Alcovy River Trip, February 18, 1984

Winter canoe trips are always nice, but this one was especially pleasant. The river was at a nice level as a result of earlier rains, and the temperature approached 70 degrees. In fact the weather was more appropriate for spring than mid-February. We put in late and got to our take-out bridge early. A few of the more adventuresome paddlers canoed the half mile of class III shoals below the take-out bridge. Our paddlers did well until our last rapid which consisted of some technical shoals with a sharp left turn into an eddy followed by a 2½ foot drop with a curling wave. This proved to be a wetting experience for most of us; however our upsets were without consequence. Our paddlers consisted of Bill and Meridth Daniel, Steve Dye and friend Jerry, Willie and Steve, Lisa Galm and Ron, and Bettina George and Jim Bailey in OC-2; Alan Bailey in K-1, and Roger Shepherd, Bill Copeland, Pete Haakmeester, and their fearful leader in OC-1.

Don George

Tellico River, Sun., March 4, 1984 - We had 408 cfs, a medium level providing a couple of class IV's, very numerous sporting class II and III shoals, but no extreme turbulence and "keepers" characteristic of higher flows. We had a fine trip despite some initial foreboding omens. At first, the crew could not seem to find its captain. They told me later they didn't recognize me without the Opel. I finally united with most of them at the bridge below Jareds Knee, our put-in. Before we embarked we had to administer first aid to a kayaker in another party who'd fallen victim to "The Knee." A Strong, icy tailwind dissuaded 2 of our group from making the trip and doubled the difficulty of the first ½ mile, particularly for the open boaters, one of whom swam in the first rapid. With our adrenaline thus peaked, we all paddled pretty well thereafter, although a few of us found ourselves thankful to have brought duct tape and wetsuits. There were many fine runs on this truly superb river. Participants: Rich Cole and Wayne Gentry made it all look easy in K-1's; Charles and Chuck Harrison artfully piloted their C-2 and promised to demonstrate their roll when the weather warms; Jay Kessler also had a clean run in his veteran Crowley Hahn C-1; Larry & Betsy Smith impressed us with their fine tandem run in an M.E.; Stan Landers also had a clean run in his Green Hole, which without Butch's guidance is getting to look about like my Opel; James McCay handled his Sunburst adeptly; and I was in my M.E.

- Roger Nott

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NEXT EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING WILL BE THE FIRST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH AT 7:30 PM, AT THE GEORGIA CONSERVANCY HEADQUARTERS, 3110 Maple Drive NE in Atlanta, near the intersection of Piedmont and Peachtree. Members and interested persons are welcome to attend. However, if you wish to submit any matters for discussion or vote, please call the president or vice president before the meeting so they can plan time on the agenda.

March 31	Chattooga III	3-4, advanced	Hugh Stubbs	952-4926
31	Cartecay	2-3, senior intermediate	Lee Miles	487-8362
April 1	Nantahala	2-3, senior intermediate	Jim Silavent	587-1172
1	Ocoee	3-4, advanced and expert	Oreon Mann	522-3469
7	Broad	2-3, junior intermediate	Walt & Selena Lynch	1-353-3621
7	Tellico	3-4, advanced	Wayne Gentry	296-5196
7*	Hubbard Creek, Alabama	canoe camping	John Whittaker	(205) 879-9661
8	Etowah, Hightower section	1-2, junior intermediate	Ben Fouts	1-532-3523
8	Ocoee	3-4, advanced and expert	Richard Cole	261-4875
13-15	St. Vincent Island canoe camping		Russ Koester	233-4093
14	Tellico	3-4, advanced & expert	Mark & Susan Levine	926-8683
14	Metro Hooch, McClure Bridge to Jones Bridge	class 1	Havis Johnson	449-1596
14*	Blackburn Fork/ Locust Fork Alabama	2-3, intermediate	Robert Schroeter	(205) 956-6471
15	Etowah	1-2, junior intermediate	Andy Warshaw	471-8831
15	Chattooga III	3-4, advanced	Hal Herndon	231-5367
15	Broad River	1-2+, trained beginner	Bob McDonough, Rick Edwards	549-7263
20-22	Sipsey River, AL canoe camping. See announcement this issue.		Russ Koester	233-4093
21	Upper Hooch	2-3, intermediate	Nancy Barker	874-8897
22	Chattooga III	3-4, advanced	Forte Rabb	1-536-1766
28	Big Laurel/French Broad	4+, "expert" only	Jerry Holladay	688-1842
28	Chattooga III	3-4 advanced	Lee Miles	487-8362
28*	Wild Card, class 1, beginner.	Cahaba or Locust Fork, AL	John Crumpton	(205) 991-5557
28-29*	Nantahala, WOMEN ONLY	2-3 intermediate CALL EARLY:	Cecily Harmon	(205) 833-2344
29	Wild Card	2-3 intermediate	Stev Hoberg	321-3234
29	Ocoee	3-4+ advanced and expert	Hal Herndon	231-5367
May 5-6	Talking Rock canoe camping	2+ intermediate	Doug & Brenda Bridges	448-2385
5	Tallapoosa	flatwater, beginner	Havis Johnson	449-1596

