

**RMS INSTA-POLL****“How old and how many years in RMS?”***Sep—116 responding —88 males, 28 females***Age-Male Age-Female Years-Male Years-Female****Total: 88****Total: 27****Total: 88****Total: 28**

43 -1	32 -1	1 -2	3 -2
44 -1	42 -1	2 -4	4 -1
45 -2	46 -1	3 -1	5 -1
46 -2	47 -2	4 -4	6 -1
47 -1	53 -1	5 -3	7 -2
48 -2	54 -2	6 -1	8 -1
49 -1	56 -1	7 -2	10 -1
50 -1	58 -1	8 -1	12 -1
51 -1	59 -1	10 -3	13 -1
53 -1	60 -2	11 -2	15 -4
54 -5	61 -2	12 -3	17 -2
55 -2	63 -2	13 -2	18 -1
56 -1	64 -1	14 -1	19 -2
57 -3	65 -1	15 -7	20 -3
58 -3	66 -1	17 -1	25 -1
59 -4	68 -1	19 -4	26 -1
60 -2	69 -1	20 -8	27 -1
61 -6	72 -2	21 -3	28 -1
62 -2	76 -1	22 -3	30 -1
63 -4	79 -1	23 -3	
64 -5	82 -1	24 -4	
65 -7		25 -2	
66 -3		26 -3	
68 -3		27 -4	
69 -4		30 -5	
70 -1		32 -1	
71 -3		34 -2	
72 -1		35 -1	
73 -5		37 -1	
75 -2		39 -1	
77 -2		40 -2	
78 -1		45 -1	
80 -1		55 -1	
81 -2		56 -1	
83 -2			
84 -1			

I was afraid that I wouldn't hear from a significant number of the ladies because I was asking their age, but I actually heard from a larger number than usual!

Well, we've always known that this was hobby dominated by 'seniors', but, still, it's a little startling when you actually look at these stats. The youngest person responding, out of 116 collectors, was 32 years old, and the oldest was 84.

The average age.....**62**.

Males = 63

Females = 58

The average years in RMS was.....**18**.

Males = 19

Females = 15

I could go into the various factors for the absence of younger collectors and the vast preponderance of not just adults, but retirees, in the hobby, but that's been hashed over a number of times before. One thing that seems to be surprising, though, in light of the age statistics here, is that we don't get a higher attendance at our meetings, swapfests, and conventions.

With such senior-dominated numbers, you'd think that we'd be dealing with a fairly affluent group, free of time constraints, and quite able to go wherever they wished, whenever they wished. Yet attendance is still poor. Is it that our activities are just not attractive enough (which has been our traditional take on this), or are there other factors overriding everything else? Your thoughts?