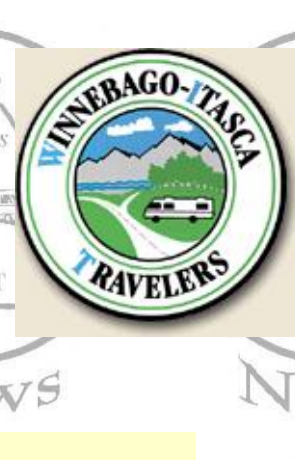




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Metro Atlanta Winnies July meeting

John and I (Leslie) Keener hosted an "alternative unofficial Metro Atlanta Winnie" camping weekend in Cleveland, GA at Leisure Acres RV Park over the July 18-20th weekend. We were joined by 3 other members, the Huelsbecks, Burtchs and Mjeldes for a full-moon weekend of relaxation and great memories. We started off with a mixture of appetizers, desserts, and updated menus - as there were no fresh bagels to be found in this part of Georgia. The Huelsbecks noticed a wall of ripe blueberry bushes as they drove in on Friday and it was decided by all that the Sunday morning breakfast should be changed to fresh blueberry pancakes.

After breakfast on Saturday, we drove to the "Three Sisters Vineyard" for a wine tasting experience that was quite fun. We were served and greeted by the proprietors Doug and Sharon Paul. This winery was the very first winery in Lumpkin County and is now one of five. The favorite wine had to be their award winning "Fat Boy Red". They also had a couple of other great flavors. After the wine tasting, our designated driver (Paula) drove us up to the gazebo for a breathtaking view of the vineyards and the Three Sisters Mountains - the vineyard's namesake. You'll see these mountains in some of the pictures.

After returning from the winery, we started thinking about our next breakfast, gathered our bags and buckets and went picking. We picked 3.5 gallons of fresh blueberries! We saved 2 cups for the pancakes, and split the rest! We had a great BBQ chicken dinner with John as our chicken griller, and sides dishes of sweet potatoes, mixed BBQ beans, pasta salad, lettuce salad and fresh baked bread. We finished off the evening with a campfire behind the Huelsbecks camper. Lots of reminiscing....roasted marshmallows and s'mores....mmmmm.

Early Sunday morning, the coffee started and so did the blueberry pancake cookin & flippin! They were the best we'd ever had! What a great weekend and opportunity to get better acquainted with our members and make some memories. The weather was great - extremely hot during the day but nice and cool at night. Thank you John & Ruth, Milt & Paula, and Arnie & Inger for joining us! We can't wait till we can do this again - next year!

Leslie Keener



Metro Atlanta Winnies Camping with the Keener's At Leisure Acres Campground, Cleveland, GA July 18-20, 2008 Pictures by Leslie Keener



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