

# RMS INSTA-POLL

## “What’s one feature seen in other hobbies that you’d like to see in our hobby?”

[July - 39 responding]\*

-Better self promotion/more media recognition	5
-Hobby museum	4
-More younger members	2
-Valid price guide	2
-PayPal or like payment options	1
-Four-color by-monthly magazine	1
-More value for our collections	1
-Consolidated hobby (one club with everyone in it)	1
-More background on collectors	1
-Chat rooms	1
-Scans accompanying lists and all posted on club web site	1
-Availability of material to collect	1
-Acceptance of flats	1
-24 hr. HELP Tel #	1
-RMS should sell supplies	1
-Hobby seminars	1
-Larger membership	1
-Money	1
-More competition	1
-Better auction system	1
-More parties	1
-More e-mail addresses	1
-None/Can’t think of any	7

### Assorted comments:

> “Acceptance of samples. In almost every other collectors' hobby, samples are not only accepted, they are prized more than the actual items.

Matchbook samples are uncreased and unstapled and -- virtually -- unused. Their colors are bright, condition immaculate and graphics often superb.

Oh all right, they weren't FORMED into usable matchbooks. But other merchandise samples weren't meant to do the jobs of the actual items they represent either.

This "ban" on samples (called "flats") by RMS is outmoded and out-dated. Could you think of a more striking convention display than one of pristine and vividly colorful samples? Furthermore, with the shrinking availability of matchcovers, why not add this category for our collectors?"

> “Probably not so many clubs. Casino clubs: girly club, Big Boy club, etc. Yes, Liberty, Sierra Diablo, Long Beach. No. One club with everyone in it is better for the survival of the shrinking hobby. Besides it's not worth

getting 6 or 7 bulletins some of which are not worth reading.”

> “Maybe the hobby could have more competitions relating to collecting. If you did this for matchcover collecting, you could create categories and the amount of covers needed to be awarded a certificate. Certificates and the names of the collectors who have reached a certain level could be posted on the website. I think this might generate additional interest in the hobby.”

> “A better, more professional RMS auction system- use of online/lot advertising capability.”

> “I'd like to see a lot more e-mail addresses. Much easier to converse with other members.” [Ed. Amen!]

> “Actually, our hobby has more than other hobbies I participate in: meetings, newsletters, auctions, freebies, special gatherings.”

\*The small number responding is related to the open nature of the question (always happens!)