* trips cross- listed with the Birmingham Canoe Club

EROSION OF STANDARDS? In the club guidebook are paddling expertise ratings: beginner, trained beginner, juunior & senior intermediate, advanced and expert. I adapted these several years ago from the AWA classification. I split the intermediate category into two levels so that paddling skill and river difficulty could more easily be matched for the majority of our members.

The first problem is, there's another paddler expertise scale making the rounds of the magazines and newsletters which uses the same terms, except that senior intermediate paddlers are called "advanced", and advanced paddlers are called "expert". That might get some people into real trouble.

And we've always had trouble with that term "expert". For example, the trip on Big Laurel this month is listed "expert only". I guess the trip leader is going to watch from the bank, because he's a real advanced paddler, but he's not expert. When I look for expert open boat paddlers, I think of people like Michael Rainey or Jim Hudson. In the decked boat category, Hank Klausman and Ken McAmis would just qualify as expert, but Jack Weems would not, even though he's run some stuff that would scare me silly. After ten years of paddling, I oscillate between senior intermediate and advanced, depending on how little paddling I've done lately. Quite a few of the NOC or Southeastern staffers would qualify as experts. But we can't call people experts just because they're good paddlers and trip leaders who have been on a lot of hard rivers. Nor can we pronounce someone "advanced" based on two out of three successful runs of Lesser Wesser. Using words that way just makes them meaningless.

--Ed.

GYRAMAX ROAD TEST. Mike and Sandy Miller of "Go With the Flow" were kind enought to let me try out a new Perception Gyramax C-1 on the Metro Hooch. This is the first rotational-molded plastic C-1 to approximate the hull form of recent slalom racing craft. It is as different in handling from my old Perception Sage as the Sage is from a Blue Hole.

Several things impressed me immediately. First, while the Sage is quite floppy even with the float bags blown up tight, the Gyramax is stiff enough to paddle with no bags at all. Second, it weighs much less than the Sage, around 37 pounds. Third, it has an extra- big cockpit, already well- outfitted with seat and straps. And finally, there is at least a little space between the knees for storing a small camera bag. Obviously Perception expects customers to be smart enough to install float bags, because the front and rear walls are a rather soft minicell, not much support or floatation by itself.

This is a very flat- bottomed boat with a lot of initial stability. The bow is a flattened elipse, and the sharp edges will cut sideways through turbulence very easily. The sides of the tail are slightly flattened. I don't know all the reasons for this, but it apparently helps tracking, and is also used by racers to execute a peculiar reverse pivot turn out of gates. Those square sides are a little hard to get used to for a real tall paddler like me. The boat feels like it could get ripped out from under you like a rug. I had no trouble getting used to the boat on the Metro Hooch, but if I should buy one, I would work my way up again on the easier rivers to learn to handle it properly. The older Hahn-style C-1's like the Sage allowed a real laid- back, thoughtless paddling style. The new designs require a lot more thought and action from the paddler. The payoff is the vast increase in boat control in technical water. This should be a real popular play and cruising boat with serious C-1 racers because of the design similarities. Probably the rest of us can learn to love it too, if we put in the necessary river time to learn to control it in heavy water. ---Ed.

