On 12/01/2011, the AMEX increased its attack on SIVR options from 9.4 Million useless quotes yesterday to 13.2 Million today. The AMEX also had YHOO and CYH over 1 Million useless quotes during the day.

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Under2	Cnts2	Hi2	HiTime2	SumOfAll2	Average2
SIVR	220,449	106	11:05:48	13,284,170	60
PEB	36,185	278	13:59:54	6,972,388	193
PDM	29,413	272	11:39:48	5,318,597	181
HCN	23,877	261	13:59:54	4,102,729	172
RPT	15,573	242	12:47:31	2,771,829	178
YHOO	45,805	126	15:46:04	2,477,095	54
CYH	22,485	77	9:31:17	1,302,552	58

Chatter like this activity on the SIVR Dec 62 Call went on all day long at the AMEX.

11:07:55.850 ISEX	0.00	0	NationalBB0	CB0E	0.10	111
11:07:55.850 ISEX	0.00	C	NationalBB0	AMEX	0.10	127
11:07:55.875 ISEX	0.00	0	NationalBBO	CBOE	0.10	111
11:07:55.875 ISEX	0.00	0	NationalBBO	AMEX	0.10	127
11:07:55.875 ISEX	0.00	C	NationalBBO	CBOE	0.10	111
11:07:55.900 ISEX	0.00	C	NationalBBO	AMEX	0.10	127
11:07:55.900 ISEX	0.00	C	NationalBBO	CB0E	0.10	111
11:07:55.925 ISEX	0.00	C	NationalBBO	AMEX	0.10	127
11:07:55.950 ISEX	0.00	C	NationalBBO	CB0E	0.10	111
11:07:55.950 ISEX	0.00	C	NationalBBO	AMEX	0.10	127
11:07:55.975 ISEX	0.00	C	NationalBBO	CB0E	0.10	111
11:07:55.975 ISEX	0.00	C	NationalBBO	AMEX	0.10	127

The AMEX chatter on the YHOO Dec 12 Put.

15:46:18.800	BATS	0.00	0	NationalBB0	AMEX	0.02	116
15:46:18.825	BATS	0.00	0	NationalBB0	AMEX	0.02	146
15:46:18.825	BATS	0.00	0	NationalBB0	ISEX	0.02	101
15:46:18.850	BATS	0.00	0	NationalBB0	AMEX	0.02	116
15:46:18.850	BATS	0.00	0	NationalBB0	AMEX	0.02	146
15:46:18.850	BATS	0.00	0	NationalBBO	ISEX	0.02	101
15:46:18.875	BATS	0.00	0	NationalBBO	AMEX	0.02	116
15:46:18.875	BATS	0.00	0	NationalBBO	AMEX	0.02	146
15:46:18.900	BATS	0.00	0	NationalBBO	ISEX	0.02	101
15:46:18.900	BATS	0.00	0	NationalBBO	AMEX	0.02	116
15:46:18.925	BATS	0.00	0	NationalBBO	ISEX	0.02	101
15:46:18.950	BATS	0.00	0	NationalBBO	AMEX	0.02	116
15:46:18.950	BATS	0.00		NationalBBO		0.02	146
15:46:18.950	BATS	0.00	0	NationalBBO	ISEX	0.02	101
15:46:18.975	BATS	0.00	0	NationalBBO	AMEX	0.02	116
15:46:18.975	BATS	0.00	0	Nationa]BBO	AMEX	0.02	146

The AMEX chatter on the CYH Jan 10 Put.

11:52:33.825	NQEX	0.00	0	NationalBBO	CBOE	0.15	204
11:52:33.825	NQEX	0.00	0	NationalBB0	AMEX	0.15	215
11:52:33.825	NQEX	0.00	0	NationalBB0	CBOE	0.15	204
[11:52:33.850]		0.00	0	NationalBB0	AMEX	0.15	215
11:52:33.875	NQEX	0.00	0	NationalBB0	CBOE	0.15	204
11:52:33.875	NQEX	0.00	0	NationalBB0	AMEX	0.15	215
11:52:33.875	NQEX	0.00	0	NationalBBO	CB0E	0.15	204
11:52:33.900	NQEX	0.00	0	NationalBBO	AMEX	0.15	215
11:52:33.925	NQEX	0.00	0	NationalBBO	CB0E	0.15	204
11:52:33.950	NQEX	0.00	0	NationalBB0	AMEX	0.15	215

The PHLX was finally able to stop the activity on GOOSY, but PEB, PDM, HCN, RPT immediately took its place with huge attacks particularly on options with over \$4.00 bid/ask spreads.

Here is what the HCN Mar 70 Put activity looked like. There were over 4 Million useless quotes on just two HCN option symbols during the day?

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13:59:53.950	PHIL	18.90	30	NationalBBO	ISEX	23.20	10
13:59:53.950	CBOE	18.90		NationalBBO		23.20	30
13:59:53.950	PHIL	18.90	30	NationalBBO	ISEX	23.20	10
13:59:53.950	CBOE	18.90	10	NationalBBO	PHIL	23.20	30
13:59:53.950	PHIL	18.90	30	NationalBBO	ISEX	23.20	10
13:59:53.975	CBOE	18.90	10	NationalBBO	PHIL	23.20	30
13:59:53.975	PHIL	18.90	30	NationalBBO	ISEX	23.20	10
13:59:53.975	CBOE	18.90	10	NationalBBO	PHIL	23.20	30
13:59:53.975	PHIL	18.90	30	NationalBBO	ISEX	23.20	10
13:59:53.975	CBOE	18.90	10	NationalBBO	PHIL	23.20	30
13:59:54.000	PHIL	18.90	30	NationalBBO	ISEX	23.20	10
13:59:54.000	CBOE	18.90	10	NationalBBO	PHIL	23.20	30
13:59:54.000	PHIL	18.90	30	NationalBBO	ISEX	23.20	10
13:59:54.000	CBOE	18.90	10	NationalBBO	PHIL	23.20	30
13:59:54.000	PHIL	18.90	30	NationalBBO	ISEX	23.20	10

Quote Stuffing in the options market must be stopped!