



Victoria Canoe & Kayak Club Newsletter

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April 2013

Victoria Canoe and Kayak Club General Meeting

Tuesday, April 2nd, 2013 at 7:30 p.m.

Paddling Slide Show Presentation by Roy Scully

NOTICES

LOCKED OUT?

The combination locks were changed on Monday the 18th of March. To find the combination, go to the VCKC website and sign into your account (<http://www.vckc.ca/members/>).

PLEASE READ ABOUT CLUBHOUSE SECURITY PROBLEMS

see page 2

UPCOMING EVENTS

Canoeing	RCABC Paddle Conference	April 12 - 14	see page 4
Outrigger	Wake Up The Gorge	April 13 & 14	see page 9
Everyone	Club House and Gorge Waterway Clean-up	April 27	see page 3
Everyone	Switchblade	May 19	see page 8
Kayaking	Pacific Paddling Symposium	May 31 - Jun 2	see page 7
Canoe, Kayak, SUP	Western Paddling Symposium	June 7 - 9	see page 3
Everyone	Celebrate the Harbour	July 13	see page 11
Dragon Boat	VCKC's Guts and Glory Event	July 13	see page 9

THE CLUBHOUSE - YOUR HOME, YOUR RESPONSIBILITY

SECURITY ISSUE

Problem

During the last few weeks there have been several instances of locks left open:

⇒ Clubhouse

- the basement door wide open
- the main front door unlocked

⇒ Compound - gate swinging wide,

- lock left with combination showing
- lock loosely on gate but not secured

⇒ other facilities

- exterior storage shed unlocked and open

Risk

⇒ The Clubhouse is full of valuable equipment (not to mention YOUR valuables).

⇒ We're in a very high pedestrian traffic area.

Solutions

⇒ Treat the Clubhouse as your house:

- lock it.
 - When leaving the Clubhouse,
 - lock the door.
 - if no one else is visible to the door, treat it as your responsibility and lock the door.
 - If you're not the last person out, "tag" someone else with the responsibility, "please see that the door is locked when you leave."
 - When you close the door, make sure it has latched shut.

⇒ Always check the doors and gates if you are part of a group of people and tell others that you checked the door and or gate. This will serve as an ongoing reminder to lock the door as well as get it locked.

⇒ Treat the compound as your personal storage area:

- lock it.
 - For combination locks that open and shut by rolling the tumblers, roll the tumblers so that others don't see the combination. This works if leaving the lock open and after you lock it. TEST the lock before leaving.
 - For padlocks, etc., make sure you don't leave them lying around after you remove them. Locks have been known to walk away.

⇒ Finally, DO NOT give out the combinations. VCKC members can access this information by logging on to the website.

Communicate

If you have a concern about Clubhouse security, please relay it to

Sandy Rattray at clubhouse@vckc.ca
B/or call 250 386-9144

CLEANING PROBLEMS

Floors

Keeping the Clubhouse clean is a hard enough job without dealing with footprints left by boots fresh from a cement-dust-strewn worksite. If this is you, please be considerate of others and switch to stocking feet when you come in.

Bathroom

Some of you may find it necessary to shower at the Clubhouse. If you must, make sure the bathroom window is closed and secured when you leave, and please bring and take away your own towel.

We are very lucky to have our own Clubhouse – let's treat it right!

CLUBHOUSE AND GORGE WATERWAY CLEANUP

When: Saturday, April 27th.

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 1:00pm

Please come and help clean up the clubhouse and the Gorge Waterway. If you want to participate, be sure to wear clothes and footwear that you don't mind getting muddy.

For the clubhouse cleanup, please bring any garden tools or house cleaning stuff that you are able to.

The paddling group will be out in the voyageur canoes - it's a messy job but it's an adventure. Please wear clothes and footwear that you don't mind getting wet and muddy.

We are so fortunate to have such a lovely location for our club. Please spare a couple of hours to help keep it looking spic and span.

Our Sponsors will provide:

- Gloves and garbage bags by the CRD;
- Dumpsters and dumpage fees by Waste Management; and
- Refreshments and treats by Tim Hortons.

