

RMS INSTA-POLL

“What’s the most you ever spent?”

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| <u>Single Cover</u> | | <u>Single Lot</u> | | <u>Collection/ Accumulation</u> | |
|---------------------|------|-------------------|-----|-------------------------------------|-----|
| \$0.03 | - 1 | \$0.10 | - 1 | | |
| \$1.00 | - 2 | \$2.50 | - 1 | \$5.00 | - 1 |
| \$1.50 | - 1 | \$5.00 | - 1 | \$20.00 | - 1 |
| \$2.00 | - 4 | \$8.00 | - 1 | \$25.00 | - 2 |
| \$3.00 | - 2 | \$10.00 | - 1 | \$30.00 | - 1 |
| \$3.50 | - 1 | \$11.50 | - 1 | \$40.00 | - 2 |
| \$5.00 | - 5 | \$15.00 | - 2 | \$50.00 | - 1 |
| \$6.00 | - 1 | \$18.00 | - 1 | \$60.00 | - 1 |
| \$7.00 | - 2 | \$20.00 | - 5 | \$65.00 | - 1 |
| \$7.50 | - 1 | \$25.00 | - 2 | \$70.00 | - 1 |
| \$8.00 | - 2 | \$30.00 | - 3 | \$75.00 | - 1 |
| \$10.00 | - 12 | \$35.00 | - 4 | \$80.00 | - 1 |
| \$11.00 | - 1 | \$37.00 | - 1 | \$85.00 | - 1 |
| \$11.50 | - 1 | \$40.00 | - 2 | \$95.00 | - 1 |
| \$12.00 | - 1 | \$42.00 | - 1 | \$100.00 | - 5 |
| \$12.50 | - 1 | \$45.00 | - 2 | \$125.00 | - 1 |
| \$13.00 | - 1 | \$50.00 | - 2 | \$175.00 | - 1 |
| \$14.00 | - 1 | \$53.00 | - 1 | \$180.00 | - 1 |
| \$15.00 | - 2 | \$55.00 | - 3 | \$200.00 | - 1 |
| \$17.50 | - 1 | \$60.00 | - 1 | \$250.00 | - 2 |
| \$18.00 | - 1 | \$71.41 | - 1 | \$267.50 | - 1 |
| \$20.00 | - 5 | \$75.00 | - 4 | \$300.00 | - 1 |
| \$25.00 | - 8 | \$80.00 | - 2 | \$350.00 | - 2 |
| \$27.00 | - 1 | \$85.00 | - 3 | \$400.00 | - 4 |
| \$35.00 | - 1 | \$100.00 | - 1 | \$450.00 | - 1 |
| \$39.00 | - 1 | \$110.00 | - 1 | \$500.00 | - 1 |
| \$45.00 | - 2 | \$120.00 | - 2 | \$600.00 | - 1 |
| \$54.00 | - 1 | \$125.00 | - 2 | \$625.00 | - 1 |
| \$65.00 | - 1 | \$150.00 | - 3 | \$700.00 | - 1 |
| \$85.00 | - 1 | \$175.00 | - 1 | \$1,100.00 | - 1 |
| \$90.00 | - 1 | \$200.00 | - 2 | \$1,500.00 | - 3 |
| \$100.00 | - 1 | \$250.00 | - 2 | \$1,600.00 | - 1 |
| \$125.00 | - 1 | \$300.00 | - 2 | \$1,800.00 | - 1 |
| \$135.00 | - 1 | \$325.00 | - 1 | \$2,000.00 | - 1 |
| \$155.00 | - 1 | \$450.00 | - 1 | \$2,300.00 | - 1 |
| \$200.00 | - 1 | \$500.00 | - 1 | \$2,500.00 | - 1 |
| \$325.00 | - 1 | \$1,500.00 | - 1 | \$3,500.00 | - 1 |
| \$455.00 | - 1 | \$1,800.00 | - 1 | \$5,000.00 | - 3 |
| \$800.00 | - 2 | | | \$6,000.00 | - 1 |
| \$1,100.00 | - 1 | | | \$6,500.00 | - 1 |
| | | | | \$10,000.00 | - 1 |

n/a - 5 n/a - 13 n/a - 27

“Lot”, here, includes covers, peripherals, etc.
“n/a” = never purchased

*The \$1,100 for a single cover was for a Lindbergh cover.

*The lower priced expenditures for Collections/Accumulations definitely tended to be for accumulations.

Quite a spread in all three categories! As you look *down* the results, it somewhat riddles the traditional view of the hobby being “cheap”. Of course, this is about *buying* covers, and it’s not necessary to buy covers to *get* covers.

A lot of the smaller denominations, I expect, were for material obtained from flea markets, yard sales, local accumulations, and such.

\$10 - \$25 was the most frequent range in the singles area; \$20 - \$75 for lots; and \$100 - \$400 for accumulations/collections.

I was most interested in the larger figures. Before the results came in, I couldn’t have guessed what the highest figures would be, except, perhaps, a Lindbergh purchase as a single. I’d personally, never heard of a collection going for \$10,000, but then, while we frequently hear about the sales of collections, we rarely are privy to the final purchase prices. And the results here are certainly not the highest figures. just what was reported for this particular survey. Still, it gives one an idea.

If I’m still around in ten years, I’ll do this one again. I’d be interested in seeing if the results would be substantially different—significantly higher, I would guess.

As usual, thanks to all who took the time and effort to respond.

.....*Knowledge is power!*