

RMS INSTA-POLL

“Would you stay in your regional club(s) if there was no bulletin? What about if there were no regular meetings? [Regional clubs only, not RMS or specialty clubs]

[November - 93 responding]

No bulletin

Yes	No	Maybe/NA
49	41	3

I'm beginning to appreciate the problems that professional pollsters face! No matter how I phrase the questions, some people always interpret them in unexpected ways! I meant the questions here to apply to the SEVERAL regional clubs that most collectors belong to, not just the one that happens to be in their area, but most of the answers were seemingly based on LOCAL clubs only, so take that into consideration when you examine the responses. *[The problem on my end is that the longer I make the poll question, the fewer respondents I get, so I try to keep it as short as I can]*

No meetings

Yes	No	Maybe/NA
52	38	3

52.6% said they would stay in their clubs with no bulletin (but the assumption for almost all was that there would still be meetings). 55.9% said they would stay with no club meetings (but the assumption for almost all was that there would still be a bulletin). A few said they would stay with no meetings and no bulletins! (you might wonder why—One respondent said it was worth belonging just for the opportunity to find out who the other collectors were).

People are opting to stay in their clubs with no meetings, but providing there is a bulletin (although some collectors said they would stay in their LOCAL club even if there were no bulletins and no meetings)

There are clubs that have no meetings: Garden State and Sierra-Diablo; there are others which only meet once a year, at the RMS convention. Great Lakes MC recently announced it was doing away with its regular bulletin; Penn-Ohio MC doesn't have a bulletin. Almost all other club bulletins have been shortened and/or have become less frequent.

Appropriate comments:

-No & No. What would be the point? The newsletters and meeting keep the clubs together.

-I belong to 10 clubs. What would be the point of belonging to a club where I never received any news or hobby information.

-*[meetings?]* Yes, this is the case with Keystone-Lehigh. We meet only once a year at the annual swapfest.

-With the internet now so efficient for communication, I think regional clubs could still be successful with just e mail and internet access

-Yes to both questions, but with questions about what services would be remaining to merit the annual dues.

-Why travel a good distance for a meeting that starts late and is over quickly? Keep a bulletin, but it doesn't have to be fancy, color not always important

-I would not belong without a bulletin-that is how I keep in tune.