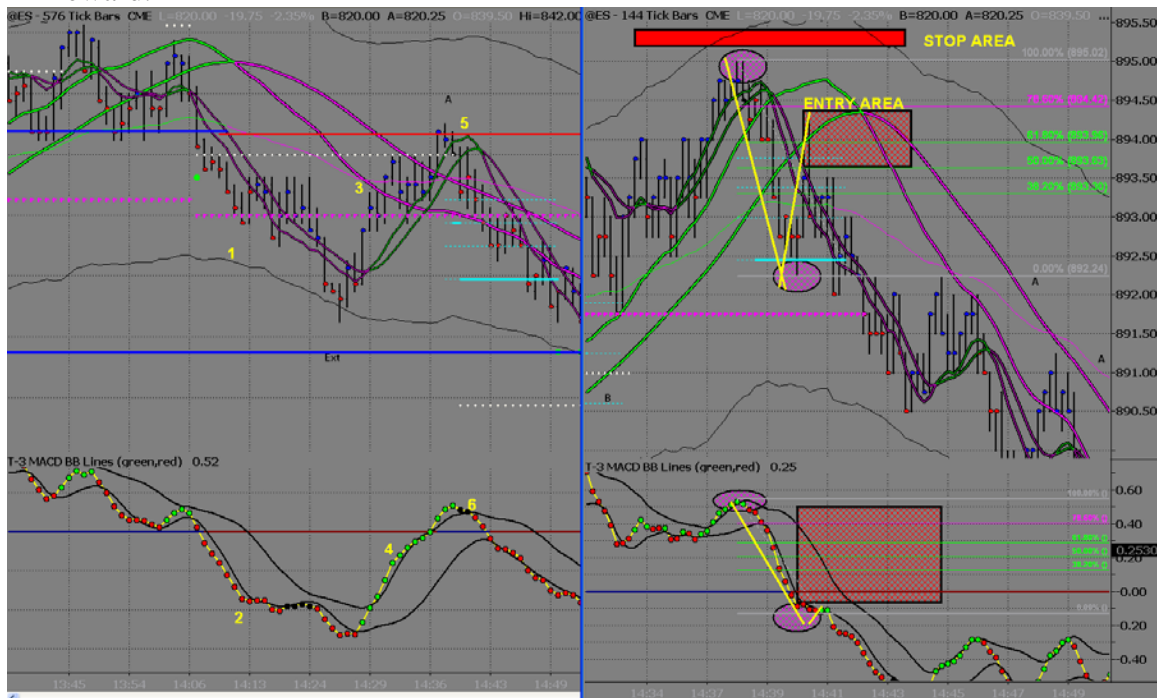


The last type of trend trade you will have is when you have macd bb lines that are strong into and maybe slightly exceeding the zero line. (TT#3 in rooms).  
 When you run into this situation it is vital to pay attention to your large trigger line angle and spacing and your key Fibonacci support or resistances.

1. You will see that the market has made a strong move through your Fibonacci support and turned it into resistance.
2. Your macd bb lines have made a strong move through the zero line.
3. You start to pull back to your “area” for a potential sell
4. You notice that the macd bb lines are moving with momentum outside the Bollinger band towards the zero line. This tells you that you must wait for higher areas.
5. You will notice you have reached your HIGHEST area, which is the Fibonacci resistance. The fact that your large triggers are still very wide and pointing straight down will allow you to still take a shot at this short.
6. You must WAIT for the market to turn and the macd bb lines to turn PRIOR TO ENTRY.

