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# ***HIGH BALL***

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## **Happy Holidays**

After a short break for the holidays, we are back with a December edition of Highball. I hope you are all having a safe and happy new year.



Winter descending on the railroad.

## Christmas Party



The annual Christmas party was December 3<sup>rd</sup>. Everyone enjoyed a turkey dinner of course with all the trimmings. If you missed mark your calendar for the first Saturday in December 2023.

## The Coal Tipple



The old black coal tipple was recently moved to make room for some new yard tracks. I thought you might be interested in its history. The tipple was built by Harry Herder for his Rock Valley Lines railroad north of Kalamazoo. When Harry's railroad was pulled up in the mid-80's the tipple moved to Tom Briggs 8 Ball Railroad. Tom donated it to the Mid-Michigan Railroad Club in 2005. I search for an old photo and the picture below from 1981 is the best I found.



The tipple next to Harry's engine house

## **2023 Run Day Schedule**

May 6-7, 20-21, 27-28

June 3, 10-11

July 1-2, 29-30

August 19-20

September 2-3, 16-17

October 7-8, 14-15, 21-22, 28-29

## **Signal Heads**



I recently began working on 3D printing a combination target and bezel to make signal heads. These will fit onto PVC conduit bodies with colored LED's to make signal heads.

Pat Patton

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