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**Cover:**

- This is not an April Fool thing, but the engineer that gets in this predicament sure feels foolish. I bought this photo and its “sister” pose (on page 11) at one of the shows. I think the Norfolk & Western units are GP-35’s and I would place it in the 1980’s. Where it is I haven’t the “foggiest”. I do know that, I myself, did this same sort of thing on the WF&P back in about 1984. At that time we didn’t run the full mile to the “Y” yet, and after turning the train at Mohan we would back up the hill EB past Summit. We were coming back west on a train pulled by Engine 400, a 4-6-2 Pacific. Coming over the Swampy Creek bridge I noticed some strange sounds under the engine, but did not stop on this “mountainous” downgrade. Before long we were at the new Zulu Switch and the engine decided to go up the middle just like the photo on this month’s cover.

**Contents:**

- The usual news tidbits, ramblings and commentary from DJN.
- Obituary for William Janssen.
- Story by Mike Haper entitled “My Friend Dave”.
- Article about proposed Metrolink extension in Madison County, Illinois.
- Article about East Troy Electric Railroad.
- Lots of great photos.