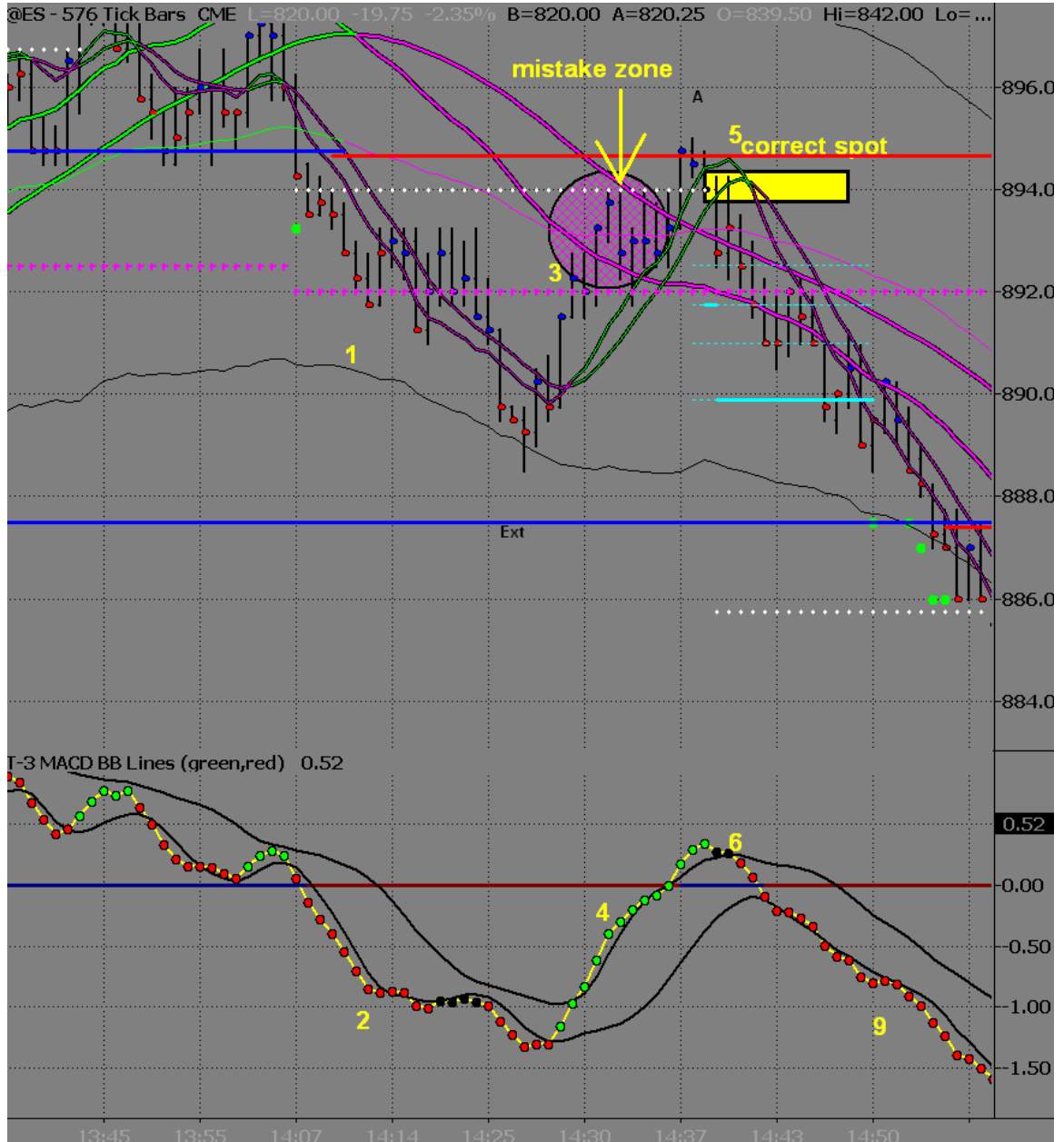


7. With the strength and momentum that took you to the highest levels you will expect a bounce after the first close below the small triggers on the 576. This bounce may be as little at 38% or as much as 100%. You will enter as close to the top as you can when you pull back towards the 576 small trigger lines.
8. I have marked up what is the 144-tick chart at this “pullback” to the trigger line area. If you will notice the market almost makes a 78% retracement. At the same time the macd bb lines on the 144-tick chart make almost no retracement. The 894.00 area is your least amount of risk (approx. 1.5 points) and most amount of reward.



