

Ask Bill:

The column where you, the member, get to ask those questions that bother you so.

Q: Dear Bill,

What is the atomic weight of cobalt?

Signed, Dennis

A: Dear Dennis,

On page 187 of *Where is Joe Merchant*, Jimmy lists the atomic weight of cobalt as 58.93.

Hope that helps!

Q: Dear Bill,

Who invented liquid soap, and why?

Signed, Will

A: Dear Will,

You'd be surprised at how often I am asked just that. The answer is really quite simple. An Austin, Texas prison inmate, Rocky "Sweet Cheeks" Road, dropped the bar soap in the shower one day, and bingo, the idea for liquid soap was born. Or was that soap on a rope?

Anyway, you can rest easy now.

Q: Dear Bill,

Even though I didn't win the merchandise raffle, I still submitted my member survey at the end of 2002 and am wondering what the other members had to say.

Signed, Baba Bouie

A: Dear Baba,

Here's what everyone had to say:

1. What is your favorite club event?

#1 Holiday Party. Tied for #2: NE convention, road rally, monthly meetings, all of them. Tied for #3: cruise, SO events, pool party, Bust-N-Burn. Tied for #4: camping, SO dance.

2. If you could change one thing about your favorite club event, what would it be?

#1 nothing. Tied for #2: better meal at holiday party, better organized events, have 2 pool parties, have events on Sundays vs Saturdays.

3. In general, what kind of events would you like to see us add/drop?

Tied for #1: nothing, add more events on the south shore. Tied for #2: add a sporting event, breast cancer walk, another road race, more SO events, costume parties, more socials, weeknight event,

events with other local organizations, more one day events like the road rally, add a second monthly mtg.

4. What information about the club would you like to see us explain more in the Manana Times or web page?

#1 nothing. Tied for #2: better directions to all events, directions by train, want ad section, who decides what events are held, abbreviated mission statement in the masthead, more articles about members and events, bored of director roles, money raised and members involved, points/tickets.

5. Are there any changes you'd like to see in the Manana Times?

#1, nothing. #2: more pictures. Tied for #3: better copying, better editing, e-mail version, member application, neater layout, add color.

6. Are there any changes you'd like to see in the club web page <www.phcoem.com>?

#1 no. Tied for #2: make the wallpaper the club logo, input from other clubs, members only area accessed by ID#, add a calendar, old MT's compacted so they take less space, old pictures.

7. If I were going to ask you a question that is not included here, what would it be? And what would the answer be?

More fundraising north of north, add the town you are from to the name tags, set-up car pooling, have more ways to earn parrot points other than Saturday or that you have to spend money at.

There you have it Baba. Over the next year the Bored of Directors will work to incorporate as many ideas as possible into what we do. Thanks again to everyone that contributed ideas.

Survey Says