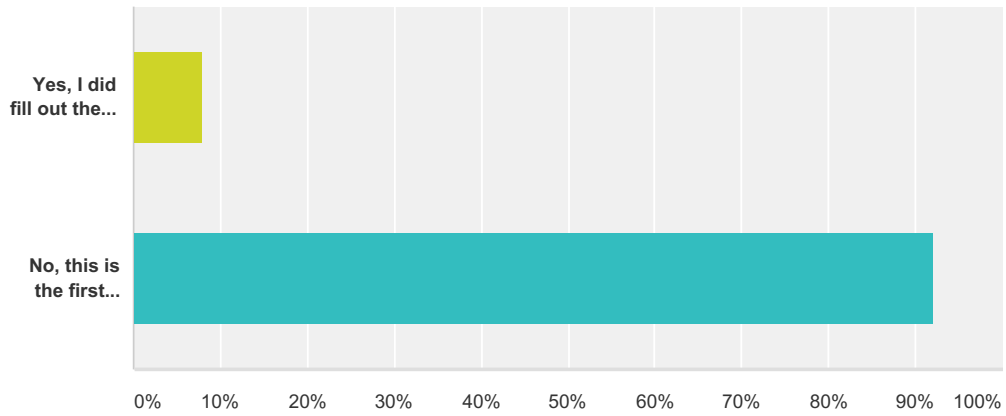


Q1 Did you submit the printed survey on conventions in Indianapolis?

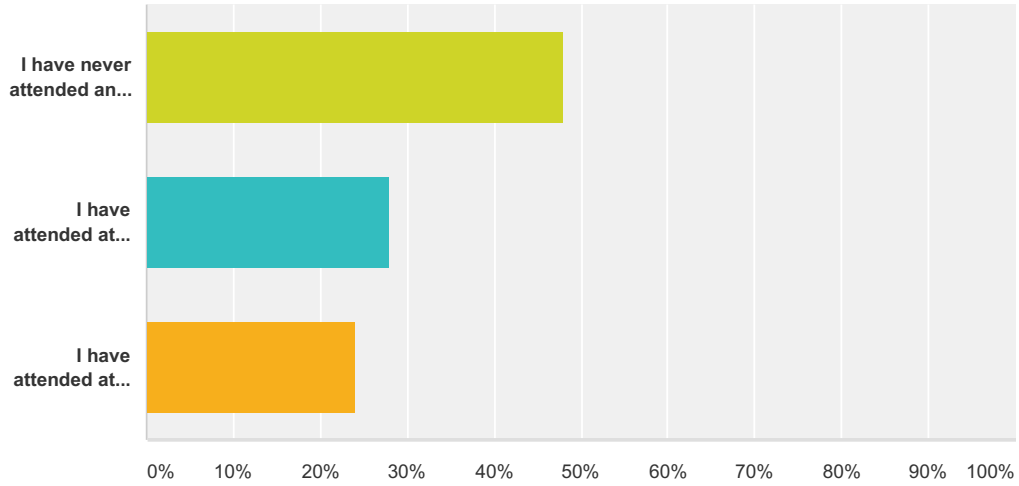
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Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes, I did fill out the survey form in Indianapolis.	7.84%	8
No, this is the first written input I've submitted on LCCA conventions (or at least I don't remember submitting the printed form).	92.16%	94
Total		102

Q2 Which of these statements best describes your LCCA convention attendance?

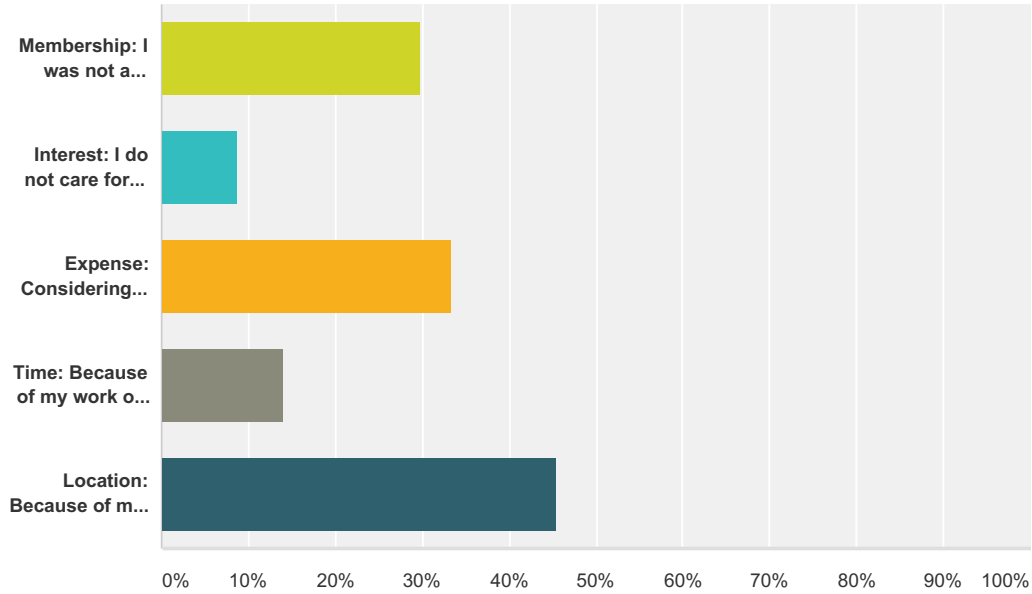
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Answer Choices	Responses
I have never attended an LCCA convention.	48.00% 48
I have attended at least one LCCA convention but not in the past three years.	28.00% 28
I have attended at least one of the latest three LCCA conventions.	24.00% 24
Total Respondents: 100	

