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## Anniversary Celebration at the Burger Sierra Retreat

**August 29 – September 1, 2003**

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**CLASSIFICATION:** Easy **COST:** Possible small donation for food cost.

**TRIP LIMIT:** Undetermined

**DESCRIPTION:** 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration at the Burger Sierra Retreat

The anniversary celebration has been set for Labor Day weekend, August 29 - September 1, 2003. This celebration is planned as an open house and we will be happy to have everyone stay over as space allows. Or, you may bring your camper or tent. We plan to serve large meals of simple food. If you have special dietary preferences or need to bring your own food, please notify us and we will work something out.

In 1943, Dallas Burger fell in love with the Mono Basin and bought the BSR, a semi-abandoned property. Many people have contributed to bringing the BSR from its original state to its present comfortable condition. This summer's celebration is an attempt to acknowledge all of this help and to validate Dallas' vision for this property. How clear his vision was is now apparent---the BSR is mentioned in books on cross-country ski touring, and a book on birding in national parks. Many groups, including the Lockheed Skunk Works, Audubon, JPL Hiking Club and Los Angeles Fire Department, have had enjoyable stays and/or work weekends. We have had three weddings at the property and we expect to host a music camp and a Mono Lake Committee Science Council meeting this summer as part of our sharing of this unique place.

As part of the celebration, we are putting together a booklet about the property and those who have fallen in love with it. If you have a story about some project, trip or happening, please get in touch and we will add it to the booklet. If you have photos (especially of the earlier days) or stories about Dallas or others, please send them along too, and we will try to include them. Please send your items by August 15.

Please let us know if you are able to attend so we can plan meals and accommodations. We can be reached at 2065 Los Robles Avenue, San Marino, CA 91108, by phone at 626-799-5545, or email at drburger@pacbell.net.

We hope you can be with us on this happy occasion.

With Warmest Regards,

Dale and Suzanne Burger

*If you have any questions, please call the Trip Leader.*

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