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East vs. West

I recently returned from a very enjoyable AMCAL. I arrived Tuesday and left very early on Friday morning in order to beat the L.A. area traffic. The Palm Springs location was beautiful, and everyone commented on how nice the lodging was. It got up to 105 while we were there, but I didn't feel it at all.

The rooms had flat screen TVs. I haven't watched TV in some 20 years, but I always have it on at AMCAL while I sort covers in my room. I found the programming to be very repetitious, and there were even more commercials that there were 20 years ago.

There were 26 registered attendees, but it always felt like more since the freebie tables were always crowded and there were always people milling around in any event.

Still, I couldn't help notice that there wasn't a single collector there from the East...and it's always the Eastern collectors who complain that not enough collectors from the West take

several days off, fly across the continent, and spend \$1000+ to attend the RMS conventions.

Out-of-staters who *did* attend included Nancy Smith, NV; Dan & Kathy Bitter, OK; Richard Giardini, CO; Tom Meek, FL; and Denis Bouchard, CAN.

Kudos to Denise McKinney and her helpers for a fine AMCAL.