Q3 If you have never been to an LCCA convention, may we ask why? Please select the MAIN reason, but if two or more reasons are equally important, you can select more than one.

Answered: 57 Skipped: 48



Answer Choices	Responses
Membership: I was not a member of LCCA before now and had no opportunity to attend although I might have done so.	29.82% 17
Interest: I do not care for conventions and normally have no interest in attending any.	8.77% 5
Expense: Considering travel, lodging and registration fees, I find conventions to be too expensive.	33.33% 19
Time: Because of my work or other considerations, I do not have time to attend conventions.	14.04% 8
Location: Because of my location, attending conventions requires too much travel.	45.61% 26
Total Respondents: 57	

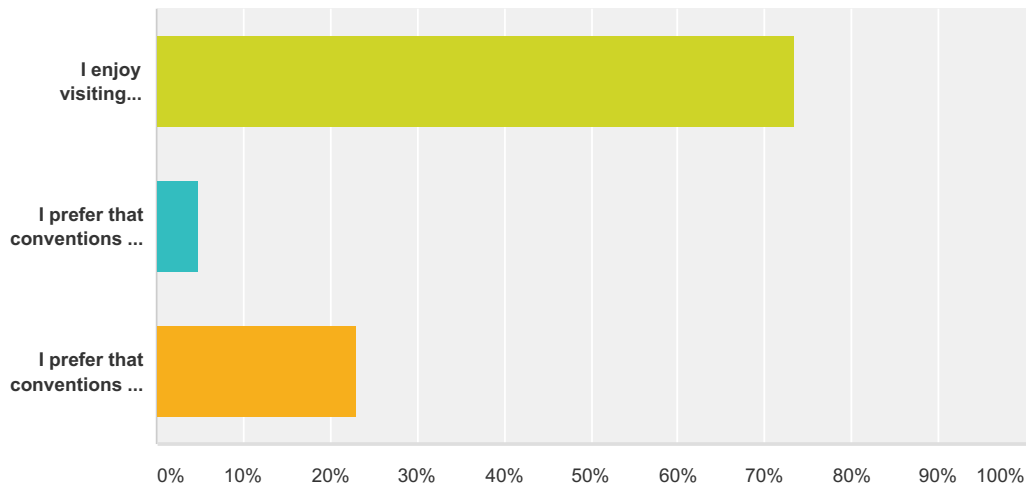
#	If we forgot a reason, tell us what you WOULD have selected!	Date
1	Not a member	5/30/2016 5:05 AM
2	Schedule for 2014 did not allow my attendance	7/20/2015 7:24 PM
3	I have attended the last 6 and enjoyed them all.	12/2/2014 9:54 AM
4	I live in central California and all but one (which I attended) was in the eastern states and as I am 75, I don't like to travel that far. The other clubs (TCA, TTOS, etc.) have conventions out here as well as back east so I go to most of them.	11/23/2014 4:13 PM
5	I have been to Two (2) one in Sacramento and the LCCA/LOTS in 2000. I wish you would have more on the WEST COAST!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!	11/21/2014 3:34 PM

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6	I moved from the midwest and now live in Montana. I now must plan 1 1/2 year in advance and save my money. It helps to know 2 or 3 years out where the future conventions are going to be. It is not too late to begin planning for here the 50th convention will be. Also, to begin thinking about items to sell as part of that party. I would be willing to help with that endeavor. phone 406.317.1246. Norman Fry 1813 s. reserve st. #51, Missoula mt. 59801-6469	11/21/2014 3:23 PM
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Q4 Where should conventions be held?

