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General Club Meeting

Held at 8:00 p.m. on the first Wednesday of each month, normally in the large meeting room of the Idaho Falls Public Library. NO GENERAL MEETING IN JULY.

Membership Fees

Full year:

Individuals: \$20

Family: \$25

After July 1:

Individuals: \$15

Family: \$20

After October 1, the payment of full year fee applies to the following year. Full-time students (18 or older) and seniors (65 or older): \$5 off the above fee schedule.

Council Meetings and Bulletin Deadline

Any interested member is invited to attend.

Materials for the bulletin are due by the weekend before the council meetings. Please send material to the bulletin editor at 2188 St. Clair Road, Idaho Falls, Idaho 83404 or by email to rener@srv.net

SNOWSHOEING IDAHO

8pm Wednesday, November 3rd

Idaho Falls Public Library - Large Meeting Room

Snowshoeing is the fastest growing winter sport in the last four years and club member Wade Seeley will tell us why. He will also show a short video on the sport and some slides from club trips. He plans to bring several types of snowshoes with him so that we can see the differences in the shoes, bindings, and crampons. We can even try them on and walk around in them.

President Speaks

It's that time of the year to check your winter gear and start planning your winter trips. We have several cross country ski trips planned

already and a snowshoe trip on December 4 to seek out the perfect Christmas tree.

Mark and I met several of our members from the Boise area while over in the Boise area at the end of October and did a little climbing with them. If you are planning a trip over to Boise, be sure to look some of them up to meet them. We also have a new member in Virginia who could probably be easily talked into a hike on a section of the AT if you are back that way.

It is that annual time to nominate members to run for next years Council positions coming open. We have a slate of seven nominees for the five open positions: Tim and Betsy Adkinson, Garney Hardy, Alan Queen, Jeff Coward, Kathy Hellyer, and myself.

November 3 Wade Seeley will tell us why snowshoeing is the fastest growing winter sport in the last four years. December 1st Ron Waters will present a slide show on Idaho Paddling and will have his and Katharine Daly's new book Guide to Idaho Paddling available for us to buy. January 5 will be the date of the annual Winter Member bash at St. Johns.

Check the calendar for fall activities and see ya out there!! Let it snow!!!

Donna

Council Speaks

Date: 28 September 1999
Location: 2340 St Clair Rd.
Idaho Falls, Id

Attendees: Donna Whitham
Mark Whitham
Mike Wolters
Kurt Myers
Bob Tyler

Treasurer's Report: Unavailable, but we now have a current membership list for distribution to the stores that give our members a discount.

Old Business

We only have 7 or 8 extra large t-shirts left. We have placed an order for 48 more and hope to have them for the November meeting.

Orienteering Class

We are considering hiring Ron Waters to teach an orienteering class but we still need to find out how much he will charge and how many students he can take.

Highway Cleanup

We have adopted a 2 mile stretch of State Highway 31 near the Pine Basin Lodge to do a semi-annual cleanup starting this coming spring. Watch for our club's name on the highway sign! Norm Kramer volunteered to coordinate the volunteers for the cleanup.

Nominating Committee

Mark, Donna and Bob are on the nominating committee. Unfortunately, Mike Wolters is moving to Denver and will be unable to continue serving on the board next year. The nominating committee will come up with nominees for the November meeting.

New Business

The website Get Outdoors.com has asked us to place a link on our club website to their site. They sell outdoor gear at a discount, have articles about outdoor subjects like mountain climbing and have links to other sites. It is similar to the website Mountain Zone. Kurt Myers will check out the Get Outdoors site and report back to the council.

Bob requested permission to write a letter on behalf of the club commenting on the Fish and Wildlife Service's grizzly bear recovery plan. Bob received a conservation alert

saying that comments were needed to strengthen the bear's protection in the plan. The board gave Bob the go ahead to send a letter.

Bob also wanted to send a letter to the Forest Service opposing the Squirrel Meadows-Grand Targhee land swap but it was decided to poll the membership on this issue at the October meeting to see how it feels before sending a letter. However, Bob couldn't make the October meeting so he sent a personal letter on the land swap issue instead.

The next council meeting will be held on 10/26/99 at Eric Peterson's home.

Upcoming Programs:

November - Wade Seeley will do a presentation about snowshoeing.