Thanks Sandy Rattray, VCKC Clubhouse and Grounds
Don Munroe, VCKC representative for Gorge Waterway Initiatives (GWI)

THANKS TO MAUREEN DUFFUS

Maureen Duffus was well received at the March 5 VCKC GM. Thirty-two members attended and enjoyed an interesting presentation on local history. Maureen is a journalist who writes about and presents Vancouver Island history, focusing on colonial and 19th century periods. She is very knowledgeable about our history and had loads of anecdotes to share. If you missed the meeting, you can catch Maureen at the Royal BC Museum.

photo: Pam Carroll and Maureen Duffus
- Wendy Clapp



WESTERN PADDLING SYMPOSIUM

The Western Paddling Symposium! Canoe, SUP and Kayak will all be represented! This is just a preliminary notice to let you know when its happening and some of the specifics. We will keep you posted as more info becomes available.

Highlight Events So Far:

Canoe

- Big Canoe paddle around Denman Island (maybe a Denman Island Chocolate tour...)
- Style Canoeing workshop
- River Canoeing
- Intro, Intermediate and Advanced Canoe Workshops
- Canoe Games

SUP

- SUP Yoga
- Intro and Advanced SUP courses

- SUP Instructor course
- SUP River Instructor Course

Kayak

- Intro, Intermediate and Advanced Sea Kayak
- WW Kayaking
- Denman Island Kayak trip

Kids Zone (drop your kids off for some fun on land and water!)

When: June 7-9

Where: Hosted at Qualicum Beach Camp ground. We are right on the ocean and have rivers and lakes within a 20 minute drive! Its an amazing site. There are cabins and hotels available just off site for those that don't want to "rough" it!

Contact: Dave Wooldridge at
info@ridgewilderness.com.

CANOE PROGRAM

PADDLE CONFERENCE **Recreational Canoeing Association of BC** **Join in a Weekend of Paddling Fun!!!** **April 12-14, 2013 in Hope, BC**



Affordable price of \$126.00 (tenting) \$146.00 (cabin bed)
Includes catered food for entire weekend (vegetarian option)
Up to fifty workshops/presentations to choose from:

Beginner to instructor refresher levels

Instructor recertification clinic on Friday (all specialty boats provided/canoes available for those who do not have)

Big Canoes, Canoe Sailing, Marathon Racing, Canoe Poling, Safety/Rescues. Several Solo/Tandem Workshops. Guided walks.

Dryland/Theory workshops on Tripping, Ocean paddling, River Rescue. Slide Shows/Presentations. Story Telling. Square Dance. KIDS activities.

Door prizes at AGM and Instructor AGM.

To register (deadline March 31st) and for more information, go to: bccanoe.com

or <https://sites.google.com/site/rcabcpaddingconference>

or contact Kári-Ann at: 604-253-5450 or kalthors@mac.com

The RCABC Paddle Conference will be held at Camp Kawkawa in Hope, BC. There will again be a variety of workshops and presentations, catered food by the camp, and wonderful door prizes for the AGM and IAGM meetings.

Registration

Registration will end on March 31st (check our website for the on-line registration process). Please note that registration fees are only available for full weekend participation although you are not obliged to be there the entire weekend. There will also be \$50 travel subsidies available for non-executive members who participate in leading two workshops. The registration form (links and page) is open on the site!

(<https://sites.google.com/site/rcabcpaddingconference>).

Activities

The activity schedule is posted on the website.

We look forward to putting together another wonderful weekend of learning, skills building, networking, and fun. On the Friday evening we will likely have water-based activity signup sheets (with limits so all can equally partake).

BYOB (Boat)

To reduce the work for the Waterfront committee, we will be asking those who own canoes to bring their boats and gear (and cable locks if you want to secure your boat). We will have some canoes and gear available for those who do not own their own.

Contacts

If you have any questions, you can contact Jean Chandler at jeanchandler@telus.net (250-727-6923) or Kári-Ann Thor at kalthors@mac.com (1-604-253-5450). RCABC Website is www.bccanoe.com.

Canoe & Kayak Programs: Meeting

Canoe & Kayak Meeting,

Tuesday, April 16,

VCKC clubhouse, 7:30PM.

