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Dock repaired, ferry returns

By Gretchen Wehmhoff

After a surprise closure on Aug. 16 due to cracks discovered in the concrete abutment supporting vehicle onloading sections of Skagway's Alaska State Ferry dock, AMHS has resumed ferry service to Skagway as of Sept. 10. The return was just in time for some teams running in the Klondike Road Relay to catch the ferry from Juneau and Haines, rather than drive the seven to eight hours over 350 miles to Skagway via Haines Junction and Whitehorse.

The Municipality of Skagway had partnered with AHMS and Haines-Skagway Fast Ferry to set up contingency plans should the ferry dock repairs go into late September and beyond.

State DOT&PF worked with Hamilton Construction, engineers and divers to get the dock ready for use. In addition to the abutment repairs, nineteen chains were also repaired. The work was completed less than a month after damage was discovered.

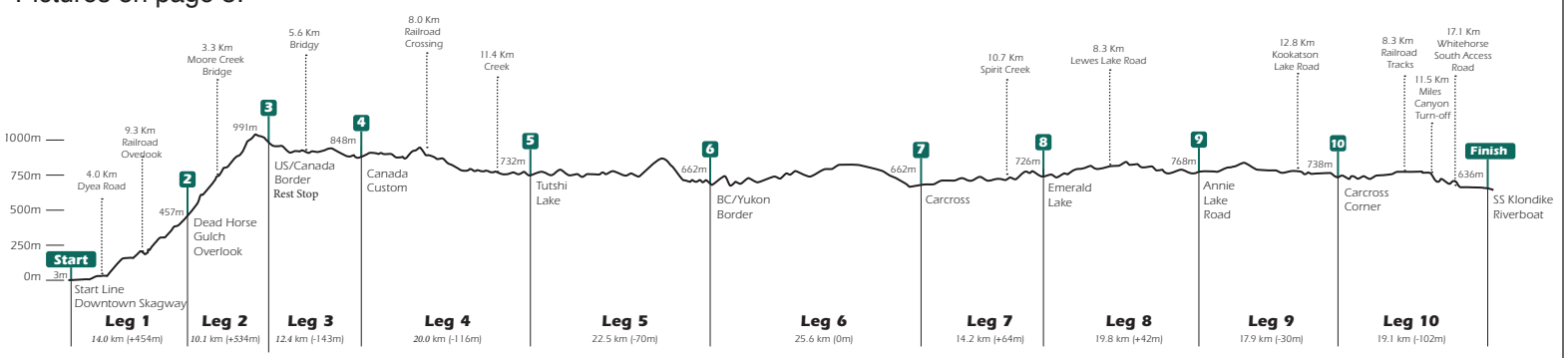
The schedule is open for Skagway. For more information and to make reservations, go to AlaskaFerry.com



Photo by Jaime Bricker

The party starts in Skagway with the 2026 Klondike Road Relay

As the sun begins to set on Sept. 17, runners contemplate the first leg of the 2026 Klondike Road Relay. Leg One will take the athletes 9 miles (14.1 km) through Skagway, past U.S. Customs to the White Pass viewpoint, where they will take break after a 454 km elevation change. From the viewpoint, theie Leg 2 teammates take on the next, and steepest, climb up the pass. Pictures on page 5.



Klondike Road Relay Elevation Map - *courtesyKlondikeroadrelay.com*

Winter sales tax resolution approved by Assembly

By Gretchen Wehmhoff

The Municipality of Skagway issued two public notices regarding sales tax beginning Oct. 1, 2026, through March 31, 2027.

The first notice announces the general sales tax rate of 3% for the off-season period. Skagway changes its general sales tax rate to accommodate residents at the end of the major tourist season. SMC/4.08.020 (April 1 through Sept. 30's general sales tax rate is 5%).

The second notice, approved this year by the Borough Assembly through Resolution 26-23R, creates a sales tax holiday that exempts retail sales that physically occur within the borough from sales tax from Oct. 1, 2026 – March 31, 2027.

Assembly approves resolutions to rename airport Skagway Mike O'Daniel Airport

By Gretchen Wehmhoff

The Skagway Assembly unanimously passed resolution 26-25R, requesting the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities to rename the Skagway Airport after lifelong resident and local aviator, Mike O'Daniel.

O'Daniel devoted decades to aviation in and around Skagway. He flew for 28 years as a pilot with Skagway Air Service, becoming a shared owner of the service. But it was Mike's service to the community as a nighttime medical emergency pilot and genuine neighbor in the community that residents will recall.