The UGA Whitewater Club and the GCA will sponsor an evening of films on Tuesday, April 10-(a definite date). It will be held at 7:30 p.m. at Abbott's (upstairs) in downtown Athens at the corner of Lumpkin and Clayton streets. There will be a meeting between films for planning river trips and to discuss the GCA's involvement in Athens. Films to be shown are: (call 549-7263 for further info.)

1) "That it may never die - A record of the Chatooga River"
2) Chatooga River slides. Please bring the best that you have - Chatooga River only please.
3) "Raging river of Annapurna" Some real whitewater excitement on the Marsyandi River in Nepal.

Roll Sessions/basic paddling instruction will continue to be held at Stegeman pool on the UGA campus- at the intersection of Lumpkin and Baxter Streets. They are every Monday night from 9 to 11 p.m. Kayaks are available for use but please bring one if you can - all are welcome. Call 549 7263 for info

ST. VINCENT ISLAND, April 13-15: Paddle with the porpoises to this national wildlife refuge in the Gulf, accessible only by water. Explore a chain of ponds in the interior frequented by alligators, boar, Sambur deer, turkeys and eagles. Hunt for shells and Indian pot sherds. This is a joint GCA-Sierra Club trip. Limit 20. Call Russ Koester at 233-4093.

SIPSEY RIVER, April 20-22: Located in the 13,000-acre Sipsey Wilderness of Alabama at the juncture of three geologic areas, the Sipsey is a pristine, intimate river flowing past cliffs, waterfalls and fern-walled grottos. There may be logjams to pull over. This is a joint GCA-Sierra Club trip. Only standby spots are still available. Call Russ Koester at 233-4093.

Ohoopee River Canoe Camping Trip

Those of you who think that February is too early to have a canoe camping trip missed out on a beautiful weekend on the Ohoopee River. Skies were clear and sunny, temperatures reached the low 70's both days and stars were bright although dimmed somewhat by a half-moon. The weather was so pleasant that several slept-out around a camp fire we kept going most of the night, eschewing even a tent. Most of the beautiful white sandbars, so typical of the Ohoopee, were covered by high water so we chose to camp on a bluff complete with picnic shelter and large table. The high water was swift making the 30 mile trip almost effortless. The only hazards were overhanging trees on the many tight turns, but everyone improved their maneuvering and no one had to swim. We had 8 boats the first day and 9 the second, about half from the Coastal Chapter of the Sierra Club and half from the GCA. From the GCA paddling tandem were Sherry and Barney Spurr and Tee and John Brower and solo were Ron Kemp, Mike Wilson, and Bob Randall. We wish that more Atlantan's would participate in the coastal river camping trips,

Tee and John Brower

Training Clinics for May and June

Below are the clinics available for the next two months. Please fill in the registration form and send it to the contact person listed. Fee is $20 per boat. Make checks payable to the Georgia Canoeing Association. We must have money to hold a place for you. Participants must furnish their own equipment.

Intermediate C-1 and kayak Clinic: May 5,6 (note change from original schedule) Paddlers should be comfortable on the Nantahala and have a pool roll. Limit 8 C-1s and 8 kayaks. Call Don George at 1-787-9548 for further details. Send registration to Don at 10114 Carlton Trail; Covington, GA 30209. Registration deadline is April 25.

Beginning Canoe and Kayak Clinic: May 19,20 with a dry session Friday night. This clinic is for people who have little or no canoeing experience or for paddlers with minimal experience who need to work on proper strokes and technique. Call Alan Rainwater at 926-8166 for further details. Send registration to Alan at 2075 Kellogg Creek Rd.; Acworth, GA 30101. Registration deadline is May 5.

Flatwater Clinic: May 26,27

This clinic is for people who would like to acquire canoeing skills but are not interested in whitewater. For more information call Roger Shepherd at 493-7630 after 6:00 p.m. Send registration to Roger at 1366 C. Southern Woods Dr.: Tucker, GA 30084. Registration deadline is May 15.

Womens Clinic: June 2,3
This is primarily a beginning canoe clinic; however, if there is sufficient interest, an intermediate section will added. Beginner classes require no prior canoeing experience. Canoeists signing up for an intermediate class should be familiar with basic river strokes and paddling technique. This clinic will be taught by women. For further information call Bettina George at 1-787-9548. Send registration to Bettina George at 10114 Carlton Trail; Covington, GA 30209. Registration deadline is May 23.

