

## MEET THE MAYOR

We left Denali and headed south to the city of Talkeetna, AK. This charming little tourist town of 722 people, has Mr. Stubbs as its Mayor! Yes, the Mayor is a cat! He was legally elected by a write-in vote on Election Day. He was even “vetted”, (by a veterinarian). The election was for incorporation as a city and it failed. Mr. Stubbs never had to serve. He has, however, owned this town for 14 years!



There is a railroad station in this town. The Alaska

Railroad drops off people on a tour, and they are put on buses to continue on. When we arrived here, we saw about 20 or so buses parked, waiting for their passengers to finish walking all over the town seeing the sights and shopping. During the time hundreds of the bus tourists are here, it is almost impossible to drive down the streets that are full of people on the roadway.

There are also planes based here that will take you to a base camp on Mt. Denali where you can continue to the peak. In 2007 the most climbers ever, (1360) attempted the climb, with a 58% success rate! There have been climbers killed on the slopes. It is not an easy climb. The mountain has only been seen 4 times this year due to the weather.

The town is also known for its Moose Dropping Festival, each year. Some out-of-state animal lover actually called the organizers and asked how far they dropped the animals! They told them, “only about 30 or so feet!”

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