Jeff Brady, O'Daniel's brother-in-law, credits him with saving his leg after a disastrous slip on the Broadway ice by flying him to medical help. Brady also credits O'Daniel with getting involved when the State and FAA wanted to build a taxiway that would take out multiple homes on Alaska Street.

"Mike took those guys up in an airplane to show them how the runway could be aligned and still remain in the center of the valley if you just move the runway toward the river, and that would allow enough room for a taxiway and keep all the houses," said Brady at the Sept.

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Monday, Sept. 21

KHNS Candidate Forum
6:30 Assembly Chambers

InService - No School today

Tuesday, Sept 22

Parks and Recreation Committee
5:30 p.m. - Assembly Chambers

Open House
Klondike Highway Rehabilitation Skagway Brige to Black Lake
5:30 AB HALL

Regular School Board Meeting
7 P.m.

Wednesday, Sep 23

Story Time (0-5 yrs)11 a.m.
- Library

Recreation Board
5 p.m.

Public Meeting Garden City RV Utilities Project - 7 - 8:30 AB HALL

Middle School Cross Country
Haines

Thursday, Sept. 24

Creative Writing Hour
Library 10 - 11 a.m.

Early School Dismissal
2:15 p.m.

Early release After School Program
2:15 - 5 p.m. Rec Center

Fall AASG - TriValley

Skagway Visitor Advisory Board
5 - 6:45 p.m.

Yin Yoga with Courtney Brisson
6:15 Rec Center

Clinic Board of Directors
7:00p.m.

Friday, Sept 25

Cross Country Regionals
Juneau

Fall AASG - TriValley

Late Night Library
Space & Night Sky
Explorations with the NPS
Library for info

Senior Brew-Co Tour
Rec Center for info

Saturday Sept. 26

Cross Country Regionals
Juneau

Fall AASG - TriValley

Sunday Sept. 27

Cross Country Regionals
Juneau

Book Club:
"Rowing to Latitude; Journeys Along the Arctic's Edge
Library 3 - 4 p.m.

Monday, Sept. 28

HIstoric Commission
5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 30

Story Time (0-5 yrs)11 a.m.
Library
Finance Committee
5 p.m.

HS Cross Country -State
Bartlett

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Election Information

MUNICIPALITY OF SKAGWAY
REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTION
TUESDAY, OCT. 6, 2026

CANDIDATE FILING CLOSED AUG. 17, 2026

THE FOLLOWING OFFICES WILL BE ON THE BALLOT:
Two (2) Borough Assembly Member seats – for three (3) year terms each, to expire October 2029;
Two (2) School Board Member seats – for three (3) year terms each, to expire October 2029.

SAMPLE BALLOT: October 6, 2026 Regular Municipal Election Sample Ballot

Any person wishing to file as a write-in candidate must submit a Letter of Intent to the Borough Clerk no later than 5 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 2, 2026.

THE FOLLOWING PROPOSITIONS WILL BE ON THE BALLOT:

PROPOSITION 1
$6,500,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS
Water and Sewer Infrastructure and Other Capital Improvements on Blocks 95 and 102

Shall the Municipality of Skagway Borough incur debt and issue general obligation bonds in a principal amount not to exceed $6,500,000 maturing within a maximum of 30 years, to pay costs of water and sewer infrastructure and other capital improvements on Blocks 95 and 102 (otherwise known as Garden City RV Park), as further described in Ordinance No. 2026-06, and shall Ordinance No. 2026-06 of the Borough authorizing the issuance of bonds for this purpose be approved?

BONDS FOR ☒ *BONDS AGAINST* ☒

PROPOSITION 2
Amend 4.08.060 section 3 to read

All store sales originating within the municipal boundary of the municipality of Skagway to borough residents who are sixty-five (65) years of age, or older, and where such purchases are solely for the use of the resident and spouse, shall be tax exempt.

Amend 4.10.030 section A to read

The real property owned and occupied as the primary residence and permanent place of abode by a resident who is (i) sixty-five (65) years of age or older; (ii) a disabled veteran; (iii) at least sixty (60) years of age and the widow or widower of a person who qualified for an exemption under subsection (A) or (ii) of this section.

FOR ☒ *AGAINST* ☒

POLLING PLACE AND ELECTION HOURS
The polling place will be the Borough Assembly Chambers in the Borough Administrative Offices, 700 Spring Street.

