

RMS INSTA-POLL

“What’s the main reason you don’t enter display contests?”

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<u>Response</u>	<u>Frequency</u>
-No time	15
-No interest	12
-Don’t attend events	9
-Don’t have the covers	6
-Difficulty in transporting displays	5
-No confidence	4
-I’ve won my awards; I’m making room for others	3
-Not artistically inclined	2
-Awards	1
-They’re outdated	1
-Don’t like moving covers	1
-Same people always win	1
-Voting is unfair	1
-N/A - I enter	16

Applicable comments:

-Pathological and chronic procrastination.

-I only enter if I'm going to win.

-I do and have, but after a while--it wears a bit on your covers, no matter how careful you are. I will still do some small displays for AMCAL, but I'll mostly be using Reichermount (sp?) boxes aka-specimen displays. They lay flat so the stuff inside doesn't have to be attached in some way.

-The RMS convention in Springfield was the first conference I've ever attended, so that is one reason. I have ideas for displays but they look pretty painstaking to assemble with all those little corners and lining covers up in straight rows.

-I still enter displays but not all the time because I honestly have more trophies & plaques that I don't have room for. Also, I want to see others win.

-Because they are horribly outdated, by decades. A modern day hobby embarrassment. Nothing more than an elementary school project without the macaroni and string...or in some cases with them.

-I don't like taking them out of my albums. I prefer to share images of my covers on social media and do all the time on historic sites. Adds a new dimension because everybody has the old postcards but usually not the covers.

-I have made a few displays and won, but it is usually same old winners all the time. So why knock myself out?

-I am from Canada and do not want to cross the U.S. border with displays in my car trunk! Border agents would be confused by the displays, and it may take a long time for them to let me go through - especially if the displays have real matches in them.

-I used to when I was a fairly new member. I stopped when I learned that a group of collectors did bloc voting, agreeing as to which display to cast a ballot for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places. In essence, a vote for first also included votes for second and third. One display: three votes times the number of people in the bloc. Would Trump say that the voting was rigged?

-I don't have enough materials re: a topic, category, theme, etc. Those folks that do them, do a really great job and put a lot of effort in. They deserve a lot of credit, and I am glad they are having fun doing them.

-I have enough trophies or plaque. I would enter more if they were cash prizes.

-I don't usually enter displays anymore...I've entered enough over the years and won lots of trophies... now where the hell do you put them all...so I've decided to let everyone else show off their collections.. Plus they are lots of work...