December - Ron Waters will present a slide show on Idaho Paddling

January - Annual Winter Member Bash

Day Hiking

Mark & Donna Whitham 524-6119

Don't forget to be prepared. Bring the essentials!

November Day hike - November 13

Hike into Goldbug hot springs 23 miles south of Salmon. It is a two mile hike into the hot springs where many delightful pools and cascades await. Some of the pools offer a spectacular view down the canyon. Check out George's Hot springs Page for details about the springs. The springs are clothing optional. To sign up to go and for meeting place and time call Mark and Donna Whitham at 524.6119.

Highway Cleanup - November 6

We tentatively plan to do our first highway cleanup on our section of Highway 31 between mile posts 6 & 8. It will be dependent on the weather and if the highway department has our sign up yet. For more details and sign up call Mark and Donna Whitham at 524.6119

Alpine Club Shirts

We have more of those great club shirts in now. They will be available for sale at the meetings and in between call Donna at 524.6119 to arrange to buy some. These will make excellent Christmas presents for those friends and relatives who seem to have everything. (Guess what my dad is going to get for Christmas...)!

Cross Country Ski Trips - 1999

Ponds Lodge to Harriman ~ Feb 26

The trail starts at the Park & Ski parking lot near Pond's Lodge in Island Park and ends at Harriman State Park. The terrain is moderate rolling terrain with some short intermediate hills on the first 4 miles and is rated as advanced due to the 12 plus miles. A shuttle will be needed so those who would rather ski or snowshoe at Harriman, could drop the rest of the skiers off at Ponds and drive the car(s) back to Harriman. This is a joint trip with the Idaho Falls Ski Club. Trip Coordinators: Mark & Donna Whitham - 524-6119. Sign up by Feb 24.

Huckleberry Hot Springs ~ Mar 18-19

North of Jackson, Wyoming near Flagg Ranch. An easy 2-miles of skiing over mildly rolling terrain. Depending on the trip participants, we may continue on to Polecat hot springs to soak and camp there. The terrain is also great snowshoeing terrain. This is a joint trip with the Idaho Falls Ski Club. NOTE: THIS IS AN OVERNIGHT WINTER

CAMPOUT TRIP! Trip Coordinators, Mark & Donna Whitham, 524-6119.
Sign up by Mar 10.

Meadow Lake ~ April 8

This day trip to a high mountain lake in the Lemhis mountains is not recommended for beginners. It is located 110 miles northwest of Idaho Falls in the Salmon River National Forest near the old Gilmore townsite. The trail is 11 miles round trip with a 2000 foot elevation gain to the Meadow Lake Campground. Bring towels, tevas, and hiking boots in case it is necessary to hike to the hot springs at Gold Bug instead. This is a joint trip with the Idaho Falls Ski Club. Trip Coordinators, Mark Donna Whitham, 524-6119. Sign up by March 29.

Grand Teton Trip Report July 30 - August 1

Jerry Painter and Donna Whitham

Friday July 30 - Donna: 7AM Excitement and anticipation mounted as our group of 15 climbers began arriving at the Fred Meyers parking lot behind McDonald. Jerry Painter, Matt TeNgaio, Paula Simmerly, Ken Hahn, Eric Peterson, Richard Peterson-Creamer, Kathy Hellyer, Brandon Briggs, Patty and Grayson Russell, Gary Vecellio, Mike Wolters, Kurt Myers, Mark and I made plans to meet at the Lupine Meadows trailhead after the backcountry permits had been picked up at the Jenny Lake Ranger Station. The permits had been reserved and paid for in January.

It seemed like it took forever at the ranger station waiting for our turns to receive our permits. It didn't help that first the ranger couldn't find Mike's permit in the computer. He looked under the wrong name until he glanced at Mike's canceled check and looked under the correct name. Then he couldn't find Mark and I's permit at all. Fortunately we

had brought our receipt and confirmation letter with us. Heaving a huge sigh and muttering the whole while about the ineptness of the permits office, he issued us our permit. The ranger informed us that we would need ice axes to cross several snow fields near Spalding Falls, but wouldn't need our crampons.