Polls will be open 7 a.m. tp 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 6, 2026.

DEADLINE TO REGISTER TO VOTE
The deadline to register to vote or update voter-registration information for the Oct. 6, 2026, Regular Municipal Election is Sunday, Sept. 6, 2026.

Municipal election officials rely upon State of Alaska voter-registration records. Voters may register or update their registration through the Alaska Division of Elections.

VOTER QUALIFICATIONS
A person may vote in a municipal election only if the person:
is qualified to vote in state elections under AS 15.05.010;
has been a resident of the municipality for thirty (30) days immediately preceding the election; and
has registered before the election as required under AS 15.07 and is not registered to vote in another jurisdiction.

EARLY / ABSENTEE VOTING
Any qualified voter may vote absentee for any reason.
• In-person absentee voting will be available at the Borough Clerk's Office Monday, Sept. 21, through Monday, Oct. 5, 2026, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday
• To allow sufficient time for ordinary mail delivery, absentee ballots by mail should be requested by Friday, Sept. 25, 2026. Requests received after that date will be processed, but timely delivery and return cannot be assured.
• A completed absentee ballot must either be personally delivered to the Borough Clerk or election board no later than 8 p.m. on Election Day or mailed to the Borough Clerk with a postmark dated on or before Election Day.

For additional information, contact Borough Clerk Steve Burnham at s.burnham@skagway.org or 907-983-9706.

Assembly seeks to rename airport after resident

(From front page)

17 assembly meeting.

"Except two," interjected Assemblymember Dan Henry.

Brady added, "One of them was his."

Sherry Corrington spoke at the meeting. She related a story about when O'Daniel was willing to fly through rough weather to take Wendy Anderson's dog, Blue, to get help and how disappointed he was when they couldn't make it in the plane.

"Everyone has stories about what he did for this community, and I love the idea. It would be a great way to remember him and remember days where we didn't have a monopoly," said Corrington.

Assembly member Jay Burnham brought the resolution forward, but refused to take credit for the idea. He remembered a person testifying at citizens present dropping the idea as he left the podium, "And another thing, you should name the airport after Mike O'Daniel.

Burnham thought that was a good idea, so he said, "And being a semi-politician, I stole it and went ahead and checked out how you name an airport in Alaska"

Burnham continued, "As Sherry and Jeff said, you could go on for hours about all the things he's done for this community, and that's before he was even doing it for being a pilot. He was born and raised here. He graduated here. He went off to Vietnam and fought there. He came back and flew airplanes for 28 years. He was happily married. He did everything for the community. I think he's won every community award there is to win. I mean, I can't think of anything bad to say about him. Other than that, he makes the rest of us look bad.

O'Daniel's wife of 58 years, Sylvia, passed away June 27, 2026.

O'Daniel has received previous resolutions honoring him for his commitment and willingness to help the community.

Resolution No. 75-20R commended Mike O'Daniel for his actions during the October 9, 1975 rock slide and fuel spill in October 1975. The slide ruptured a fuel tank, spilling approximately 100,000 gallons of high-octane motor fuel. O'Daniel is credited with securing heating units and electrical power, which could have been a major catastrophe in Skagway.

Resolution No. 75-22R commended Mike O'Daniel and four other individuals for their humanitarian mission to the site of a fatal aircraft crash on Chilkoot Pass. O'Daniel, John O'Daniel, Dan Thomas, Wes Nelson and Gordon Blanchard, set out on foot as weather limited helicopter support. The group went through deep snow in November to recover the remains.

Both resolutions can be found here.

Updated on rabies information for Alaska

The Alaska Public Health Alert Network (AKPHAN) shared the CDC's latest report on a nationwide increase in reported human rabies exposures.

AKPHAN updated the alert to include information about the potential dangers of outbreaks in Alaska.

Here is information relative to Alaska.

Rabies is enzootic (always present at a certain level) among fox populations in northern and western coastal Alaska. Epizootics (outbreaks among animals) occur every few years. Rabies has also been documented infrequently among bats in southeastern Alaska. SOE's rabies website is here.

After several years of relatively lower animal rabies activity, in early 2026, Alaska started to see increased terrestrial rabies in established enzootic areas, e.g., Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta.

If you believe you or your pet have been exposed to rabies, contact your closest healthcare provider who can contact the Alaska Section of Epidemiology.

The Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) tests wildlife for rabies and other diseases as part of its surveillance programs when there is no human exposure. Email dwc.vet@alaska.gov for submission instructions.

Alaska State Parks moves to new outdoor recreation reservation system on Oct. 1

Department of Natural Resources

Alaska State Parks is set to transition to a new reservation website on Oct. 1, 2026. Referred to as the Alaska State Parks Outdoor Recreation Reservation System, it will cover public use cabins and reservable campsites, as well as other facilities such as picnic shelters, pavilions, and group camping areas.

Starting in October, the Alaska State Parks Outdoor Recreation Reservation System will include updated features like a rolling 3-month reservation window, a $4.50 reservation fee and no cancelation or change fees. Exceptions to the 3-month reservation window will include the Wood-Tikchik Region and cabins on Afognak and Shuyak Islands in the Kodiak Region (these sites and cabins will continue the 6-month window for reservations).

The expiring contract with Aspira/Reserve America will end on Sept. 27, 2026 and the new system contracted with Tyler Tech, Inc. will launch on Oct. 1 as the reservations from the current system migrate into the new system. All current accounts in Aspira will also migrate to the new system, and step-by-step directions will be provided to all account holders via email on how to access their new account, which will include setting up a new password using the email associated with the Aspira account.

During the migration process that spans Sept. 28 through Sept. 30, customers can access the legacy system to view existing reservation details through their account, however there will be no ability to create new reservations or change, modify, or cancel existing reservations until our new system is launched on Oct. 1. If you have any immediate requests, email our reservations team at:dnr.parksres@alaska.gov

Gift card purchases are no longer available via Aspira and will be available on the new system beginning Oct. 1. Beginning Oct. 1, reservations for all facilities can be made for Jan. 1, 2027 and the 3-month rolling window will begin.

A webpage on www.alaskastateparks.org will have updated details about the transition as well as contact information for questions. Questions can also be directed to dnr.parksres@alaska.gov or the DNR Public Information Centers in Anchorage or Fairbanks.

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503	11:00 a.m.	11:45 a.m.	Daily
505	12:45 p.m.	1:25 p.m.	Daily
507	3:00 p.m.	3:40 p.m.	Daily

SKAGWAY TO JUNEAU

502	8:45 a.m.	9:30 a.m.	Daily
504	12:00 p.m.	12:45 p.m.	Daily
506	1:40 p.m.	2:40 p.m.	Daily via HNS
507	3:55 p.m.	4:55 p.m.	Daily via HNS

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SFD's much needed aeriel truck arrives ready to go

By Gretchen Wehmhoff

In February 2023, a major fire tore through the block between 8th and 9th Avenues. The blaze moved quickly and, as SFD units arrived, it was nearly 45% engulfed. An all-call went out. Everyone was needed.

Temperatures ranged from 8 -20 degrees with winds from the north at 5 – 28 mph. The strong gusts hindered SFD's ability to attack from the south, where it might have been able to battle the yards of the businesses.

SFD Chief Emily Rausher turned to Bray Ryan, the city manager, who had joined citizens in supporting the firefighters.

"This is where we could really use a ladder truck," she said.

A ladder or aerial with a nozzle could get above the fire and reach the other side of the block. Otherwise, all strategies to gain control over this fire were from ground level.

Three years later, Skagway got a break on that ladder truck.

During 2025 fourth-quarter budget meetings, SFD identified extra money that could be put towards one of the department's needs included in the 2021 audit. That was over four years ago, and the department had more trained crew. Rauscher worked with the same auditor to, "Come on in and grade us on how we're doing."

The plan, moving forward, maintained the need for a ladder truck. Now, with a plan, the department's dedicated funds and approval from the assembly, SFD could move forward to pursue a used truck.

New aerial trucks not only cost over $1.4 million, but the waitlist for a new rig could be years. According to Investigate TV, the wait is longer if departments need specific matching colors or customization. Rauscher wasn't too concerned about matching colors.

She started researching. They found their truck.

A fire department in Salem, Oregon was "selling their tower [ladder], but it has a bucket on the end, and it has a master stream," said Rauscher.

The truck can attach a water source to the bucket nozzle [master stream] and operate it from the bucket with or without a firefighter. A second set of ladder and nozzle controls is located with the truck on the ground.

SFD's longest ladder is 35 ft. Since ladders must lean against something solid, the actual reach of the ladder may be far below its length. This means gaining access to a second- or third-story window in any Skagway building is limited by the ladder's reach.