Answered: 83 Skipped: 22



Answer Choices	Responses
I enjoy visiting different parts of the country and like conventions to be in a new location each year.	73.49% 61
I prefer that conventions be in the same location from year to year, but the specific location does not matter to me.	4.82% 4
I prefer that conventions be in a specific location that is easily accessible to me. (Please identify the location in the comment block below.)	22.89% 19
Total Respondents: 83	

#	If you chose the third response, please identify the location.	Date
1	Midwest	9/3/2015 7:39 PM
2	Colorado, Montana, Wyoming, or South Dakota are rationally accessible to me. Might be able to get to Nebraska, Minnesota or Wisconsin but probably no farther than that.	11/17/2015 10:11 PM
3	Midwest United States	12/27/2014 1:04 PM
4	I rarely attend conventions of any type. If I did attend, location wouldn't matter.	12/19/2014 3:36 PM
5	more central location--coast conventions to far and I believe would not reach most members and a central location draws from 4 directions instead of 3.	12/14/2014 1:18 PM
6	Having the conventions in "smaller" cities or near big ones has provided my wife and I with great "excuses" to visit places we might never had on our radar. The convention folks have done an outsanindg job of selecting varied spots.	12/2/2014 9:57 AM
7	I only travel within the Midwest.	12/1/2014 6:38 PM
8	Southern California	11/27/2014 3:41 PM
9	How about Disneyworld (area) or Las Vegas again.	11/26/2014 11:11 AM
10	Direct flight from LGA or JFK.	11/26/2014 12:08 AM
11	No comment	11/22/2014 3:10 PM
12	I like alternating east / west coast	11/22/2014 4:52 AM
13	West Coast	11/21/2014 11:14 PM
14	Chicago area	11/21/2014 7:44 PM
15	Lansing, Michigan	11/21/2014 7:41 PM
16	Within a 1-day drive from Indianapolis	11/21/2014 6:40 PM

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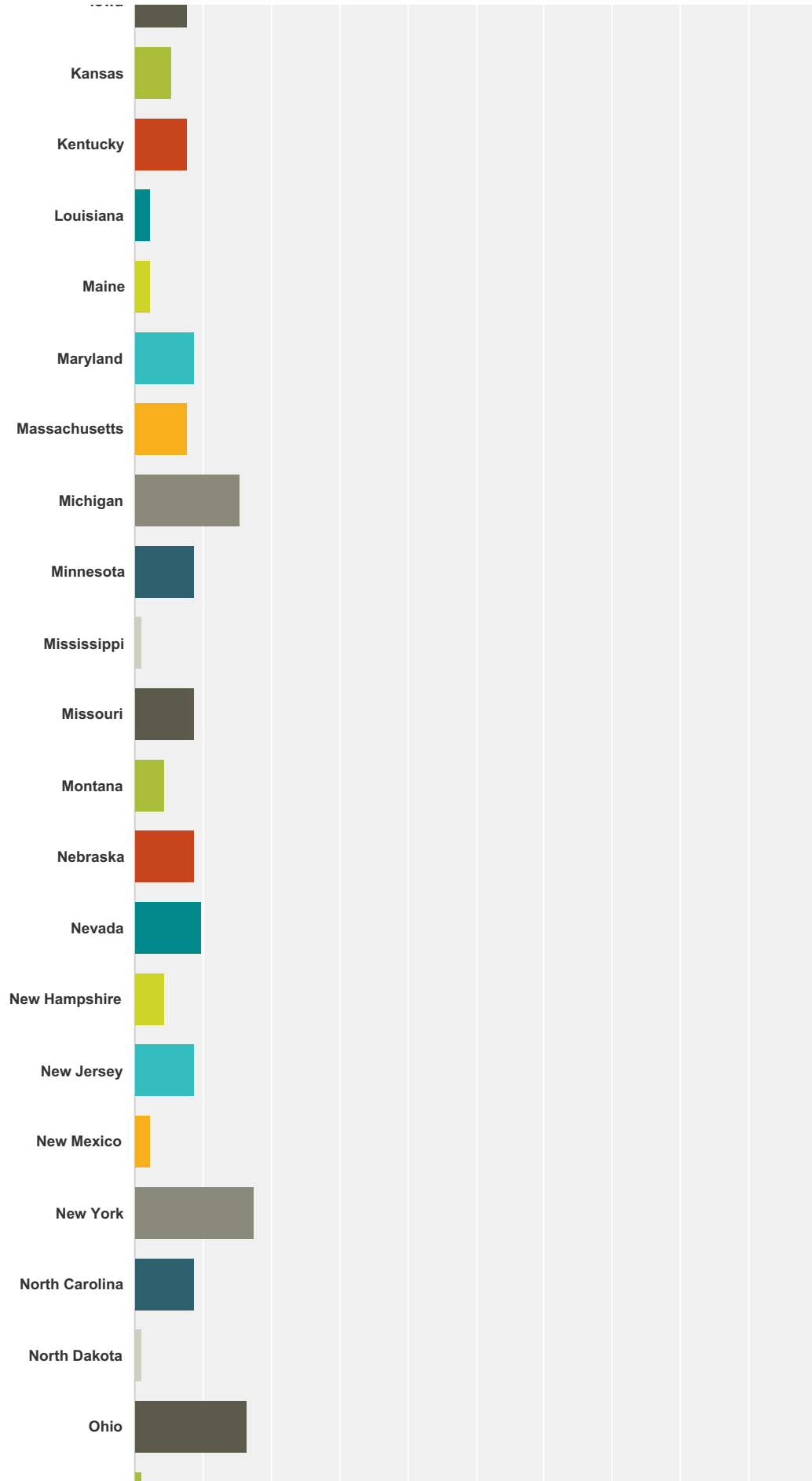
17	Western South Dakota, eastern Wyoming, or northern Colorado.	11/21/2014 6:11 PM
18	New England	11/21/2014 5:56 PM
19	Somewhere central, St.Louis, Chicago, Indianapolis, KC	11/21/2014 3:38 PM
20	One the WEST and then on the East Coast or middle	11/21/2014 3:36 PM
21	Midwest	11/21/2014 3:19 PM