Canoe & Kayak Training Clinic Registration

Name_____ Clinic_____

Address_____ Clinic date_____

_____ Are you paddling solo or tandem?_____

Phone No._____ If tandem, name of partner

Type boat: open canoe, kayak, or C-1 _____

Any previous canoeing experience? _____ If so, please briefly describe.

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Include a check, $20 per boat, payable to the Georgia Canoeing Association. Send registration and check to the training coordinator listed for the clinic for which you are enrolling. Watch for any update in the May newsletter. Any additional comments or inquiries may be directed to the training directors, Don and Bettina George, at 1-787-9548

A Reminder.... WANT ADS ARE FREE TO PAID- UP GCA MEMBERS SELLING USED PADDLING- RELATED EQUIPMENT ONLY. Type your ad, unless your calligraphy is impressive. Keep it short, single- spaced, across the width of the page. Include your full name; we don't run anonymous ads. Mail your ad before the 15th of the month to: Gary DeBacher, CRM, 1441 Clifton Rd. NE, Atlanta, GA 30322. FREE ADS THAT DON'T FIT THIS SPACE (5 lines or 7/8 inch vertically) WILL NOT BE RUN.

FOR SALE - Two sets of canoe cartop racks. One for single boat, $8. One that will accommodate two boats, $12. Bought car that does not have rain gutters. Larry Gayle @ 432-8729.

FOR SALE: MAD RIVER COURIER, EXCELLENT CONDITION. PERCEPTION ETHAFORM SADDLE SEAT, SKID PLATES. $595.00. HANK MILES, (404) 487-8362. FOR SALE: SAEDA STRIKE, KEVLAR, EXCELLENT CONDITION. WALLS, KAKIMA BRACES. $250.00. HANK MILES, (404) 487-8362.

For Sale Phoenix Savage, Dagger Paddle and Float bags. All good condition.

Ben Fouts, 532-3523.

FOR SALE Kayak for child, Klepper good condition complete with skirt,air bags, helmet and several years of dust! $250.00 Contact Steve Cantrell @ Dalton, GA 404-226-5046

FOR SALE: Blue Hole OCA, red, outfitted with block and saddle, very experienced but in good shape, $550. Mark Levine, 926-8683

For Sale: Kayak split bow float bags. Like new. $15. Call Bettina George at 1-787-9548 in Covington.

KAYAK FOR SALE: PERCEPTION QUEST--$150 CALL BOB GERHART 952 1883.

UPPER CHATTAHOOCHE RIVER MARCH 4, 1984

With overcast skies and a 20% chance of rain our group gathered at Duncan Bridge Road to challenge a 2.58 water level and, for most, test long unused paddling muscles. With 10 canoes and 2 kayaks in tow, Jim Silavent who agreed to run point, led us off to Buck shoals. Everyone looked really good through Buck and on down to Canoe eating rock. We stopped for lunch just above Three ledges and after some "What I did this winter" stories set off for what I consider the more difficult section of this river. We had fairly clean runs of Three ledges and Horseshoe (1 swim at each) and made it to the take out by 3 P.M. Great trip!

Participants were, OC-1, Dennis Crain, Joanna Foster, Robert Rhodes, Russ Avery, Malcolm Murry, Bobby Williams, Richard Webber and myself. OC-2, Dennis and Judy Abernathy, Dick and Carol Butterworth and K-1, Homer Mullins and Jim Silavent.

Andy Warshaw

RACE APPLICATIONS - If you participated in the 1983 Southeastern Championships you will receive a 1984 application automatically. For members who did not participate, but desire to do so this year; you may call me at 952-4926 or send a postal card to: Hugh Stubbs, 1201 Timberland Dr, Marietta, Ga 30067. Applications will be sent beginnig the last week of April. Race Registrar.

