

## MIDWEST CHAPTER

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The Midwest Chapter has 67 members. Fourteen of our chapter members attended the AMICA Convention in Germany and Holland. Our summer '07 meeting was held in Dayton- The Wright Place To Be. We met at Liz and Mike Barnhart's to hear their Weber Otero, Double Mills, Chickering Ampico, Weber Duo-Art, Pell Monkey Organ and of course, "Treveris", Mike's band organ. We also enjoyed the Garden Railroad running in and out of the house. We then carpooled to the National Museum of the Air Force where we had reserved seats on the bus to tour the Presidential Aircraft Collection. These planes were used by Roosevelt, Truman, Eisenhower and Kennedy (Johnson was sworn in on this one). After the tour we left to eat at the Dayton German Fest and then on to an open house at Bob Gasper's. Bob is a new member and we enjoyed seeing his home and piano. Sunday at the Business meeting we discussed our upcoming convention in Cincinnati on July 22-26, 2009. Bob Andersen is Chairman of the Convention. Some went afterwards to visit the Packard Museum in downtown Dayton.

In November we met at Bennet Leedy's in Coloma, Michigan. We got to visit too with brother Barry, a chapter member who now works at Yellowstone National Park. We listened to Bennet's Mason and Hamlin Ampico A, Weber Duo-Art, Kurtzman Welte Licensee, and Hampton, an upright pumper. We also viewed Bennet's restoration projects. This was a joint meeting with the Chicago Chapter so we saw lots of old friends. We all had dinner together at the Friendly Tavern. The Business meeting mainly concerned our Cincinnati Convention in 2009.

Our Spring Meeting will be held May 17-18 in the Cleveland area.

Submitted by Liz Barnhart, Board Representative