Yes its a detail list with group header and totals for month and year I was after.

2008
 Jan
   Event 1:   20
   Event 2:   25
   Event 3:   50
 Totals Jan: 95

 Feb
   Event 4:   30
   Event 5:   55
   Event 6:   45
 Totals Feb: 130
 etc
Total 2008:   225

2007
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Total 2007:
etc
(with more totals and calculated fields (e.g. income by event, month, year). Although the application has many tables the report data is in a single table: date, event, number of attendees etc.
Using a temp table as you suggest would allow me to put the monthly subtotals in a separate report for each year (with yr total) which might be acceptable to the users. Otherwise I could maybe use a separate reporting application
Thanks
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