At the trailhead we excitedly gathered our gear and discussed routes. Mike and Kurt wanted to try the Wittich Crack. Matt and Jerry agreed to go up Wittich Crack with them as a 4 person roped team. Patty, Grayson, Gary, Eric, Mark, and I planned to climb the Upper Exum route as two 3 person roped teams. Paula and Ken planned to climb the Owen Spalding route as a 2 person rope team. Climbing plans made, we began trudging up the trail to Garnet Canyon. The first few miles of the trail are reasonably flat, then the trail turns upward up a ridge to the switchbacks that lead to Garnet Canyon. Along the ridge we came across a cluster of hikers gesturing and whispering that a bear was in the trees below the trail. It was a cocoa colored black bear busy amidst the berry bushes and oblivious to the commotion he was causing on the trail above himself.

We stopped occasionally to rest, eat, dehydrate, and to allow our socks to dry a bit. During our short breaks we noticed the guided climbers passing us were burdened only by daypacks. We remarked that the guided trips were starting to look pretty cheap by the time we reached the headwall below the lower saddle. Navigating that headwall with 60 - 70 pound packs wasn't easy even with a fixed rope to aid our ascent. The fixed rope is at an angle down the headwall and is a quite thick, greasy feeling rope. According to Patty the headwall wasn't much easier with a daypack in the dark, since the headwall was icy in places.

Six of us had campsites on the lower saddle and the rest of our party had campsites on the moraine. Campsites on the moraine and

lower saddle are pretty much cleared spaces in the rocky landscape, with the rocks piled in semi-circles as windblocks. The Grand Teton dominates the view to the north. There is also an open air latrine with an incredible view of most of the west slope of the Tetons. Mark and I ate a quick dinner, sorted our gear for the climb, and turned in while it was still light out, to get some sleep before the climb which was to begin between 3:30 and 4AM.

At 3AM Mark awakened me so we could eat something before the rest of our party arrived on the lower saddle. We looked up at the Grand Teton with the moonlight highlighting it against the starry sky and impatiently waited. By a quarter to 4 we could make out Eric and Gary approaching our camp, but still no sign of life in Kurt, Mike, Jerry, and Matt's tents. Mark went over and roused them out by telling them that it was a quarter to 4 - time to get up. Eric and Gary said that Patty, Grayson, Paula, and Ken had angled above our camp and were waiting. The moon was so bright that we didn't need our headlamps for much more than the darkest spots. Picking our way up the climbers trail we quickly gained altitude and passed the Black Dike. Beyond the dike, Mark and Eric pointed out the Needle and a large chimney with chock stones in it. We needed to find the "eye of the needle" in order to traverse to the wide ledge called Wall Street which leads to the base of the Upper Exum route. After stemming up a chimney and mantling onto a ledge we realized that we had missed the "eye of the needle" and were already high above Wall Street. Observing the steady stream of headlamps below us, the decision was made that all of us would climb the Owen-Spalding route, rather than attempt to down climb to Wall Street. More scrambling on icy rock in the dark and then as the sky began to lighten to the east, we gained the upper saddle of the Grand Teton. Roping up, we started out on the scree ledge at the beginning of the Owen-Spalding route. A large flake that we had to hug to pass was the first obstacle, then we traversed below a

overhung ledge on great footholds and handholds. On the far side of the ledge an icy chimney known as the Double Chimney awaited us. While Ken led the chimney as Paula belayed him, I asked Eric and Mark if the "Belly Roll and the Crawl" would be after the chimney. They laughed and told me that I was already past them. Grayson was belaying Patty around the Belly Roll while Mark explained that it is called that because your belly will roll if you look down while you are passing it, because the exposure and view straight down into Valhalla Canyon are quite exhilarating. The first move into the Double Chimney was made harder by my ice axe wedging itself against the rock behind me. Eric belayed as I stemmed up to the next ledge at the base of the large Owen Chimney, then I belayed Mark up. Paula appeared to be trussed by several anchors to the icy ledge at the base of the Owen Chimney, as Ken led the very icy chimney, while Paula belayed him. Climbing the chimney was made difficult by the veriglass ice coating the majority of the chimney. Handholds and footholds had to be carefully chosen. It was also rather cold because the Owen Spalding route is on the west side of the mountain and remains shady most of the morning. Even though I wore gloves to climb, my hands felt numb from the cold, when it wasn't my turn to climb.