**Q5 In what parts of the country would you be most likely to attend a convention?
(Multiple choices are permitted, but please be realistic and consider, for instance, the travel and lodging costs in the areas you select.)**

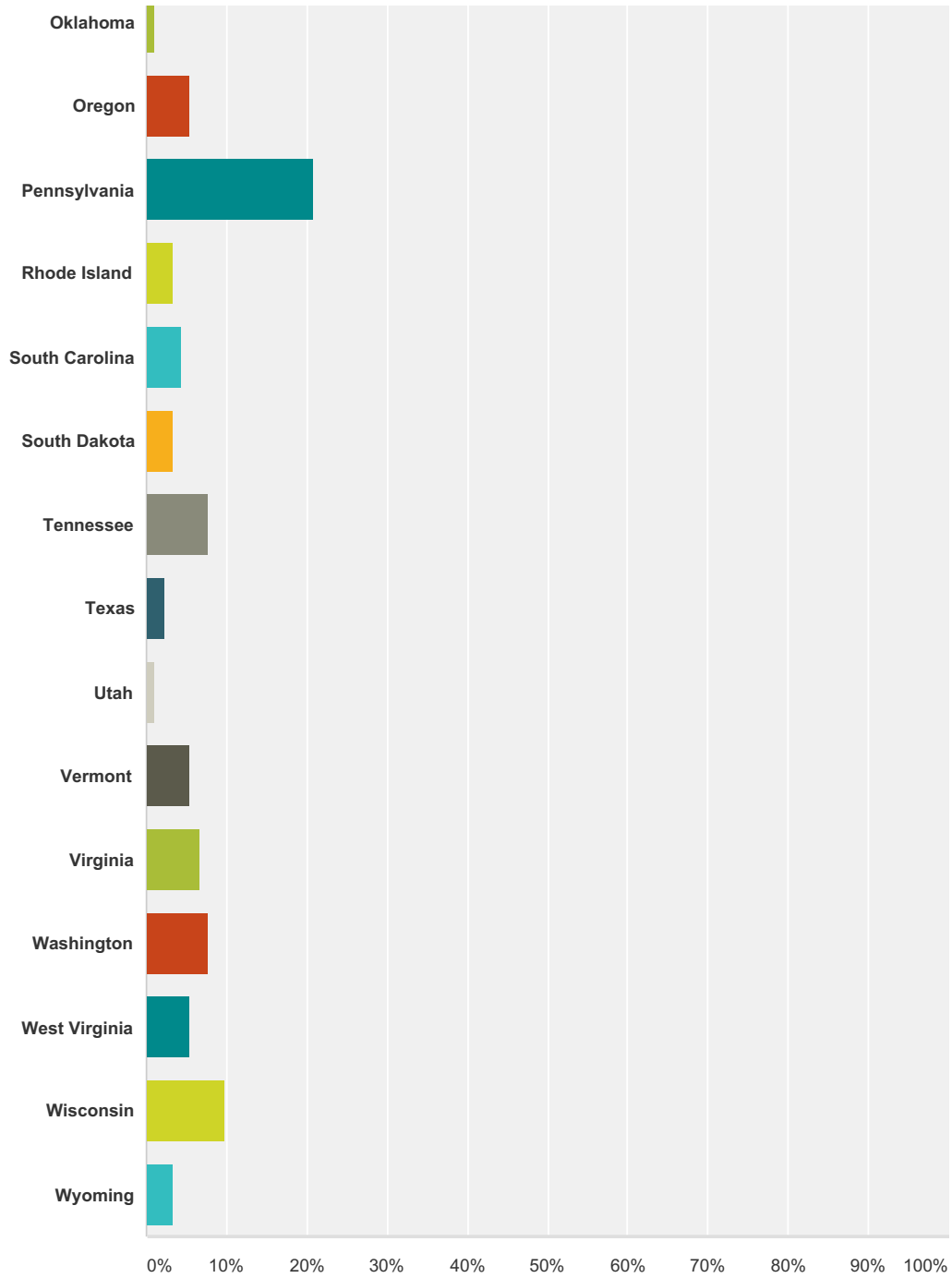
Answered: 91 Skipped: 14



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Answer Choices	Responses
Anywhere. I attend LCCA conventions no matter where they are held. (Please do not make any other selections.)	18.68% 17
I don't attend conventions regardless of their location. (Please do not make any other selections.)	8.79% 8
Alabama	1.10% 1
Alaska	0.00% 0
Arizona	5.49% 5
Arkansas	1.10% 1
California	10.99% 10