'67 Opel - Good gently used river car. Knows ways to all rivers. A little rough but runs good. Comes with racks. 352,000 original miles. Owner must sell at sacrifice. Make offer:1-536-6923 (R.Nott)

Upper Ocoee, Saturday March 17, 1984- A high spirited group of seven boaters (six yaks and myself open) met at Go With the Flow on this gloomy, raining Saturday morning to go run this very seldom available stretch of the Ocoee. This normally dry riverbed has been turned into a whitewater delight due to repair on Ocoee Unit 3. Only one of our group (Mike Miller) had ever run the Upper Ocoee so naturally our curiosity and apprehension was high. Joining Mike and I on this impromptu trip, were GCA members Jere Wood and Marty ? along with two paddlers from Hawkinsville (Richard & Bill) and Henry Hilleary from Atlanta. Mike did a great job leading us down the river and our group proved quite strong and we all had a great time. That's not to say we didn't have a few anxious moments, a couple of swims and a multitude of rolls. The Upper Ocoee is a premier whitewater run and is a real treat for the advanced and/or expert open or decked boat paddler. I understand that the Upper Ocoee will be running until early April, so give me a call for a possible jump trip.

In order to share with you the most accurate possible account of this run, I have borrowed most of the following descriptive information from a trip report in the Feb. 84 issue of the East Tennessee White Water Club newsletter. Some comments are a collaborative effort from myself and Hal Herndon, who although was not on this particular trip, has run this section several times.

The put in is at the end of a dirt roat that leaves U.S. Hwy. 64 about 4 miles above Ocoee Unit 3. The road is Class IV; you really need a vehicle with good ground clearance (or 4 wheel drive in wet weather) to get in and out. Otherwise, expect a quarter mile + carry to the put in! The take out is across the bridge at Ocoee Unit 3, or another (poorer) take out is at the parking lot above the flume.

The overall rating of this section is class III-IV. It is continuous (there are no doldrums), and it is reminiscent of the lower section. Between the continuous class II and III waves, holes, and nasty rocks are a few rather attention getting rapids.The first major rapid is Island Rapid, about a half mile below the put in. SCOUT from the island. Run right of the island through a succession of turning drops. If you choose the farthest right slot, beware of a potential vertical pin hazard in the second drop. The potential for recovery is poor due to an immediate following 100 meters of class III ledges.

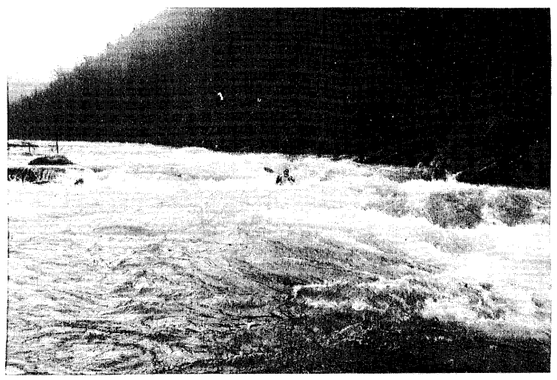
The second major rapid is Big Booby. It is a long complex series of ledges, drops and boulders. Several routes are possible; Experience suggest that the best routes are on the right. Next come two substantial ledges; run them right of center or far right. The second of these ledges is Slam Dunk; the finest ender spot that any of us have seen. It is capable of bouncing you like a ball, can give a double front and back ender, often pirouettes you, has no keeper tendencies, and has a very adequate recovery pool. Watch out, however, for a very strong, boiling eddy line.

An interesting series of ledges and holes follows. The river gradually constricts to the left to form Trash Can, the next major rapid. It is like Table Saw in the lower section, only longer and with gigantic holes. Run this rapid either right or left, but stay out of the hole in the center appropriately called Asshole (at best, it is!).

The last significant rapid is a few micro-yards before a very "squirlly" take out on river left and is called Upper Power House or Thunder Rock. It is a 4-foot man made (blasted) diagonal ledge over which 90% of the river flow goes. Momentum and a perpendicular approach are important here, or expect a stern ender or worse. SCOUT it from behind the power house before you start the trip. The "Upper O" is a blast, but you best stay in your boat or wear a well cushioned body suit.

-Mark Levine

Mike Miller at Slam Dunk



Richard at Trash Can

COLORADO CANOEING AND KAYAKING KRONIKLE (sic) by Michael Lefkove

Our 1983 Colorado canoe expedition began in July (I forget the exact dates, but what's the difference anyway) at the Arkansas River near Buena Vista, elevation 8500 ft. Participants included Don and Bettina George, Jim Farr, David Ashley, Hank and David Klausman, Chuck Gregory, Richard Blews (briefly), myself and numerous other people whom we picked up along the way, most of whose names escape me. We were also accompanied by two lovely ladies who did not boat and asked not to have their names divulged in connection with this group.

