

RMS INSTA-POLL

“What Do You Do With Your Old Bulletins?”

[In November, using e-mail, I polled members on the above question. Unfortunately, I don't have e-mail addresses for most of the membership. Still, 90 collectors responded, which is over a 10 % sampling, so I think that's a valid sampling]

Responses:

65 Keep them

- James Benes, NJ, keeps his bulletins in wooden magazine holders.
- “I save them in chronological order in plastic bins.” Tracie Cutright, PA
- James Mathot, MA, removes the staples, cuts on the fold, 3-hole punches, and puts everything in a binder.
- Wilton Mason, LA; Kathie Williman, MD, and several others also keep theirs in binders.

4 Get rid of them

- Richard Hopp, CA, scans the articles he wants into his computer and then disposes of the hard copy.

5 Keep them for a short while and then dispose of

- Cliff Denniss, CT, keeps his in his bathroom, along with *Time*, before eventually disposing of them *[can't beat good reading material!]*

8 Keep them for a few years and then dispose of

8 Keep selected articles/issues and dispose of the rest

- A number of collectors noted space limitations in saving bulletins. Several went on to point out that they take out various articles for reference and then get rid of the remainder. For example...
- “All the articles regarding categories we collect are removed (photocopying backs of pages if necessary), slipped into plastic sleeves and put in the fronts of the albums along with the matches for that category. Lists are saved in a separate notebook reserved for lists (again after making copies to go with categories), Old MM info, etc - a good reference book. Mailbag Q & A also are saved with the categories. What's left isn't much till we're done with them.” Donna Longenecker, PA.
- Julie Killingbeck, IN, also keeps selected articles in binders.

A number of the supplementary responses were noteworthy, as well:

- James Radloff, WI, is working with his local library to take his bulletins for use by the general public.