Entertainment:

The presentation at April's Canoe & Kayak meeting will be determined in the near future. An email will go to all canoe and kayak program members before the meeting. It will include the presentation information.

Canoe Courses

Ocean Canoeing Course

This course is being offered to canoeists who have taken and passed the basic tandem canoeing course. It consists of 12 hours of classroom teaching, covering tides and currents, weather, navigation and charts, etc., and a 3-day canoe camping trip over the weekend of 11th/12th May. The fee of \$100 goes to the Club. Additional costs include the purchase of charts and tide and current tables -

probably around \$40 in total- and any costs associated with the tripping - transportation and campsite fees.

Members who want to take this course should let Alan Thomson know by April 15th so that the timing of the planned classroom sessions can be confirmed. 3135thom@islandnet.com; 250-592-4170 (H)

Big Canoe Sterners Course

There will be an RCABC Big Canoe Sterner's Course on April 20th/21st. This course is intended to train paddlers to stern big canoes. Pre-requisites are basic and advanced canoe tandem course and the basic canoe solo course, plus experience of paddling in the voyageur canoes. Alternative qualifications and experience will be considered for paddlers who may

not have all the formal courses. The course includes a rescue session in the Gorge.

The cost is \$50 for two days. All fees go to the Club. Contact Alan Thomson 3135thom@islandnet.com or 250-592-4170.

Updated Spring 2013 Canoe Course Schedule

Please notify Dan Walker (VCKC Canoe Program Director) Canoe@vckc.ca, 250-721-6913 if you'd like to register for one of the courses listed below or need more info. Individual instructors will notify you regarding locations, start/stop times and equipment required. Unless noted otherwise, sessions run the full day.

Lakewater Courses

<p>Basic Tandem (I) April 20th \$25 course fee + membership No prerequisite</p>	<p>Basic Solo (II) Email Dan Walker at canoe@vckc.ca if interested</p>	<p>Advanced Tandem (III) April 6th & 7th & Advanced Tandem (III) June 8th \$25 course fee + membership Prerequisite is Basic Solo Paddler II (or instructor permission)</p>	<p>Advanced Solo (IV) April 21th & Advanced Solo (IV) June 15th \$25 course fee + membership Prerequisite is Basic Solo Paddler II (or instructor permission)</p>	<p>Lakewater Instructor April 5th (evening classroom session) April 6th, 7th, 20th & 21st (four full days to complete Instructor training) \$200 course fee + membership</p>
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Course Details

Recreational Canoeing Association of BC (RCABC) paddler-level courses are offered annually by qualified club instructors. Fees for these courses go

to the Club, not the instructor. Club membership is required to attend these courses. Membership are \$50 for an individual and \$70 for a family.

Lakewater:

Basic Lakewater I tandem course is an introduction to canoeing and a prerequisite for all further courses; the course runs a full day. You will learn everything from basic knots, to safe carrying and transporting of a canoe, to what to wear on the water, to all the basic canoe strokes, to a canoe

rescue strategy. Lakewater II is the basic solo-paddling course. Lake Water III and IV are the advanced Lakewater courses for tandem techniques and solo paddling skill development.

There may be a small additional fee to cover the cost of pool rental for the rescue portion.

Canoe Courses cont'd

MOVING WATER	OCEAN CANOEING	CANOE TRIPPING	CANOE POLING
Basic Tandem Moving Water I June 1 st & 2 nd (two day course) \$150 course fee + membership Prerequisite is Basic or Advanced Tandem Paddler (or instructor permission)	Ocean Canoeing (III) May 2 nd , 6 th & 7 th (three evening classroom sessions) May 10 th , 11 th , 12 th (three days ocean paddling) \$100 course fee + membership Prerequisite Basic Lakewater II (instructor permission also required)	Canoe Tripping June 19 th & 20 th (2 evening classroom sessions) June 22 nd & 23 rd (overnight trip) Tripping \$100 course fee + membership Prerequisites both Basic Tandem and Basic Solo Paddler (or instructor permission)	Lakewater Poling & Moving Water Poling Scheduled for July, times TBA

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Moving Water:

Moving Water I is the basic tandem river paddling course; Moving Water II is the introductory course for solo canoeing on rivers. You will learn all the basics for river paddling, such as reading water, ferrying across current, eddy turns and you will do a rescue in current.

