

RMS INSTA-POLL

*“What's your main pet peeve about the hobby?
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- Whiners! (people who contribute little or nothing but are the first to complain) (6)
- Lack of traders. (4)
- No peeves about the hobby (3)
- Collectors hoarding covers (2)
- Receiving junk trades (2)
- Almost all the conventions being back East (2)
- Most collectors don't collect full-books; too few to trade with (2)
- Inaccurate labeling/descriptions of covers on ebay and in club auctions. (2)
- Members who put cut, dirty covers in auctions...and a nice cover on top! (2)
- Little or no response to E-mails or letters to fellow collectors about trading match covers (2)
- That there's not enough people in it!! (1)
- Lack of younger collectors. (1)
- Too much emphasis on social activities at hobby gatherings (1)
- Holding events at places that do not have matchbooks with their names. (1)
- I live outside of an easy to reach club (1)
- No matchcover events, other than a local club, in the Chicagoland area. (1)
- Number of categories collected is problematic (1)
- In display contests, many vote for the displayER, not the display, giving novices little chance of winning! And this happens with BLOCKS of voters!!! (1)
- The "we've always done it this way" attitude that seems to pervade the hobby (1)
- Getting the staples out of some books without damage (1)
- Struck covers on freebee table (1)
- Receiving covers in the mail that I donated for the freebie tables(1)
- New collectors are pretty much ignored. (1)
- Some "collectors" load up with covers from the freebie tables and then make lots and sell them, either on ebay or at the swapfests. (1)
- Most collectors are more concerned about their collection than they are about the HOBBY (1)
- Staying together groups when you go to an outside meeting , such as RMS (1)
- Not enough cover dealers at conventions (1)
- People telling you, "I don't have time to look right now, but I'll get back to you." [and they never do] (1)
- Apathy (toward actively supporting RMS and it's convention (1)
- Clubs that don't mail a yearly roster (1)
- Hard to get info on MBC's of the good ol' days, mainly because there are very few collectors left that maintain databases (1)
- Person who grabs, takes, without sharing (i.e., room hopping (1)
- I can't win all of the great D.Q.'s and older covers on ebay that I want! (1)
- No plastic pages for 10s (1)
- Lack of participation (1)
- No one answers ads in the bulletins (1)
- We should accept struck and bobbed covers (1)
- Opening boxes, especially foreign (1)
- Not enough time to deal with what I have (1)
- Selfish, greedy, predatory collectors taking advantage of less experienced collectors. (1)
- My own "Pack-rat" mentality (1)
- No or few new matches available. (8)
- Canadian postal rates are getting very high especially when sending covers to the U.S. (1)

[I put these separately because the hobby has no control of them]