

RMS INSTA-POLL

“RMS Roster”

[May - 117 responding]

1. How frequently do you use the RMS Roster?
 - a. Frequently - **29**
 - b. Occasionally - **53**
 - c. Hardly ever - **35**

2. Roster availability options: Which of these would you be most in favor of?
 - a. Roster posted on web site (password-protected) with hard copies available to any members upon request (but no more mass mailing to everyone) - **81**
 - b. Roster available upon request (no more mass mailing to everyone) - **12**
 - c. Keep mailing hard copy roster to everyone - **21**

First off, one person said I was skewing the results just by asking on-line members about an on-line roster. Not so. The goal of the survey was to see if on-line members *would be willing* to use an on-line roster.

While the results overwhelmingly show they would, I am totally perplexed by the votes for options ‘b’ and ‘c’. I must be missing something here. If you’re a person who wants a hard copy roster, why would you vote for ‘b’ or ‘c’, thereby denying an on-line roster to those collectors who want an on-line roster, when *all* of the options give you your hard copy roster? Perhaps there was some anxiety about having your name and address posted on the internet at all? But that information (and much more) is already all over the internet...and it’s not password protected, either.

Additional suggestions submitted by respondents included:

- Post dues due date on roster
- Should have more telephone numbers and e-mail addresses listed
- Having the roster in a usable digital format for printing address labels, adding additional fields for personal notes, such as what clubs a person belongs to, what swapfests & conventions they attend(ed), what awards they've won, more detailed collecting categories, etc., would be a boon to the hobby. The roster should be emailed to members with an email on file (this will encourage more to do so!) or downloadable in a spreadsheet format (i.e., MSXcel - not pdf !) from the RMS website by paid-up RMS members for free. Printed and mailed copies should be available upon request for a nominal fee above their dues, say \$5 - \$7.50.
- If you want a hard copy then request one and pay extra for it. I belong to a beer club that has 200 members. The dues is so little as long as you take the newsletter by e mail. If you want a hard copy then you have to pay extra for it. I know a lot of members may not have e mail, but you can go to a library or office supply chain and they will print it for you. Only 10 members pay for a hard copy out of the 200. Saves a ton of money and time.
- Mail out hard copy roster to everyone once a year [*of course, that would double the roster expenses*]
- Several people suggested lower dues for those who opted out of hard copy rosters

Note: A few people didn't indicate an option, so the numbers, when totaled, don't all equal each other.