Below us Patty, Grayson, and Gary appeared to have the guided groups crawling over the top of them, in their efforts to rush their clients to the summit. From the top of the Owen Chimney a short scramble led us to the Sargent's Chimney system, which wasn't quite as icy as the Owen Chimney. More scrambling from the top of this chimney led to a 45 degree slab to climb up, then a traverse to the scramble up to the summit block. As I climbed the last 20 feet or so I could see Mark and Eric swinging their packs off, then could see someone waving their fists high above their head, and then at 9AM I was on the summit too. Paula, Ken, Eric, Mark, and I took turns taking photos of each other, of

the summit marker, and of the wonderful views in every direction. Even though it was a little breezy and chilly, we had a wonderfully clear day. A crowd was starting to develop on the summit so we began the down climb to the rappel stations. We passed Kurt, Mike, Matt, and Jerry as they ascended the last few feet to the summit and could see Patty, Grayson, and Gary in the final chimney as we scrambled down. There was already a line up of climbers waiting for their turn at the first rappel and guided groups down climbing to the main rappel in order to avoid the wait. Arriving at the main rappel we found that someone had rappelled down on to a knot on their rope so the line was even longer. As the five of us waited, we were joined by Kurt, Mike, Matt, and Jerry. One of the guides had set up a single rope rappel on an alternate anchor and offered to let us rappel down on that rope between their groups rather than having to wait on us setting up and pulling our ropes for the rappel. The wind was beginning to feel really cold by the time it was our turn to make the 120 foot rappel to the Upper Saddle. By that time Patty, Grayson, and Gary had joined the huddle at the rappel station. Mark and I waited for them before hiking down to our campsite on the Lower Saddle.

Since our permit allowed us to stay another night, we enjoyed hanging out in camp the rest of the afternoon and eating dinner while we watched the sun go down.

Jerry: At 4 a.m. somebody in camp said "it's time — 4 o'clock." Matt and I unzipped our bags and climbed out of the tent to a black sky filled with stars. "Looks like a good day to climb," I said, "No clouds."

I remarked how good the body feels after a lousy night's sleep. The day before had been brutal. We carried 50- to 60-pound packs from the valley floor, 5,000 feet up to the Lower Saddle — about 8 miles.

The altitude and adrenaline from thinking about the climb that lay ahead had killed my appetite and my ability to sleep. After a quick cup of hot cocoa and a snack bar, the four of us flipped on our headlamps, hoisted climbing packs and began to move single-file up the huge, dark smear that blotted out the stars — the Grand Teton.

The evening before, the Grand was like a giant eye magnet. Every few minutes, while setting up camp or eating dinner, I found myself staring up at it, wondering about routes, worrying about weather, fretting over steep snow patches, thinking of being on top. From a distance, a mountain always seems to look steeper, tougher. Up close, it reveals its secrets, its easier passages. I was told this was true even of the mighty Grand.

In the dark night of the morning, with our feeble headlamps lighting the way, the mountain just looked black and bumpy. Matt and I followed Kurt and Mike. Kurt, one of the Idaho Alpine Club's climbing coordinators, was leading our climb. Mike is a veteran Grand climber. Already things were not going according to plan. Matt and I expected to be climbing the "tourist route" up to the top — the upper Exum route. It's long, but doesn't involve as much technical climbing. But at the valley floor launch point at Lupine Meadows the day before, our group of a dozen climbers decided too many others were already taking the same route. Would we mind joining a smaller group climbing the Wittich Crack route? "How hard is it?" we ask. "Just a pitch and a half of 5.7 climbing and a few more pitches of easy scrambling," we were told.

I pictured in my mind some of the summer's rock climbing outings. The 5.7 routes were always the easiest, but then they weren't climbs with a couple thousand feet of thin air below them like we would face on the mountain. "Sure," we said. "If you think we can do it, we'll do it." I hoped we sounded more confident than I felt. As we carefully