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Colorado	8.79%	8
Connecticut	6.59%	6
Delaware	5.49%	5
Florida	9.89%	9
Georgia	7.69%	7
Hawaii	1.10%	1
Idaho	2.20%	2
Illinois	17.58%	16
Indiana	9.89%	9
Iowa	7.69%	7
Kansas	5.49%	5
Kentucky	7.69%	7
Louisiana	2.20%	2
Maine	2.20%	2
Maryland	8.79%	8
Massachusetts	7.69%	7
Michigan	15.38%	14
Minnesota	8.79%	8
Mississippi	1.10%	1
Missouri	8.79%	8
Montana	4.40%	4
Nebraska	8.79%	8
Nevada	9.89%	9
New Hampshire	4.40%	4
New Jersey	8.79%	8
New Mexico	2.20%	2
New York	17.58%	16
North Carolina	8.79%	8
North Dakota	1.10%	1
Ohio	16.48%	15
Oklahoma	1.10%	1
Oregon	5.49%	5
Pennsylvania	20.88%	19
Rhode Island	3.30%	3
South Carolina	4.40%	4

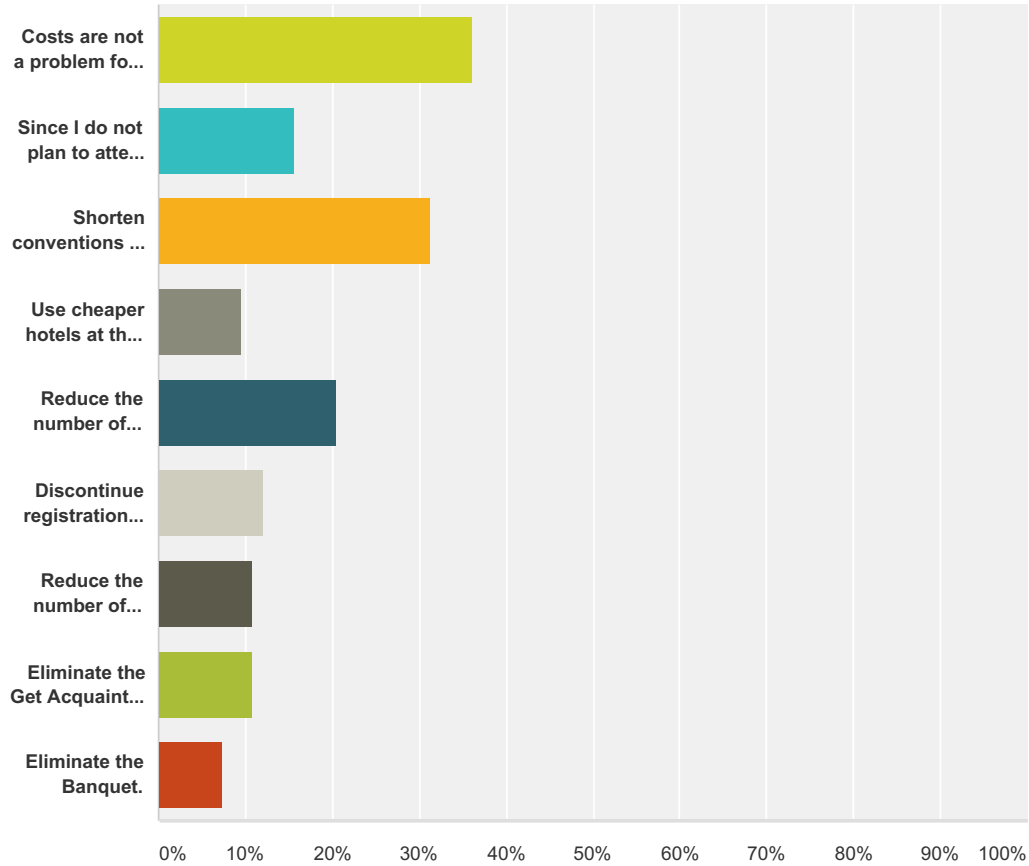
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South Dakota	3.30%	3
Tennessee	7.69%	7
Texas	2.20%	2
Utah	1.10%	1
Vermont	5.49%	5
Virginia	6.59%	6
Washington	7.69%	7
West Virginia	5.49%	5
Wisconsin	9.89%	9
Wyoming	3.30%	3
Total Respondents: 91		