Ocean/Coastal Canoeing:

There are 2 courses, basic and advanced. The basic course introduces the students to ocean paddling, including reading tides and currents, navigating with a compass, and the use of tide and current tables and charts. The advanced course includes ocean canoeing with camping, usually a trip among the Gulf Islands.

Tripping:

Learn all the details and logistics for planning safe, fun and exciting multi-day canoe trips.

Lakewater Canoe Poling:

\$35 course fee + membership
 Prerequisite is Basic Solo Paddler II

Moving Water Canoe Poling:

\$65 course fee + membership
 Prerequisite is Lakewater Canoe Poling
 Learn the skill of propelling and manoeuvring your canoe by poling.

Weekend Day Trips

Alternate weekend flatwater and moving water trips are run through the VCKC. If interested,

please contact Alan Thomson
3135thom@islandnet.com for info on flatwater trips and

Dan Walker canoe@VCKC.ca for info on moving water trips.

Flatwater Paddle

The next flatwater paddle will be on April 1st - Easter Monday. This will be a full day paddle, open to kayakers and canoeists. If the winds permit, a trip out to Portland or Darcy Island is on the cards. An e-mail will be sent out a week ahead reminding members of this.

An additional paddle may be announced for later in April once course dates and other commitments are settled.

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KAYAK PROGRAM

Pacific Paddling Symposium

The Pacific Paddling Symposium website is up and registration is now open!

<http://www.pacificpaddlingsymposium.com/About>

There will be more information posted, to the website, as we move along. Like life, it's a work in progress.

Please drop by, look around the site, let us know what you think and of course register early to support the event! Registration is limited to 100 participants.

Can't wait for you to join us, it's going to be a very fun weekend!

Pacific Paddling Symposium

May 31st - June 2nd

Lester B. Pearson United World College
Victoria, British Columbia

www.pacificpaddlingsymposium.ca

info@pacificpaddlingsymposium.ca



Christopher Scully
getting a surf ride in
at Esquimalt Lagoon

photo: Papa Scully

Kayak For Sale \$1500.00

Wilderness Systems Tsunami 145 comes with cockpit cover, spray skirt, paddle, life jacket, safety kit, bilge pump, oar clip, oar float. It is clean and dry stored. Three years old, Red in colour and also brand new MEC kayak jacket red valued at \$150.00 Google the quality of Wilderness Systems Tsunami

Kayaks and you will be able to read about how great they are for fresh water as well as ocean. Excellent condition, well kept used three times. Great deal, well over \$2500.00 in value.

Contact Donna Shorting djshorting@shaw.ca



VOYAGEUR PROGRAM

Munroe Christening

On Saturday March 16th, VCKC and the Voyageur Program held a blessing ceremony for our new Voyageur Canoe. Representatives from the Songhees First Nation and the District of Saanich were on hand, as were many of our club members, and passersby. The ceremony was complete with bagpipes and drumming. This is an important ritual for a new Voyageur canoe - we recognize our respect for the boat, and expect many safe and happy journeys from her in return.

Our new Voyageur Canoe is named the 'Munroe' in recognition of Don Munroe's more than thirty years of service to the club, and to the paddling community. We expect Munroe to provide great adventure to so many paddlers in the decades ahead. Come out and try our new Voyageur canoe some time.



Harold Nishikawara, Don Paul, Celestine Charlie, Michael Charlie, Elmer George,
Don Munroe Saanich Councillor Paul Gerrard

Photo: Tim Hicks

Paddle for the Kids

At the time of writing, about 50 paddlers are preparing to complete the 32nd Annual Paddle for the Kids. This is the Voyageur Program's main event each year. We will head out from Brentwood Bay at 7 a.m. on March 23rd and reach the VCKC clubhouse around dinnertime (10 to 12 hours).

This is a relay paddle of four Voyageur canoes where we change out with fresh crews every couple of hours. Paddlers who are in rest mode onshore are taken by bus to a warm dry place with plenty of hot food - courtesy of the Central Saanich Lions Club.

