

Minnesota Caving: by ET:

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Hi Gypsies: Well we did the MSS corn feed caving event which was more a social thing for us than caving. Then on the 28th we took 1 adult and two 9 year olds and one 12 year old into Spring Valley Caverns #1 and 4. One of the 9 year olds was my grand daughter who had never got down and dirty in a cave before so it was a new experience for her. she had forgotten how to belly crawl! she did well straddling too. a lot had to do with being goaded by her two male cousins. they all had a good time. Then on the 30th we dug for 7 hours in sinkhole on John Ackermans cave farm preserve. He had already used his back hoe (named the Cave Finder) to open up the main sink and we were just following the walls down. We were told of a recent sink hole accident where the sink hole had collapsed with John and one other caver in the passage way and Dave Gerboth had to use the Cave Finder to dig them out. If you knew Gerboth you would have been very scared. took Dave 1 ½ hour to dig them out to where they could get fresh air. Scary! We are thinking of doing the Hodag Hunt in Wisconsin and then maybe Cold Water Cave in Iowa before we leave the Midwest.