#	If possible, please list train-related attractions in the states you chose. Include city names if applicable.	Date
1	In snow bird states. Jan, Feb, March	5/30/2016 5:06 AM
2	Illinois Railroad Museum , National Railroad Museum Green Bay, Duluth Railroad Museum, Museum Science and Industry Chicago, Union Station Chicago, Chicago El, Friends of Milwaukee Road 261 Minneapolis, Chicago South Shore and South Bend Interurban route, Milwaukee Road Depot Minneapolis, Kalmbach Publishing Milwaukee, Brewery Tours Milwaukee.	1/27/2015 9:20 PM
3	Cheyenne, WY has a U.P. Big Boy. Hill City, SD (near Rapid City) has a steam-powered tourist train and a railroad museum. Livingston, MT has a railroad maintenance facility with a working transfer table.	1/17/2015 10:11 PM
4	Lake Superior Railroad Museum- Duluth, MN	12/27/2014 1:04 PM
5	Pennsylvania York Strasburg Horse Shoe Curve Pittsburg NebraskaThe Union Pacific Yard Railroad Museum	12/2/2014 6:24 AM
6	Let's set-up a live steam train excursion from Denver to Cheyenne. I want to see a working BIG-BOY!	11/29/2014 7:04 AM
7	So. Calif. has Tehachapi Loop, Cajon Pass, Pomona Fairgrounds RR Museum, Traveltown in Griffith Park, Barstow BNSF Yard, San Bernardino Yard, L.A. Union Station (downtown), Fillmore & Western Excursion RR and yard, Amtrak California trips, San Diego Model RR Museum	11/27/2014 3:41 PM
8	Offhand, I don't know of any in particular but I am sure there are plenty in both mentioned areas (Orlando and Las Vegas)	11/26/2014 11:11 AM
9	Dearborn, MI: Green Village and The Henry Ford Museum have good examples of historic trains in the metropolitan Detroit area.	11/26/2014 9:54 AM
10	No comment	11/22/2014 3:10 PM
11	Hill City, SD, hosts the South Dakota State Railroad Museum and also the Black Hills Central Railroad, a steam powered tourist line. Other attractions include Mount Rushmore, Crazy Horse, Hot Springs mineral baths, Custer State Park (lots of bison and pronghorns), and several local wineries. In the same area, Rapid City has a huge drive-through wild animal park and Reptile Gardens. The National Park Service offers tours through two nearby caverns. Rapid City is also headquarters of the regional Rapid City, Pierre and Eastern Railroad and a tour there might be arranged. And Wyoming has a Big Boy in Cheyenne!	11/21/2014 6:11 PM
12	Most, if not all states I chose have prototypical railroad excursions and model railroading-related attractions. In Pennsylvania, there is much to see and do in Altoona/Johnstown, Allentown/Easton/Bethlehem, Harrisburg/Lancaster/York and Scranton/Wilkes-Barre areas. In northern NJ, the Elizabeth/Newark (Don't laugh! It's cheaper and quicker into Manhattan), New Brunswick and Paterson. In Virginia, the Arlington, Chesapeake Bay and Roanoke areas. The New England region has many rail activities especially in CT and VT. In New York State, Buffalo w/o snow, Albany/Saratoga, Binghamton, Corning/Finger Lakes area have an abundance of train excursions and attraction. I tend to favor areas away from hot and humid locales so Florida, Alabama, Mississippi are just that in July (sorry Ed Richter!) .	11/21/2014 5:23 PM
13	NC - NC Transportation Museum, Great Smokey Mountains Railroad Ohio - Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railway, Hocking Valley Scenic Railway	11/21/2014 3:04 PM

**Q6 What activities would you be willing to forgo in order to reduce convention costs?
Multiple answers are permissible.**

Answered: 83 Skipped: 22



Answer Choices	Responses
Costs are not a problem for me and I would make no changes from current practices.	36.14% 30
Since I do not plan to attend any conventions, I'm skipping this question.	15.66% 13
Shorten conventions to three days.	31.33% 26
Use cheaper hotels at the cost of reduced quality.	9.64% 8
Reduce the number of tours.	20.48% 17
Discontinue registration gifts.	12.05% 10
Reduce the number of banquet gifts.	10.84% 9
Eliminate the Get Acquainted Party.	10.84% 9
Eliminate the Banquet.	7.23% 6
Total Respondents: 83	

#	Any other possibilities?	Date
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1	No answer	4/6/2015 10:38 PM
2	Conventions in mid sized cities or at outskirts of cities rather than downtown areas.	12/20/2014 11:00 PM
3	Even though I don't go to many conventions, to mess with success is not good. You get very good attendance because of the offerings. I wouldn't change a thing. Your convention hosts have been outstanding at preparing a line up of class act offerings. They know their areas and have picked superb venues.	12/19/2014 3:40 PM
4	It's all about FRIENDSHIP and FRATERNITY.	11/29/2014 7:05 AM
5	I have only been to part of one convention and didn't get to either the get acquainted party or the banquet. As my time was limited, neither of these events was an option. Though, I am not sure if I would agree with eliminating them if I had attended them.	11/26/2014 12:16 PM
6	Consider the cost of tours. The tours which have been offered are available to the general public are over priced. I could do the same tour on my own at greatly reduced priced. The tours should be priced at breakeven price. Some of the tour companies do not live up to my expectations. Some of the guides are about useless. LCCA is getting to be like the government, who is serving who!!!!!!!!!!!!!!	11/26/2014 11:38 AM
7	I believe costs are most certainly a consideration for most members with exceptions. I feel that everything mentioned should be continued but if costs too great, cut down the number of days attended and limit the number of tours taken to only those that are special.	11/26/2014 11:16 AM
8	I WOULD SHORTEN TO 4 DAYS	11/26/2014 8:59 AM
9	to costly for a hotel meal	11/22/2014 9:46 AM
10	All of the things listed seem important to a full convention experience. They should pay for themselves.	11/21/2014 6:20 PM
11	Have multiple options for number of days in attendance, i.e. 3-day and a full-term option.	11/21/2014 5:57 PM
12	Explore hotels out of prime downtown areas (Stay out of places like DC, NYC, Philly, Los Angeles). Use hotels close to airports and public transportation systems and minor train stations.	11/21/2014 5:42 PM
13	Reduce the length of conventio to five days.	11/21/2014 3:42 PM
14	If the covention is not special, Why would I attend?	11/21/2014 3:25 PM

