

HEART OF AMERICA CHAPTER

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The Heart of America Chapter met three times in 2007. Our winter meeting in December was postponed because of snow. We have 87 members at last count. We lost two members who died and four former members who became disgruntled with the group and quit.

The year was eventful in that our chapter and the Gateway chapter merged. There was no net gain in members because the Gateway members were also members of Heart of America.

We had three organ rallies in 2007. One was held in Grove, Oklahoma where we had 42 members and 20 organs, one at the zoo in Kansas City where we had 23 participants and 13 organs, and the third at the Octoberfest in St. Charles, Missouri where we had 55 people and 22 organs and two accordions.

We have plans for at least four meetings in 2008. The first was held at Blaine Thomas's museum in Manhattan, Kansas in March. This was our postponed Christmas meeting for 2007. The second was held in Eureka Springs, Arkansas in April, and the third at Tom Hutchinson's house in Columbia, Missouri in June.

Our treasury balance as of December 31, 2007 was \$6878.

Submitted by Gary Craig, Board Representative