picked our way in the dark, up the slope toward the peak's Upper Saddle, the way continued to get steep, the scrambling harder and slower. We walked at a comfortable pace, pausing on a regular basis. Slowly, like the melting of ice, the sky began to lighten. As the sky brightened, we could occasionally see climbers on other routes. Excited voices, the words indiscernible, would sometimes carry around the mountain. "They're approaching Wall Street," Kurt said, pointing to a group of climbers led by hired guides. That route, called the Upper Exum, looked easier than ours, but much more exposed. The Wittich Crack route is actually a shortcut on the Owens-Spaulding Route. As we set up below our route, pulling on harnesses and helmets and eating snacks, we watched a commercially guided group disappear around the mountain on the Owens-Spaulding Route. Our route was just above the top of the Black Ice Couloir and across from the Enclosure on the Upper Saddle. By now the sky was bright and the Grand was casting its shadow almost into Idaho. Halfway up the Wittich Crack, the route seemed to be as billed: 5.7 climbing. Our fingers were getting numb from the early-morning cold, making climbing harder. On the west side of the mountain, we wouldn't be feeling the sun's warmth for a few more hours. At the top of the pitch, I was faced with a definite 5.9 move to get out and above the crack. There weren't any footholds for a guy in regular hiking boots. With numb fingers and a thousand feet of nothing below, it seemed like a 5.12 move.

"Hey, I thought this was supposed to be 5.7," I said to Mike above me. I couldn't see him until he leaned out and around a ledge he was standing on. "Don't worry, it's not as hard as it looks," he said with a voice full of confidence. "When you get over here there's a nice bomber hold you can pull yourself right on up with." I saw his hand patting a fat knob about six feet away. "If I can get to that," I thought. I did a pull-up on the horizontal crack that led to the ledge and shimmied

along the crack to the promised "bomber hold." Sure enough, as advertised, it felt great. I pulled up on to the ledge to a smiling, congratulatory Mike. "That was the hardest part of the route," he said.

"I hope so," I replied.

He was right. From that point on, the climb continued to get easier and less technical. Matt and I hustled to keep up with Kurt and Mike. About an hour later we were on the summit ridge. We coiled and stashed the ropes and scrambled up the last few hundred feet to the summit.

Standing on top of the Grand Teton is euphoric. The thought crossed my mind that many famous mountaineers and just plain famous people had stood on this same spot. With a clear day we had wonderful views. We were surprised to see so many other climbers on top. I'm used to being on top of peaks by myself or only with others in my party. Here, at 9:45 a.m., there was a crowd.

The crowd situation concerned Kurt. "There's going to be a cluster at the rap station," he growled. "We need to see if we can get ahead of them." We climbed down all the way to the first rappel spot without roping up. When we arrived we could tell there was trouble. There was already a group waiting for ropes to be tied in at the rappel strap. As we waited, more climbers showed up. So we sat. The wind picked up and I was wishing I had on fleece pants. I started to shiver a bit. A half hour later, it was finally my turn to rappel.

The first rappel goes down a section of the Owens-Spaulding Route. Your feet are in contact with the mountain the entire time. Most climbers rappel off the Grand to the Upper Saddle area to avoid a tough down climb and to speed the descent. At the second rappel point, we sat and waited again. A feeble sun was poking through some high clouds, but it was still cold. The

second rappel was a free rappel — no feet in contact with rock, hanging away from the mountain. I enjoyed it. The friction from the quick descent on the single rope warmed my frosty fingers. At the bottom of the second rappel it was noticeably warmer. The sun was starting to do its job. We gathered our gear left near the bottom of the Wittich Crack and began to climb down. Kurt and Mike were way ahead of us, tiny figures climbing to the lower saddle.

We arrived back at the Lower Saddle campground around 2 p.m. Although our permit allowed us to stay a second night, we decided to pack up and go. Matt was having fantasies about a McDonald's cheeseburger, fries and pop. I didn't care. My appetite had not yet returned. Mike and Kurt were already ahead of us. Neither of us was looking forward to carrying the huge packs down the mountain. It was murder. The constant pounding with 50-plus pounds on your back was a knee-breaker. We paused regularly for water breaks and to give our thigh muscles a rest.

About two miles above Lupine Meadows we met a chocolate-colored black bear a few feet from the trail. I expected him to flee as soon as he saw us, but he lingered. He was absorbed in a berry patch. Finally, about 10 yards away, he trotted off into the brush. "Never seen one that close before," said Matt. My body was so tired that I could barely register the excitement from seeing the bruin.