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Q7 Do you have any other convention-related likes, dislikes, suggestions, complaints, etc.? Let us know!

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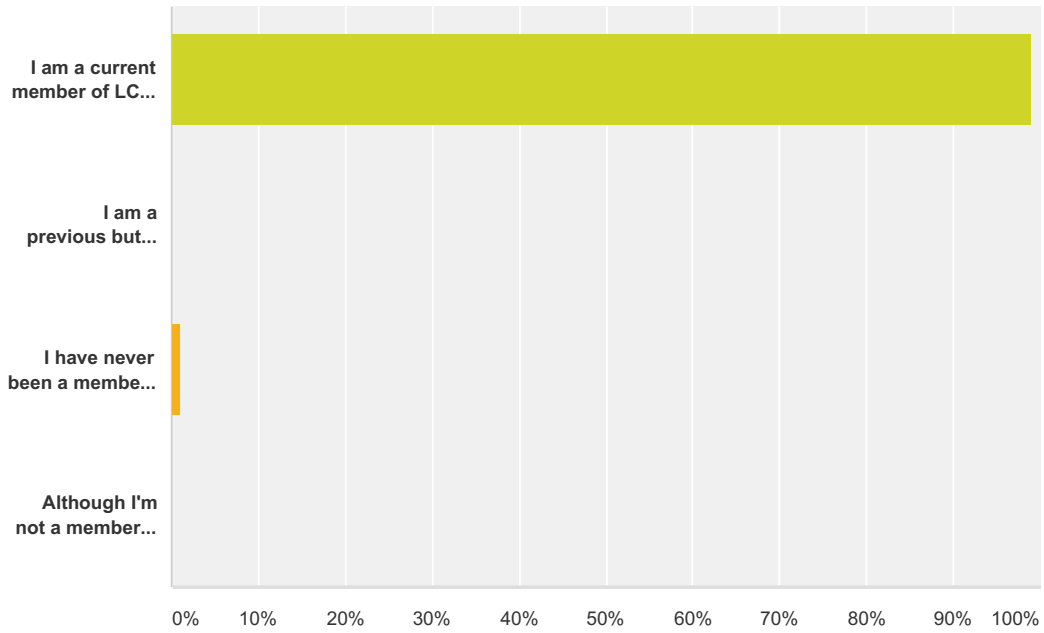
#	Responses	Date
1	Fridays are too crammed with activities in the afternoon and evening. Skip the Swap Meet on Friday night. Just have it on Saturday, but PLEASE have a Swap Meet. It's important.	9/3/2015 7:41 PM
2	add seminars devoted to maintaining and repairing the new stuff	8/18/2015 8:16 AM
3	cost of convention cars are to high	4/29/2015 2:04 PM
4	for many years I've noticed members form kicks and don't pay attention to other members. A lot of snobs attend	3/31/2015 1:01 PM
5	Bring the Convention to the Upper Midwest, such as Milwaukee or Chicago.	1/27/2015 9:21 PM
6	Only attend convention hotels with Free parking.	12/20/2014 11:02 PM
7	Some of the tours I have been on did not give us enough time to enjoy the sites.	12/12/2014 4:19 PM
8	The only thing I would suggest you consider not having tours that repeat many of the sites as was done in Indianapolis as they seemed to overlap a lot.	12/5/2014 7:45 AM
9	I extreamly dislike the first day of the convention store. There should be a line outside and only ten to fifteen people in at a time and a designated line for check out counter.	12/2/2014 4:39 PM
10	I realize not everyone can afford to come to the convention for a full week so I think it is impertive the club have a wide vaqriety of activities both at the beginning and the toward the closing days of the convention so everyone is equitably treated regardless of time and money spent.	12/2/2014 10:01 AM
11	I really enjoy the seminars with Lionel Reps and the other modelers.The trips each day are always enjoyable and informative.	12/2/2014 6:31 AM
12	Continue to have layout tours and trading halls.	12/1/2014 6:40 PM
13	I think more needs to be done at the Annual meet to encourage new youth membership. This is the future of LCCA.	11/29/2014 7:07 AM
14	tours (or whatever) cost TOO much !	11/28/2014 3:40 PM
15	Like to have a convention in the SW region with focus on western railroads past and present.	11/27/2014 3:43 PM
16	I enjoyed my time at the convention	11/26/2014 12:16 PM
17	Limited tour for a select amount of people. If you can not accommodate all who which to go 40 or 50 versus 200-300 people. Lack of restaurants near the hotels. Hotel restaurants are usually overpriced. With no transportation available you are screwed when it comes to eating. Tours need to be usual or not available to the general public.or there is no reason to go on it. When tours when are mixed in with the general public it's not usually a very good tour because of dealing with all the other people fighting for the same space. Convention items being offered to non-convention people at higher prices. Are we not all the same members? When you have to offer people enticements to do something, it usually means its not very good to start with. If you don't control costs you will see the conventions diminish. The prices are not family friendly. You are not just competing against TCA, TTOS, and Lots. You are competing with whoever offers the most value for their dollar. Whether it be Disney World, beaches, mountains, or anybody else that wants your money.	11/26/2014 11:55 AM
18	I feel the LCCA does a much better job with conventions and I further feel LCCA does a better mix of things to see and do than the other two clubs that I patronize. Personally I would like to see a return to standard O size convention cars even though I continue to buy the smaller cars to support the club.	11/26/2014 11:23 AM
19	I like the tours, clinics, hotel. And all of the activities. Don't change anything	11/26/2014 10:05 AM
20	Hold conventions from Friday to Monday so that we don't lose the work week.	11/26/2014 12:09 AM
21	No comments	11/24/2014 8:34 AM
22	Hate to compare LCCA to TCA, but their conventions appear to be cheaper to attend, and they always have more tours available. They also have lots of layout tours which are cheaper to go on.	11/23/2014 7:14 PM

