



# TOP TIMES

Official Newsletter of  
Ski Cooper's  
National Ski Patrol  
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**This edition** of Top Times contains the minutes of the 09-Feb-2008 Patrol Meeting.

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Meeting Minutes: Ski Cooper Ski Patrol  
09-Feb-2008

**Call to Order** by Patrol Representative Steve Gaylord at 4:55 p.m.

**Minutes** from the January 5, 2008 meeting were approved as written. Andrew Conly took minutes for this meeting. Thanks, Andrew!

**Treasurer's Report** from the January 5, 2008 meeting was approved as presented. We have \$20,254.40 in our bank accounts after all registration payments & radio repairs. That is the most money we have had after registration for the last 12 years except 2 years when we carried a \$5,000 donation for improving the FAR.

#### **Old Business:**

1. **Auxiliary patches** were out of stock at NSP, but have been replenished. Our order should be here soon. We also placed an order to have an "AUX" designation embroidered on the Ski Cooper cross and an "AUX" patch that can be added to an existing cross – these should also be arriving in the next week or so.
2. **National Day** will be held March 1 at Ski Cooper. It is the 30th anniversary of National Day and the 70th anniversary of the NSP. George Gipson reported the following:
  - a. Pig ordered
  - b. KC Masterpiece will attend
  - c. James C Riley Astronaut will attend
  - d. Channel 9 News will attend
  - e. Flight for Life copter may attend

#### **New Business:**

1. **Bob Vannata, Larry Enmett, and Steve Dunham** have completed their T&T course. Good work!
2. **Jessica Hazard** transferring from Ohio has also completed the T&T course. Motion to be voted onto the Patrol as an Alpine Patroller passed. Welcome, Jessica!

**Announcements:**

1. **NSP Registration** cards will be sent to each patroller soon. Watch your mail.
2. **Avalanche course:** Harry Gardner reported that he is in the final stages of scheduling an avalanche course. Evening classes will be held prior to a Saturday on-the-hill clinic (probably Easter weekend). Watch your email if you're interested.
3. **Year pass** only good at Ski Cooper. Do not attempt to use to represent yourself as an employee of Ski Cooper to vendors, other ski areas, or anyone else.
4. **The FAR** is for patients and on-duty patrollers only. It is not a hang out, a lounge, or a cafeteria. Make sure that you do not clutter the FAR with clothing items, etc.; store your gear in the area by the desk.
5. The **Patrol locker room** over the Rental Shop is available during the day for lunch, warming, snacks and other use. Patroller's families are also welcome in the locker room after the morning meeting until the afternoon's front side sweep.
6. **Image part 1:** We have had a couple of incidents lately where patrollers have been seen in the bar area while the area is still open. Even though the patrollers were off-duty, the perception was quite different. Please help maintain the proper image of our patrol and represent us well by staying out of the bar area until super-sweep is down and the area is officially closed for the day. As a reminder, no NSP emblems of any kind are allowed in bars, including the one at Ski Cooper.
7. **Image part 2:** George (representing an unnamed source) claims that some hats being worn by a few patrollers have been deemed inappropriate and not professional in their appearance. After much discussion, it was agreed that patrollers should obviously not wear anything that promotes alcohol or makes a politically incorrect statement. Steve will contact Gerry Noe for further clarification.
8. **Brick radios:** motion "to replace brick radios that cannot be cost effectively repaired if broken before the last month of the season". Seconded. Motion passed 10 to 7.

Meeting was **adjourned** at 5:33 p.m.