

HOBBY HISTORY

1956-1957 Demographics

[In the Jan/Feb 2005 issue, I ran current collector figures for the hobby by state. Here's a state-by-state breakdown of collectors from one of the 1956-1957 RMS Bulletins (my extract has no date)]

"An analysis of new members enrolled since September 1, 1956 (excluding reinstatements and reactivated members) indicates the following:

Source obtained: Albums	- 34
Other Publicity	- 5
Unknown	- 3
	Total 100

Members (32 different)	
In elective office	- 16
Others	- 42

Spread of Membership:

Total		New
5	Alaska	1
1	Arizona	
3	Arkansas	1
84	California	4
9	Colorado	2
18	Connecticut	3
2	Delaware	
6	D C	1
10	Florida	3
3	Georgia	
2	Idaho	
45	Illinois	9
16	Indiana	3
8	Iowa	
5	Kansas	
4	Kentucky	3
0	Louisiana	
13	Maine	
20	Maryland	2
29	Massachusetts	5
27	Michigan	2
Total		New

8	Minnesota	1
0	Mississippi	
7	Missouri	2
1	Montana	1
2	Nebraska	
0	Nevada	
1	New Hampshire	
35	New Jersey	3
1	New Mexico	
78	New York	21
2	North Carolina	
0	North Dakota	
37	Ohio	7
0	Oklahoma	
4	Oregon	
72	Pennsylvania	8
12	Rhode Island	
0	South Carolina	
1	South Dakota	
2	Tennessee	
20	Texas	4
0	Utah	
2	Vermont	
17	Virginia	4
7	Washington	
4	West Virginia	
15	Wisconsin	1
2	Wyoming	
2	Puerto Rico	
12	Canada	
21	Foreign	9

The above gives you an idea of where our membership is densest, where it is growing, and where it most needs developing."

Ed. It's interesting to note here that whereas RMS initially began with 100% of its membership in the East, within the next 15 years at the latest California was already its biggest contributor. [we're just natural born collectors out here!]. Also look at the whopping growth figure from New York, though. And, notice the very poor representation in the South. How on earth did we have FIVE collectors from Alaska? We've only had one from there from there for last 10-15 years or so.