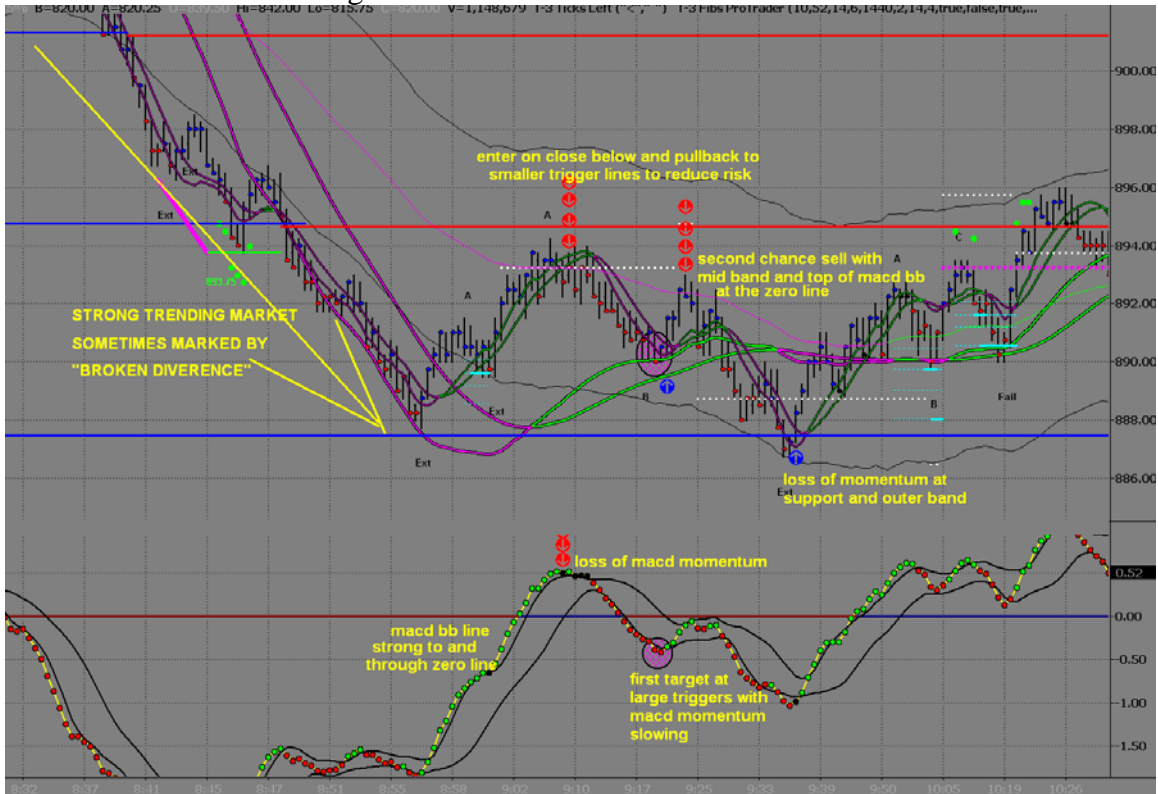
9. Again you will use the macd bb lines to judge the strength of the market and your likelihood of reaching your initial targets. The reward potential on this trend trade to the 576 outer bands and Fibonacci area was almost 7 points giving you over a 4:1 risk reward ratio initially.
10. Ultimately this trade loses momentum after bouncing off of the 884.50 pricetag giving you the actual potential of almost 8-9 points.

The common mistake with this trade is made when newer traders try to sell the area without waiting for the momentum to slow down. There may be a trend trade #2 there first that you will have to abandon and if you do not then this will result in a stop out of your trade and may keep you from taking the proper trade once momentum has slowed.