The ladder on the truck has a span of 102 ft and is stabilized by the truck.

Rauscher explained the multiple advantages of the ladder, or stick as firefighters call it.

In addition to gaining access above a fire and building, the truck is also an asset in cliff rescues. Recently, the truck helped a worker on a stalled cherry picker get off the rig. The ladder could be invaluable in assisting a cruise ship evacuation, offering an additional egress option on the dock side.

Rauscher contacted Hughes, a part of Pierce, one of the fire truck manufacturers, and asked them to send someone for an on-site inspection.

When she got the report back, she worked with Fire Chief Gerbos in Salem. They negotiated that all of the issues found during the inspection would be taken care of in Oregon before the sale – including the Skagway logos. When the truck arrived, it would be totally refurbished and ready to go.

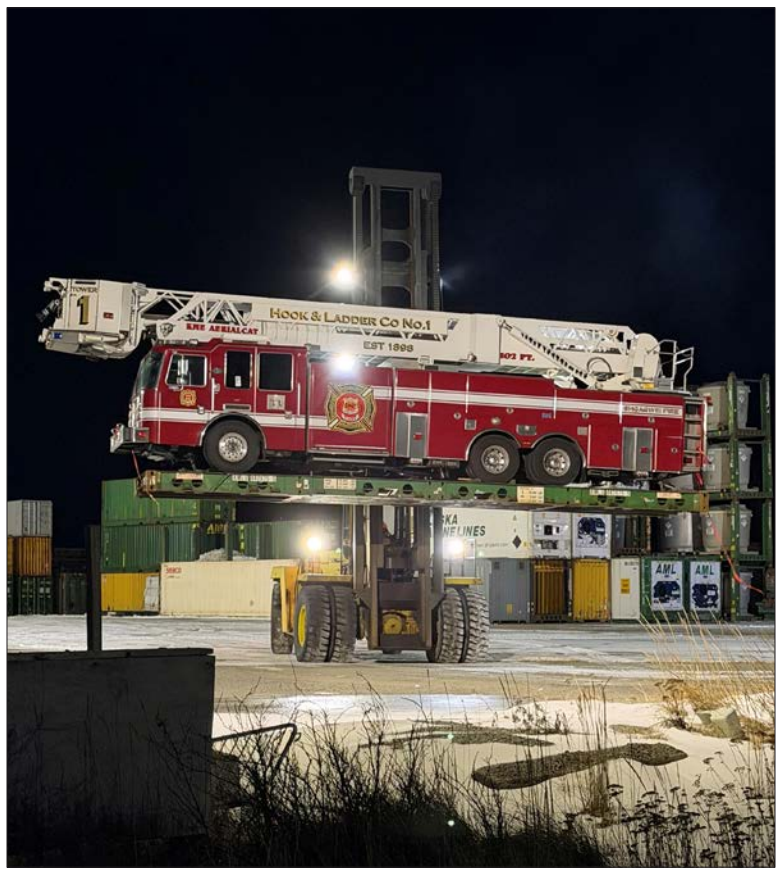
Once the truck arrived, the fire crew would start immediate training on the "beast," as they call it.

The truck was shipped north via Alaska Marine Lines. After the barge docked, a giant forklift raised the rig off the barge and moved it ashore.

There are 85,823 miles on the vehicle with a Cummins Diesel 525 HP engine. It was put into service in 2010

The truck weighs 80,500 lbs, seats 6, and is 47'1" ft long and 12'1 " tall.

Just the right fit in the fire station, with room to spare.



A heavy duty fork life carries the 40-ton "Beast" off the barge.



SFD staff practice cliff rescues using the ladder truck.



Photos from Skagway Fire Department

The Party Started in Skagway.

Snapshots of the Klondike Road Relay





















Photos by Jaime Bricker

Who painted Soapy Smith's Skull?

As Soapy Smith's Skull marks its centennial year, a long-forgotten postcard may offer the first real clue to the identity of the person who painted one of Skagway's quirkiest landmark.



Soapy Smith's Skull on the ship register wall in Skagway.

Photo by Murray Lundberg 2013

By Kristy Arbuckle Lommen

Thousands of cruise passengers walk beneath it every year. Painted onto a natural rock formation overlooking Skagway's harbor is one of Alaska's oddest landmarks: Soapy Smith's Skull.