We have been busy training for this event. Voyageur practice days have been held every Sunday since the beginning of February. While building strength and skills in the Big Canoe, we have had some great tours - Cowichan River, Sooke Basin, Ladysmith Harbour, and Saanich Inlet - just to name a few. Practice days are for many of us the best part of the Paddle for the Kids program.

Our efforts are to raise funds for Easter Seals Camp Shawnigan - hence the name 'Paddle for the Kids'. Please consider sponsoring us. You can donate online through a link on the club's website.

THE MARATHON PROGRAM INVITES ALL PADDLERS

Switchblade Paddlesport Relay

Call for Volunteers!

The second annual Switchblade Paddlesport Relay Race is May 19th.

If you are available to volunteer, please e-mail Jan Greenwood (papillon1@telus.net) and list your interest or skill.

Website: <http://members.shaw.ca/Switchblade.Relay/>

Go to the VCKC website (<http://www.vckc.ca/>) to Register your team.

Get Your Team Together!

Get your team together for the 2nd Annual Switchblade Paddlesport Relay May 19, 2013. There will be six legs approximately 30 to 45 minutes each.

- Ocean kayak,
- SUP,
- Marathon Canoe (tandem),
- OC1,
- Surfski then
- all into an OC6 for the final leg.

OUTRIGGER PROGRAM

Wake Up The Gorge

When: April 13 & 14th

What: Annual Season Opening Races for OC6 and Small Boats

Saturday: OC6 Sprints - start 9 a.m. (ends before 5 p.m.)

Sunday: Small Boat Races - start 9 a.m. (ends about noon)

Where: At the Victoria Canoe & Kayak Club

Register: <http://www.vckc.ca/wutg/>



DRAGON BOAT PROGRAM

VCKC Guts & Glory

When: July 13th

What: Two different race types:

- 2500-meter combined-time race in 20-paddler boats. (only one category, i.e. Open)
In the morning each team will race a 1250 metre course with a buoy turn (out and back). In the afternoon, each team will race the same course in a different dragon boat. The two times will be combined to see who gets the glory and medals.
- Sprints: 200-meter races in IDBF-certified 10-paddler boats.
Results will be ranked by team category (Open, Women's & Mixed) for awarding of medals.

More Info: <http://vckc.ca/GutsnGlory>

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Executive Priorities for 2013

At its meeting of March 12th, the Executive agreed to pursue the following objectives in 2013, listed in order of priority:

1. Update Programs' 3-year plans
2. Discuss program health - recruitment; coaches, instructors, and specialized personnel; competition analysis; promotion of Club programs
3. Continue work on the upgrade of storage facilities; discuss storage needs and update policies
4. Ensure cross-program fairness
5. Develop the 2014 budget
6. [TIE] Education of members - e.g., through general meetings, program training initiatives, etc.
AND Continue to work on a long-term (10-year horizon) plan for capital equipment renewal
7. Clarify the purpose of contingency funds

Program 3-Year Plans and Funding Principles

Programs have been given their marching orders to revisit and update their rolling 3-year plans by June. The first big equipment purchase of the year, a new voyageur canoe, was launched on March 16th (see story on page 8 in the Newsletter). The set of

funding principles adopted last year had one new item added to it: "VCKC makes special efforts to recruit and train youth paddlers." This led to an interesting discussion about the success of those efforts over the years.



VCKC's brand new voyageur:

- budgeted for by reviewing executive priorities,
 - funded by donations from Harold Nishikawara and Don Munroe,
 - planned for use with youth programs
 - was christened "Munroe" on March 16th, then
 - went on its maiden voyage.
- Paddlers: Joe Boyd, Jean Chandler, Ken Gibbard, Pam Carroll, Harold Nishikawara, Roy Scully and Don Munroe.

photo by Wendy Clapp

Program Health

The Committee had another interesting discussion about how to identify which programs are "healthy". It was acknowledged that program health can fluctuate from year to year, owing to a combination of factors including program leadership, enthusiasm of members, ability to attract and retain members, the level of coaching/instruction, availability of specialized personnel such as sterns and coaches, a welcoming attitude, general level of boat usage, inter-disciplinary cooperation and mentorship. The overall health of the Club can also be distinguished

from program health, and may be dependent upon effective communication with the public and its ability to obtain and process feedback from its members. A healthy Club is one in which people have fun and are happy to volunteer their services. Members suggested that an Open House or VCKC Regatta held during the summer might be a way of drawing the public's attention. The brainstorming will continue; but program directors are now attuned to gauging program health when they look at their yearly plans.

