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MAINE CENTRAL

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Desk of
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Its April – the weather is warming – and the State of Maine is beginning to wrestle itself away from old Man Winter’s grip. Across the railroad MoW gangs are dealing with frost heaves – spikes that have decided to fly out of their winter den and the ever present wildlife that begin to make themselves felt at this time of year.

Over at the locomotive shops, our maintainers will find less snow and more mud beginning to clog things and it will finally be able to start painting things again as the weather improves to make painting tolerable and we can free up units from the extra power required to make winter’s traffic go.

Next month is my birthday and I’ll be making my annual inspection tour of the entire railroad and I look forward to meeting with many of you and discussing your comments, complaints and suggestions about the railroad at the stops on my Whistle Stop Tour.

See you, hopefully in person, next month!

- Joey Kelley

APRIL FOOLS!

Sorry folks! But I don't have the time to write ANOTHER tribute magazine to the history of another Maine railroad!

I'm focused on the Bangor and Aroostook and my new issues of the Maine Line Magazine – all about the B&A. If you haven't heard – I've been writing new issues every quarter (ish) for over three years now and there is, if I do say so myself, a lot of good material coming out about the Bangor and Aroostook. Check out the new Maine Line at: <http://mainelinemagazine.joeykelleyphoto.com/>

Click on 'Past Issues' for a complete listing – all are available and free. Enjoy!

Photos:

Top of the cover – 405 at Rigby – unknown photographer, August 1976, JoeyKelleyPhoto.com Collection

Main cover photo – 401 and 403 leading a line of B&A chip cars west through Orono, Maine. October 19, 1983, Michael Spearing Photo, JoeyKelleyPhoto.com collection

Next Page – Your 'author' and his father, Joe Kelley with Joe's since sold Maine Central 1160 nearly at the New Hampshire Line on the Mountain Division, June 26, 2018.