If you're not familiar with the painted skull, you might be envisioning something like the ornately decorated sugar skulls associated with Day of the Dead celebrations.

Think bigger. Much bigger.

Instead, picture the sheer rockface that confronts cruise passengers and other visitors as they step off arriving vessels in Skagway's harbor. Over the decades, employees of many visiting shipping lines have claimed portions of the vertical rock wall as places to paint their logos and slogans. Known as Skagway's "ship register", the designs comprise a colorful mosaic that enlivens the often-dreary Alaskan climate.



Skagway's Ship Register, Soapy Smith skull lower left corner, 1951. Dedman collection.

Continue down the dock toward the town, and you'll soon find yourself standing beneath something completely at odds with the light-hearted, yearbook-like shipping line signatures: Soapy Smith's skull — a naturally occurring, 25-foot bas-relief formation painted to highlight its unmistakable death's-head resemblance.

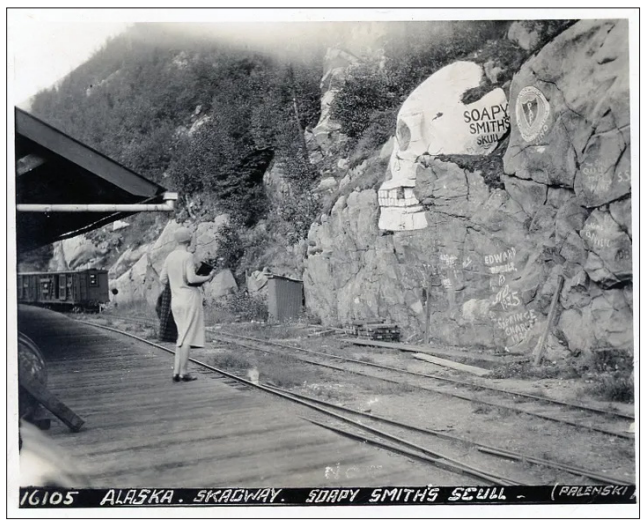


"Soapy Smith's Skull," Skagway, Alaska, c. 1931.

As if the painted profile of a grinning skull weren't memorable enough, the original "artist" included the hand-lettered label "Soapy Smith's Skull" to tie the feature to an infamous villain from Skagway's goldrush past. The title united the unique rock formation with one of the town's longest enduring legends. But Jefferson Randolph "Soapy" Smith was no fictional character — he engaged in confidence schemes and racketeering until his death at age 37 in a Skagway shootout during the height of the Klondike goldrush.

In the decades following Smith's violent 1898 death on a Skagway dock, early tour operators like Martin Itjen spun tales of Smith's exploits in Alaska, often embellished, to attract customers to his rapidly growing tour business in the 1920s. As a result of decades-long retellings, Soapy Smith's reputation is now as comically subtle as a Scooby-Doo villain's in a Saturday morning cartoon. It's become difficult to separate the truth of Smith's life from well-polished fiction.

Because the painted skull first appeared in fall of 1926, it's been suggested that it was tour operator Itjen himself, or perhaps his associates, who painted the skull as an early tourist attraction, one that could serve as a sort of advertisement for Itjen's tours and tales. But the skull itself bore a different clue to its origins: the letters "FM". Were these letters initials? The earliest known photographs show the letters positioned much like an artist's signature. And, as the skull has been refreshed and repainted over the past hundred years, the letters have been maintained fairly consistently, although no one seems to know what they actually stand for. Like the identity of the artist himself, the letters remain a mystery.



Early photo of the Soapy Smith Skull, undated but taken in the late 1920s. Note that surrounding graffiti is beginning to accumulate. "FM" is difficult to see in this photo but is present.