Executive Committee Report, cont'd

VCKC and Youth Paddlers

You don't have to be around VCKC activities or practices for very long to realize that participation definitely skews to the over-40 crowd. The Club has recently been working with Craigflower School and will begin a partnership with Shoreline School to get more youngsters into boats. However, getting and keeping young paddlers may be an uphill battle. In trying to analyze the reasons, the Committee identified the following:

- There is a steep price barrier for young people, particularly in the small-boat disciplines: gear, appropriate clothing and transportation can all be well beyond the means of teens and twenty-somethings, especially those without a vehicle.
- Many young people tend to like spontaneous activities and dislike regimentation.
- The Club may not be tech-savvy enough to reach out to young people.
- Maybe we don't offer an attractive blend of activities; e.g., stand-up paddle-boarding might be a bigger draw.
- The fact that we cannot pay staff may mean that we're missing opportunities for local municipalities to use our boats for summer programs.
- The participation of parents often ensures their sons' or daughters' participation.
- Too many gray hairs around?? Would you want to belong to the same club as your granny?
- What do YOU think? If you have theories or suggestions about increasing youth paddling, why not write a letter to the Editor?
newsletter@vckc.ca

Clubhouse Heating and Hot Water

You may have seen markers in the area around the Clubhouse placed by Fortis, who will be running a natural gas line into the house. Sandy Rattray and former Exec. Member Kym Thrift have been working

with Saanich to replace the old oil tank and boiler with more environmentally friendly alternatives. Members will be kept posted as necessary.

VCKC Club Jerseys - Be Loud and Proud

(Well, not too loud, actually) We're thinking of lining up a supplier for a clothing item that was a big hit with Club members several years ago, a micro-fleece 1/4-zip jersey in dark blue with a restrained gold VCKC logo embroidered on the chest - suitable for standing around at that kayak or canoe campground or dragon boat or outrigger race

site, for wearing as a base layer, or for putting in a store of firewood or running to the supermarket. (They wear like iron, by the way.) The cost would be approximately \$40.00, a real bargain for this kind of garment. Keep your eye on the e-mail for further details.

Put these dates in your Calendar

June 16 is Celebrate our Harbour Day in the Inner Harbour. It's important for VCKC and other local clubs to show the vibrancy and importance of the human-powered boating community in Victoria. The Club will likely be organizing a flotilla of some sort to attend; keep your eye on the website and e-mails.

The first Pacific Paddling Symposium for West Coast kayakers will take place at Pearson College from May 31 to June 2, featuring world-renowned instructors and classes for kayakers at all levels. If you'd like more information, visit the website:

<http://www.pacificpaddlingsymposium.ca/>

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Note: the Deadline for submission of content for the next newsletter is date.

April 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31	01-Apr	2	3	4	5	6
	Lakewater Paddle Canoe & Kayak MW recert, contact canoe@vckc.ca for details					Advanced Tandem Paddler canoe course
Easter	+2 more	19:30 VCKC General Meeting			17:00 Lakewater Instructor canoe course	Lakewater Instructor canoe Course Playboat clinic & MW recert, contact canoe@vckc.ca for details
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Advanced Tandem Canoe course		19:00 Executive Meeting		19:30 VDBF Organizing Meeting	RCABC Paddle Conference	Wake Up the Gorge OC6 Sprints
Lakewater Instructor canoe course						
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
RCABC Paddle Conference		19:30 Canoe & Kayak Meeting				Big Canoe Sterners Course
Wake Up the Gorge Small Boat Races						Lakewater Instructor canoe course Lakewater Tandem Basic canoe course
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Big Canoe Sterners Course		VCKC Newsletter Deadline				09:00 CLUB & GORGE CLEANUP
Advanced Solo canoe course						
Lakewater Instructor canoe course						
28	29	30	01-May	2	3	4
Times Colonist 10K Run				Ocean Canoeing classroom session		OC6: Brotchie Reach