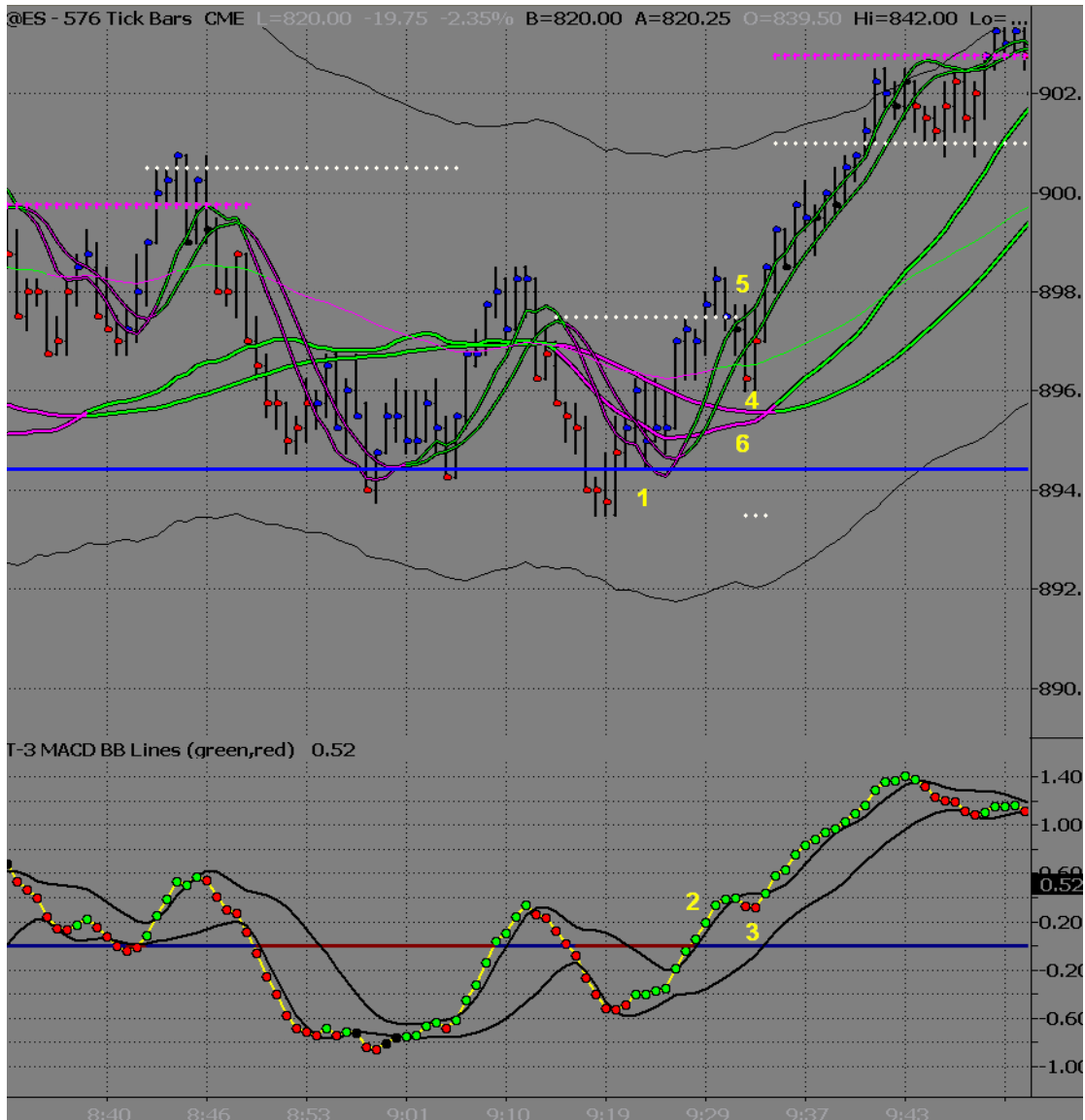
One more nuance that gets discussed a lot of the time is “broken divergence”. This is nothing more than a **STRONG TRENDING MARKET**. In all cases of a strong trending market you must still adhere to the rules for the macd bb lines as discussed above. In this example you will see that we are **CLEARLY** in a strong down trend and we are **WELL ABOVE** our large trigger lines that have rolled to the upside. Because of the prior strong trend and broken divergence, you will see that **ONLY** after the macd bb lines roll do you get an opportunity for a trend trade short.

The second trend trade short happens after a strong move down on the macd bb lines and a weak retracement to the top Bollinger band of the macd bb lines which you will hear referred to as a **Bollinger band trend trade**.