About a quarter-mile later another hiker was stopped on the trail. "There are two bears up ahead," he said with emotion. Two other hikers appeared. The five of us decided to walk past the bears together. It was a sow and cub. We circled around the pair well off the trail. The sow paid no attention — intent on cropping a berry patch. The cub, however, became curious and began to follow us. We shouted and threw small rocks and pine cones. The sow growled to her cub

and the youngster returned and sprinted up a nearby tree. Now I had a bit more adrenaline to help me hike the final boring mile back to the car.

It was close to 8 p.m. when we started to drive home. As we drove out of Grand Teton National Park, our eyes kept glancing over at the peak we had climbed.

"Wow! Wasn't that great," we kept repeating to each other. "Yeah! That was cool."

Jerry Painter is the co-author of "Trails of Eastern Idaho" with Margaret Fuller and the author of "Great Trails For Family Hiking — The Tetons." Contact Painter by e-mail at jpainter@idahonews.com.

For Sale: La Sportiva Lady Makalu's looking for new feet to fit...womens size 9 but run on the small side, in excellent shape, \$100 OBO, 524.6119

GPS Help Needed!

Susan Farnsworth has inherited a GPS 4000 XL Magellan without instructions on how to operate it. If anybody has instructions that might help please contact Susan at 524-2124.

Club Member Benefits

K & R Adventure Gear - is offering club members, with a current member card, a 10% discount on hiking, climbing, and outdoor equipment. For more information the web address is www.knradventuregear.com and email: knrgear@srv.net or call Kurt or Rebekah locally at 208.522.5279 or toll free at 1.877.369.7407.

Canyon Whitewater Supply - is offering club members, with a current member card, a 10% discount on rafting and kayaking non-sale

supply and accessory items. For more information call 208.522.3932

All Topo Maps on CD-ROM are now available to IAC members who have a current membership card at a 15% discount through Timberline Outfitters

Discount membership to the American Alpine Club. Singles may join the AAC for \$40 (instead of \$65) Couples may join for \$65 (instead of \$92.50). Applications must be accompanied by a copy of your Idaho Alpine Club membership card to get the discounted rates. Applications can be accessed on the AAC website:

<http://www.americanalpineclub.org> or at IAC general meetings.

10 % discount on (nonsale) outdoor equipment at the following stores:
--Idaho Mountain Trading, Shoup & B
--Timberline Outfitters, Eagle Rock Station
--Sports Korner, Inc., 660 Northgate Mile

\$1.00 discount at Stone Walls Climbing Gym

Discounts on Jerry Painter's Hiking and Biking guide books

Outdoor (nonrafting) gear is available for free use by paid up club members

Rafting gear available at a low rental fee

Connect with climbing, whitewater, hiking, backpacking, biking, ski, expertise

Great activity schedule

Two annual socials (January and August)

Specialized information on outdoor activities from local experts

Informative, fun, and even occasionally educational programs

And last but not least, a subscription to this wondrous newsletter. . .

Alpine Club Rental Gear:

Gear is available to paid-up members. Call the appropriate coordinator for more information.

North Face VE-24 tent--George Cole
Climbing helmets-- Leon Wolfram
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Caving helmets-- Dean K.
Carbide lamps-- Dean K.
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PLUS rafting equipment --Vickie Hulet

Newsletter Advertising

Members: Free space is usually available for members' ads for used or needed equipment. Free space (up to half pages depending on space) is also available to businesses that offer discounts to members.

Nonmembers: Half page ad - \$25
12 half-page ads, purchased at the same time - \$20 each for a total of \$240
Full-page ad - \$40
12 full-page ads purchased at the same time \$33.34 each for a total of \$400.

Stone Walls Rock Gym

Hours are 3:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m. Mon-Fri

1:00 a.m. -9:00 p.m. Saturdays

1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Sundays.

The gym offers a \$1 discount to Alpine Club members. *[Note: these hours may be out of date-- please call to check.]*

Web site news

Have you visited the Idaho Alpine Club's homepage at **<http://www.srv.net/~iac>** lately? Have you tried the great interactive features that have recently been added to the site:

* An IAC CLUB BULLETIN BOARD where you can post information, announcements, ask questions, make comments, whatever you'd like. It's like our own club newsgroup!

A 'SHARE-A-LINK' page where you can link to WWW sites submitted by members. You can even submit your own favorite links and they'll automatically be added to the list.

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