

A Commingled Conversation

After working more than 30 years in an industry defined by slow-moving vehicles, it's no surprise that waste and recycling veteran Steve Viny likes to go fast. Be it motorcycles, cars or skis, that blur that just passed you by is probably Viny on the way to the next finish line. So enjoy a glass of fine wine with the man while you can.

Read on to learn more about what fuels Viny's jets in our informal Q&A.

with **Steve Viny**,
of Envision Holdings



What is your pet peeve?

People who do not tell the truth.

What is your idea of the perfect day?

Spending a warm sunny day at the lake/beach.

What is the best advice you've ever received?

"Always go with your gut. Your instincts will never let you down."

What was the last book you read?

"Twist of the Wrist," by Keith Code.

What is your favorite movie?

The Rocky series. I love a good underdog!

What is your favorite TV show?

"Homeland"

Beatles or Rolling Stones?

Wow! Tough call. It's a split decision.

What is the strangest piece of trash you've ever come across?

A World War II-era bomb (the kind that were dropped from airplanes). It was live and we had to call the bomb squad.

Do you prefer the beach or mountains?

Mountains for sure! I am an avid skier.

Besides your family, what is the one thing you couldn't live without?

Good friends.

If you could invite three people — living, dead or fictional — to a dinner party, who would they be?

Benjamin Franklin, Leonardo da Vinci and Steve Jobs; all great innovators.

If you weren't serving in your current role, what would you like to be?

A sommelier.

What is your favorite sports team?

The Cleveland Cavaliers.

If you could have one superpower, what would it be?

To be invisible.

What's the most adventurous thing you've done?

Ski Mont Blanc (the highest mountain in the Alps and in Europe). Before going on the lift I was fitted with a transponder, cleaves and a pack with a pick, shovel and rope. It was a 45-minute hike at 15,000 feet vertical along a narrow and treacherous path, then ski down the glacier to the bottom. One run takes all day!

What's the one talent you have that not many people know about?

Motorcycle racing.

If you have suggestions for future interviewees, send them along to **steven.averett@penton.com**.