Day one consisted of assembling the group and a warm-up run on the Arkansas in class 2 water. I knew we had some problems when Richard asked me if this stretch was class 4. We then gathered our gear for a run down the Frog Rock section of the Arkansas, about 5 miles of class 3-4 water. Volume was around 3000 cfs (moderately high water), with good gradient and stretches of a mile or more of continuous class 4 water. There were big holes to be avoided everywhere, areas with 8-10 foot waves and a very swift current. All had good runs (of those who ran it), even though we had one C-1 swimmer. Scenery was grade A in the Arkansas river valley surrounded by 14,000 foot peaks on both sides, one side being high alpine mountains and the other high desert terrain.

Day 2 took us to Brown's Canyon, probably the most popular run on the Arkansas. This is the section that the raft trips run. An interesting footnote is that we befriended a local boater by the name of Jim Stohlquist, author of Colorado Whitewater and owner of Colorado Kayak Supply. Jim has run all of the big water in the west and his book is the premier guidebook to boating in Colorado. Anyway, we talked Jim into running Brown's Canyon that afternoon around 3 PM. Brown's Canyon is terrific ego- building whitewater. It's challenging, big, but forgiving. Zoom Flume is the biggest rapid on this run and is a great drop through holes, big waves and lots of flippy cross currents. We got great enders at the bottom. We had a couple of C-1 portages at this rapid as there were some marginal rollers. David Ashley had one of the best upstream braces to nullify a complete flip in Zoom Flume. All other rapids in this section were exciting and exhilarating, and everyone was feeling real high (and hungry) when we took off that evening.

Day 3 saw a very interesting section of the Arkansas called Granite Canyon. It's a short run (3 miles) starting at 9500 feet and descending through a steep, narrow canyon. The highlight is the rapid called Maytag, which is 500 yards of fast water, huge holes, steep gradient, mega- cross currents and terminating in an unrunnable class 6 junk heap where an old bridge had collapsed into the river.

We picked up a local boater as we set out on the river. Everyone was feeling cocky after Brown's Canyon. I was the first fool to hit Maytag and was stunned by the bigness of it all. Mark followed me and caught an eddy. It was at that point that I looked upstream to see 3 C-1's without people float by me. Then came the people. We got the swimmers out of the water and proceeded to chase boats. We ran the entire rapid chasing boats and got all three boats out of the river just above the class 6 portage. To add insult to injury, our swimmers were chased off the railroad tracks next to the river by a local train. Below here were some excellent class 3 rapids of a fairly continuous nature. The take out was our campsite and made this a convenient section to run, which I did numerous times. It was a real adrenalin pumper.

All this time, we were trying to get up our nerve to run the classic section of this river known as the Numbers, referring to rapids numbered 1 through 6. This section is 4 miles of class 4 and 5 water with almost no letup. Each rapid was manageable by itself, but when strung together, they formed a most formidable piece of river. A swim here could be and often is fatal. There are fatalities on this section every year, and at this high water level, no member of our party felt up to making the run, so we passed.

We made second runs of Frog Rock and Brown's Canyon, and on day 5 a few of our party ran the Texas Creek section (I missed it) which was reported to have some pretty good stuff on it.

Unofficial awards on this trip include: Chuck Gregory for not having to demonstrate his roll all week; Bettina George for the most attempts to cook dinner on a Coleman stove without succeeding; and myself for being the only person in our group willing to sing "Me One-Eyed Trouser Snake" in a public establishment. Interesting footnotes include many great eating places in the Buena Vista area, numerous hot springs of which we partook, and Jim Stohlquist, who is an interesting footnote in and of himself. I strongly recommend a stop at his shop when in the area if for no other reason than some good river stories. Jim is a wealth of knowledge about kayaking (he thinks C-1's are not that useful in Colorado) and truly loves the sport. Hiking and sight seeing in this area defies description. You just have to see it.

There are many great rivers to run in Colorado, but none provide the miles of good rapids and dependable water flow of the Arkansas. It is the whitewater capital of Colorado and will provide state of the art boating for beginner to hair paddling hot dogs.

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