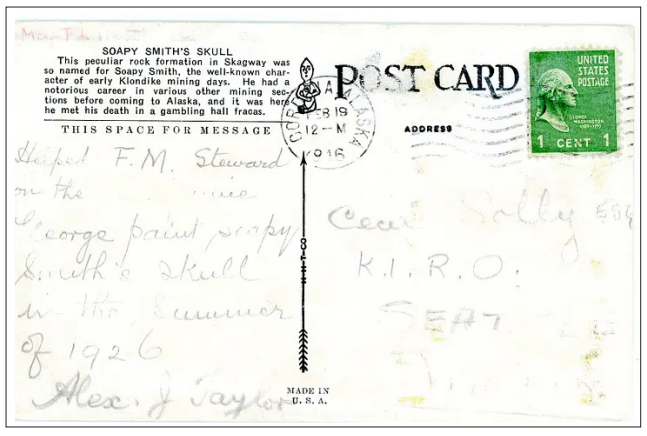
Like many people who are aware of Soapy Smith's skull, I first encountered the unique mural on a whirlwind port stop during an Inside Passage cruise. Pausing to take in its leering features during the walk into town, I assumed it was contemporary graffiti. When it was time to return to the ship just a few hours later, my head had been newly filled with the history of the Klondike goldrush, Skagway and Dyea, White Pass, and, yes, melodramatic stories of Jefferson Randolph "Soapy" Smith. Passing the skull on our return to the ship, it occurred to me that the skull's tie to a historic character might mean that it was older than I'd initially assumed. Cruise itineraries, however, don't allow much time for contemplation. I set the question of the skull's origins temporarily aside as our ship departed for the next port.

Later, at home in Washington, I started looking into the skull's history. Even in the earliest days of the internet, it wasn't difficult to discover that 1926 was the accepted date of its first appearance. I began tracking online auctions to find early photos of the skull, acquiring a handful of interesting snapshots over the years. Together, they show how the skull was refreshed and occasionally modified (Soapy's blacked-out teeth seem to come and go, as an example), even in its early years. It appears the original "FM" was painted over in the very first paint refresh, but almost immediately restored, and in much heavier and obvious script (see photo timeline at the end of this article). Clearly, someone felt that the detail was worth preserving. The signature, if that's what it is, has been maintained, at least for the most part, ever since.

Then, in 2011 a woman placed an auction listing for a postcard that had come from her grandmother's collection. It featured the presumed oldest view of the skull — a photograph that had been widely published and was in no way unique. What caught my eye was the written description provided by the seller. In it she claimed the card had been postmarked in 1916 from Cordova, Alaska, fully ten years before the accepted date of the skull's first appearance. Could this be a careless typo on the part of the seller, or new evidence that the painted skull appeared earlier than previously thought? Her listing, unfortunately, did not include an image of the reverse side of the postcard — the side that included the postmark. I could have reached out to the seller for clarification, but for just a few dollars, I decided to buy the card and examine its postmark for myself.

On arrival, the flip side only complicated the question of its postmark date, but its pencil-written message, worn away in places, may have partially solved an entirely different mystery: Who was "FM" and why was he in Skagway in 1926?

But please, take a look for yourself:



Postcard message written by Alex. J. Taylor claiming to have helped paint Soapy Smith's skull in summer of 1926.

Yes, it's in rough condition, but here is a transcript of what I can make out with relative certainty: "Helped F.M. Steward on the … George paint Soapy Smith's skull in the summer of 1926. Alex. J. Taylor"

That legible portion alone is a remarkably specific claim, but take a look at the partial word that remains in front of the word "George." I puzzled over that partial word and the blank space preceding it for quite some time. Finally, I realized many of the early cruise ships catering to Alaska tourists had been named after royalty. I wondered if

*(see page10 -**Mystery**)*

Blotter #13 - 15 July 17 -

Police & Fire Blotter

Submitted by Skagway Police Department

July 17

- Lost and found reports were taken for a lost pink iPhone, a found empty shopping bag and a found credit card.
- Police personnel assisted the Alaska Courts with a paper service.
- Dispatch received a report of a vehicle that was in a different spot form where the owner left it and whose GPS showed it had travelled across town and back.

July 18

- Dispatch assisted with contacting the on-duty provider.
- Lost and found reports were taken for a found credit card and a Razor phone that was reunited with its owner.
- EMS personnel responded to two medical emergencies.
- EMS personnel assisted with a scheduled medevac.
- Police personnel responded to a report of a hit and run on a parked vehicle.
- Police personnel assisted an intoxicated individual with getting home safely.

July 19

- Police personnel responded to a report of vandalism of a local business.
- Fire Department personnel responded to a report of individuals lighting guitars on fire in their yard and walking away.
- Police personnel responded to a report of an individual with suspicious packages on the ferry who attempted to load the cart without a ticket.
- EMS personnel responded to two medical emergencies.
- Police personnel responded to a report of a lost dog.
- Lost and found reports were taken for a found credit card and a found purse which was later reunited with its owner.
- Dispatch assisted with contacting the on-duty provider.

