

RMS INSTA-POLL

“How many times a year do you use the RMS web site?...And which parts do you use most often?”

[July - 63 responding]

<u>How Often a Year?</u>	<u>Which Parts?</u>
-Constantly.....3	-Convention Central.....23
-Several dozen times.....1	-Bulletin Archives.....8
-Frequently.....1	-Category Data Base.....8
-48 times.....1	-Collector On-Line.....5
-30 or more times.....1	-E-mail addresses.....5
-25-30 times.....1	-Upcoming Events.....4
-24 times.....1	-Pictures.....3
-15-20 times.....1	-All.....3
-15-18 times.....1	-Trading Center.....2
-12-20 times.....1	-Want Lists.....2
-12 times.....2	-Classified Ads.....2
-10-12 times.....1	-Membership app.....1
-Several times.....2	-Display info.....1
-6 times.....3	-Links.....1
-5-7 times.....1	
-5-6 times.....1	None.....11
-5 times.....1	
-4-5 times.....1	
-4 times.....5	
-3-4 times.....2	
-3 times.....1	
-2-3 times.....2	
-2 times.....2	
-1-2 times.....3	
-1 time.....1	
-0-1 times.....1	
-Rarely.....5	
Inactive.....1	
Never.....10	

Note: a number of respondents did not identify which parts.

Pertinent comments:

-”Sorry to say that I rarely use the RMS website as there is not much there that seasoned collectors like me need to access. Would be great to have a posting of the many "lists available", or a more readily updated "biggest collections" posting, both of which I use often. A photo section on "notable or winning displays" from the swapfests and RMS would be an attraction, as would an "estate RMS auction", or somehow making the convention auctions open to all members, not just those who attend a convention. Maybe a posting of "helpful hints" for getting maximum return on your auction lots, or making winning displays, or posting of the glossary (maybe it is already there?) Lots of possibilities to boost use of an underused asset in my mind. Maybe we need a new RMS position of "RMS Webmaster" to build upon the great start that you have done. I know it all takes time to do. Not meant to be critical in any way, but you asked.”

-Ed. *To address some of your suggestions...The Master List of Lists is posted at <http://matchpro.org>. RMS used to run an auction, but it was discontinued due to lack of participation. I don't get enough input to run the "Largest Collections" listing more frequently; besides, collectors need time to build up their collections. There are display pics on the web site; they're also run in the annual Nov/Dec Convention bulletin issues. We've run "making displays" articles before. There is a 'Tips' page on the web site.*

-”Mostly I look for convention news, but have to say the limited info currently available including a lack of any tentative schedule is very disappointing. The site also lacks a lot of valuable collecting info that should be present. I would use it much more if the info was better.”

-Ed. *Ref convention news, if it ain't there, I haven't received it. What other info is lacking?*

The Convention workers will be heartened to see that that section of the web site is the part most frequently accessed.