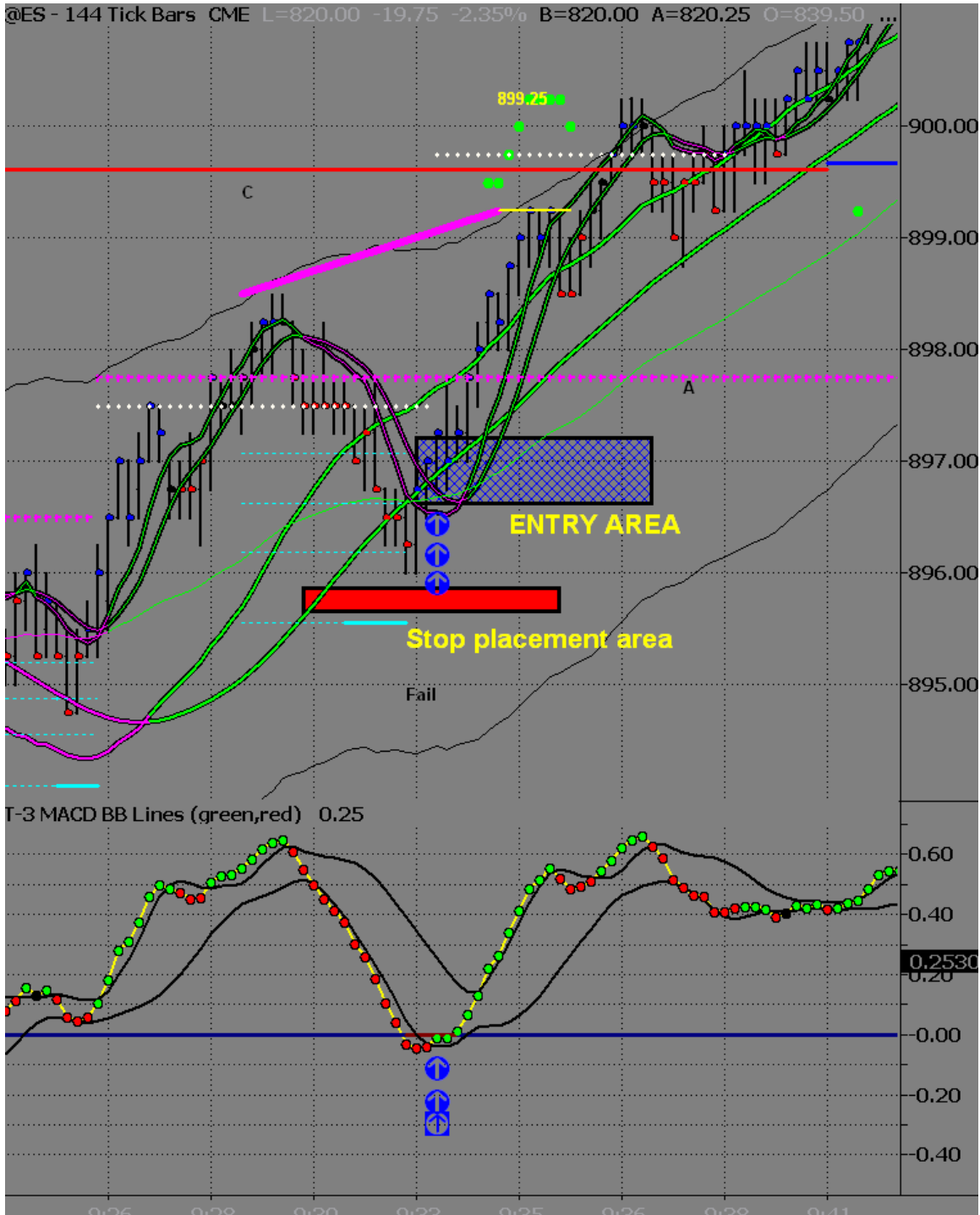


Now let's discuss Fib Momentum Trades. First you must recognize conditions that must be present per the rules in order to take these types of trades and second you must know when you have a higher expectation of winning these trades.

1. This trade **MUST** be started when coming from a Fibonacci area. As you can see here we have a blue line of support.
2. Your macd bb lines must make a strong move off of the support line
3. During your retracement in price you **MUST** have a strong retracement divergence.
4. The pullback will generally be to a fib line, mid band or the large triggers and in some cases small triggers. They key will be repetition in historical marking of these trades.
5. During the pullback it is very important that the small trigger lines do not roll back over and lose all momentum. Some turning is acceptable but not much.



