

# Track to the Future



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## President's Message

Happy Spring to the Anacostia family! 2008 was a tough year and NYA was not immune to the woes of the regional and national economies. Our traffic levels in the construction sector began to fall-off at the end of 2007, and it was due to every employee's efforts that enabled NYA to weather the storm. I'm proud to say that we've had no layoffs. Through the cooperation of our workforce, the NYA had been able to reallocate T&E personnel to undertake car repair duties that now have actually begun to produce some revenue.

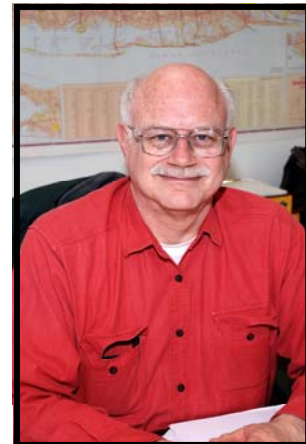
2008 saw changes in personnel in two key departments - equipment and track. I am very confident we have a solid foundation in these two areas that will enable NYA to handle the higher traffic levels that will come when the economy rebounds. Speaking of higher traffic levels, in March the NYA brought Waste Man-

agement on-line, and the One World/ Nicolia Lindenhurst siding is now operational. Blissville Yard is now ready for potential ethanol traffic in the future. All other things being equal, 2009 will bring some new traffic lanes to the NYA.

The challenges of New York City railroading remain. We are still operating over the LIRR with all of the attendant issues. Our connection with NS via the NYNJ RR now involves the huge bi-state Port Authority of NY & NJ agency, its new owner.

Looking to the future the path forward has at least some light at the end of the tunnel. Let's keep safe and keep moving forward!

**Paul Victor  
President**



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## Waste Management MSW Move

On February 16th New York & Atlantic and Anacostia top management (L-R Paul Victor, NYA Pres. / Peter Gilbertson / Bruce Lieberman / Joel Torres, NYA Chief Commercial & Operating Officer) are on hand for the first Waste Management Municipal Solid Waste move from Bushwick. Joel personally took the train to Fresh Pond. This move marks the beginning of a new revenue stream



## “Kings” Television Production



Television production comes again to the NYA on January 11th. A television show called “Kings” shot scenes in the Fresh Pond yard throughout the day and into the evening. This episode has a story -line about King David finding the Ark of the Covenant in a boxcar -no kidding.

## Track Maintenance Crew Photo-Op

NYA's track maintenance crew take a moment for the photographer -(L-R) Bob Clarke, Department Chief Edwin DeLeon, Rafael Contreras and Jorge Lopez. Bob was Con-rail's Chief Engineer and has taken Edwin as his protégé.



JR Ortiz performs a brake test. NYA enhanced its capabilities and income with its air certification. Even neighboring CSX in the Bronx doesn't have this capability.

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