

RMS INSTA-POLL

“Once you have your covers in albums, how often do you actually look at them (on the average)”

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-Very frequently	3
-Frequently	40
-Infrequently	57
-Almost never	10

Well, now I don't feel so guilty! I happened to think of this question when the thought went through my mind one day that I only went into my albums once or twice a year (to see if incoming covers were dupes or not)...and I haven't gone into some of my albums in over a year or more! *[I'm discounting all those times I use them to get covers to run pics in bulletins]*

So, I started wondering...“Gee, am I losing touch with my covers? Losing my enthusiasm for them?” Well, it turns out I'm ‘normal’!

The largest group of respondents said they only look at their covers infrequently, and almost 10% stated that they almost never looked at their covers. Putting those two groups together and comparing them to the very frequently and frequently groups, we get 67 as opposed to 43. A paltry 3 collectors (that's .02%) indicated that they look at their covers very frequently.

What does it all mean? Perhaps different things to different people. For myself, I think it's an indication that the 'hunt' is more important than enjoying the cover after it's been acquired. I'm still rather fanatical about collecting, and I certainly appreciate the beauty, history, and import of the covers I see and those I eventually obtain, but the emphasis is on the collecting, rather than the housing, storage, and archiving...even though it's all part of collecting.

Sample comments:

-Depends on the time of year and if I'm doing a display for club or for RMS. Sitting at home in the Fall and Winter gets more looks than a Summer day.

-Frequently, I like to know what I have.

-Frequently. How else do you check out if the cover is new especially if you have 20,000 plus covers in just one category!!!

-Frequently; it's why I put them there. Turning organized pages is better than sifting, or digging through boxes of covers. And finally, I have categories in which the names & graphics (Italian restaurants) is why I collect them, so yes, I go back to them and enjoy the fruits of my labors!

-Infrequently. I spend most of my time on my collection putting new covers into the albums, so most of the time spent looking at the old covers is while I am adding new covers to a particular album.

-Infrequently because there is not very much out there to collect anymore. When I attend a club meeting I hope to find something I do collect, and that is when I check out my albums.

-Infrequently, since I use whatever time I have to sort and arrange all the other covers that are waiting to be processed.