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23	For me, having the convention in the western states sometimes would allow me to attend them.	11/23/2014 4:26 PM
24	Do more workshops on scenery, wiring and operation systems.	11/23/2014 2:15 PM
25	I KNOW THEY ARE GREAT AND HELP TO KEEP THE HOBBY ALIVE, BUT I DON'T ATTEND ANY CONVENTIONS BECAUSE OF LOCATIONS AND MY AGE.	11/23/2014 8:39 AM
26	Costs have gotten out of control.	11/22/2014 8:01 PM
27	No comment	11/22/2014 3:10 PM
28	They seem to be very clickish	11/22/2014 6:42 AM
29	The conventions I have attended have been great and the tours and accommodations have been excellent.	11/21/2014 9:24 PM
30	THE TOURS HAVE GOTTEN EXPENSIVE. TRAINS ON THE TRADING FLOOR ARE MOSTLY NEW LIONEL OR MTH. VERY LITTLE IN NICE POSTWAR TRAINS.	11/21/2014 7:47 PM
31	I like the trading halls.	11/21/2014 7:18 PM
32	Explore the feasibility of combining efforts with those of other national train clubs (TTOS, LOTS, TCA) with an eye toward an annual combined convention. Yes, calculating cost-sharing will be a challenge, as will overcoming the jealousy that each club, including LCCA, has for its own services. Nonetheless, consolidating some services, such as conventions and buy-sell listings, would be a valuable service to club members.	11/21/2014 6:18 PM
33	We have been very happy attending LCCA Conventions when possible in the past.	11/21/2014 5:44 PM
34	Handicapped accessibility is becoming a growing concern for may of us!	11/21/2014 4:57 PM
35	I assume that a very low percentage of the membership attends conventions. Why not have conventions once every two or three years instead of once a year?	11/21/2014 4:54 PM
36	Tables and registration are to expensive. No early bird trading for registered guest.	11/21/2014 3:50 PM
37	How about in addition to a convention, having a BIG 1 or 2 day LCCA train show (buy and sell) where members can meet the other members, and allow the public to attend later in the day, or maybe the second day. Maybe more than one a year in different parts of the country, would have to be attended by a lot of members to make it work. Would really cut down on expenses but still allow interaction with others. Another neat thing would be for a live auction and a silent auction, where members (and LCCA) could enter some of their stuff for sale or to donate. Could have drawings, give-away's, good food catering during the day and a big sit-down meal in the evening, etc. Would be a fun day or two for all.	11/21/2014 3:35 PM
38	Current format is great no changes required. Since a majority of the membership live east of the Mississippi River, a convention in this area would be better attended by the membership.	11/21/2014 3:09 PM
39	No.	11/21/2014 3:07 PM

Q8 What is your status as to club affiliation?

Answered: 94 Skipped: 11



Answer Choices	Responses	
I am a current member of LCCA (including, of course, our new members from LRRC!)	98.94%	93
I am a previous but not a current member of LCCA.	0.00%	0
I have never been a member of LCCA and have not yet decided to join.	1.06%	1
Although I'm not a member of LCCA yet, I'm heading to the club's website to join right now!	0.00%	0
Total		94