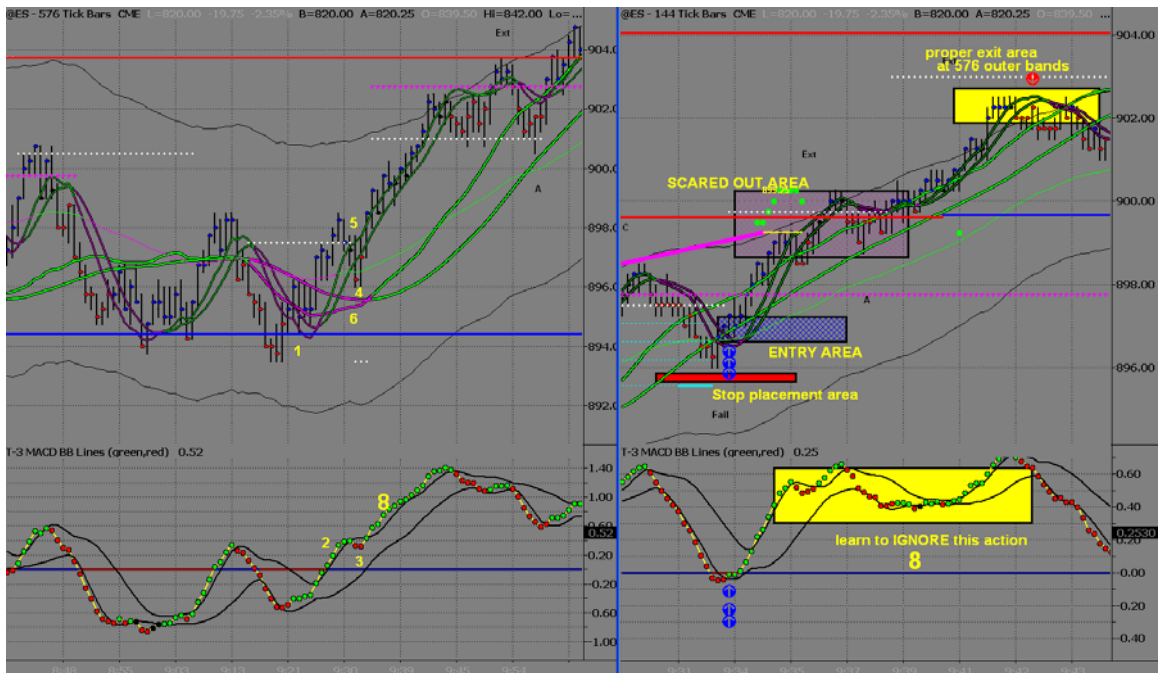
6. Once you have reached the pullback area you may then use the 144-tick chart to help you fine tune your entry by using close above small triggers and a loss of momentum on your macd bb lines.
7. Notice that this 144-tick entry area for the fib momentum trade on the 576 looks very much like a trend trade as discussed earlier and the same rules can be applied.





The common mistake that most traders will make once they have gotten into this trade is they will lose site of the strength of the macd bb lines on the larger chart and focus on the 144-tick chart and allow it to scare them out of the trade prior to reaching the higher timeframe targets.

- Notice the macd bb line strength on the 576, this will allow you to remain in your trade all the way to the target area of the outer band or Fibonacci area. The result of using your indicators on the larger charts dictate your entry and exit points in this case would have given you the potential of at least 3 more points. If you add this to your totals on a consistent basis you will have used the software to it's fullest potential.



Fib Momentum trades that do not have the large triggers favoring the trade by pinching or rolling are taken by many more experienced users of the T-3. Per the rules this trade fits but is generally not recommended for new traders to the T-3 and should only be done with lots of screen time and experience.

I will show you one such trade. Typically these trades will be taken by more experienced users if there is a higher timeframe reason why this setup will work in combination with ZERO MACD BB LINE RETRACEMENT during the pullback. Also the small triggers will never slow down during this price pullback as well. AGAIN... not for novice traders, the more experience you have marking up historical charts and seeing when this will work and when it will not is key in your success on this type of setup.