July 20

- A caller reported that people had been loudly arguing outside their house for several hours.
- Police personnel responded to a report of harassment.
- Lost and found reports were taken for a lost Lululemon bag, a lost wallet clip, a found Disney Visa, a found Wells Fargo card, a found USA Soccer Card, a found wallet/phone, and a found phone that were both reunited with their owners.
- Police personnel responded to a report of a train car window being broken by a group of underage individuals.

July 21

- EMS personnel assisted with a scheduled medevac.
- Police personnel responded to a burglary alarm downtown. It was found to be false.
- Police personnel responded to a report of an individual riding a unicycle unsafely downtown.
- A lost and found report was taken for a lost credit card.
- Luxie, the dog that went missing on July 19, was found unharmed and reunited with her humans.
- EMS personnel responded to a medical emergency.

July 22

- Police personnel responded to investigate a report of a theft.
- EMS personnel responded to a medical emergency.
- Lost and found reports were taken for a found passport and wallet, a lost turquoise necklace and a lost backpack containing a passport card.
- A caller wished to make a noise complaint concerning a car repeatedly revving its engine.

July 23

- Lost and found reports were taken for a found Harley Davidson flat cap and a found water bottle.
- Police personnel investigated the report of an individual racing a very loud vehicle up and down the tarmac late at night.
- Police personnel responded to a downtown burglary alarm. It was found to be false.
- Police personnel received a complaint about on-going, very loud gunshots near West Creek. They were advised it was not illegal to shoot guns in that area.

July 24

- EMS personnel responded to three medical emergencies.
- Lost and found reports were taken for a lost black iPhone.
- Police personnel assisted with three vehicle lockouts.
- EMS personnel assisted with two medevacs, one to Canada.

July 25

- A noise complaint about the ongoing State Street project was received. The caller was informed there was a special permit to allow nighttime work.
- A loose dog was reported on the Dyea Road. The owner of the dog was advised.
- Lost and found reports were taken for a found yellow iPhone and a found Samsung phone.
- EMS personnel responded to two medical emergencies.
- A caller reported a black bear sighting near Lazy Daisy Farms.
- Dispatch assisted in contacting the on-duty provider twice.

July 26

- Lost and found reports were taken for a found passport.
- EMS personnel assisted with a scheduled medevac.
- Police personnel responded to the secondhand report of a domestic violence incident in progress.
- Police personnel assisted a visitor in retrieving a cell phone that had fallen in between the cracks of the boardwalk.
- EMS personnel responded to two medical emergencies.
- A caller reported noticing a sailboat that seemed to be struggling in the choppy water.
- Police and Fire Department personnel responded to the report of smoke coming from a downtown building. The Fire Department was able to extinguish the fire which was caused by a cigarette butt blowing under the building.
- Dispatch assisted in contacting the on-duty provider.
- A caller reported witnessing an intoxicated individual attempting to ride a bike, crashing twice and then running into a parked car. An officer was advised but was unable to locate the individual.

July 27

- Ship security requested an officer's assistance with sorting out a domestic dispute between family members.
- EMS personnel assisted with a scheduled medevac.
- Lost and found reports were taken for a lost black wallet.
- A report was received that a person was flying a drone into traffic in the downtown area and had almost collided with a bus. An officer responded but was unable to locate the individual.
- Dispatch assisted in contacting the on-duty provider.

July 28

- Police personnel assisted with a vehicle lockout.
- Police personnel responded to the report of a person camping at Seven Pastures. They were advised of municipal code and asked to move to a permitted area.
- Dispatch assisted with a requested welfare check.
- EMS personnel responded to two medical emergencies.
- Police personnel assisted with a vehicle lockout.
- A caller reported a downtown business door was open, but the business was closed and no one was there. An officer responded to assist.
- A caller reported there was an intoxicated individual who would not leave their residence after being asked multiple times. An officer was advised, but the the individual left before they arrived.
- Two hours later, the same caller reported that the intoxicated individual had returned while the caller was gone, had forced their way into the home through a locked screen door and again would not leave the property. Officers responded.
- Michael Lee Patterson, 37, of Utah was arrested for Burglary in the First Degree, Criminal Trespass in the First Degree, and Resisting Arrest.
- A caller reported seeing what appeared to be a squished cat or dog on the side of the road. Upon investigation, it was discovered to just be an old animal pelt.
- Dispatch assisted in contacting the on-duty provider.

July 29

*(see page 8-**Blotter***





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Police & Fire Blotter

- EMS personnel assisted with two scheduled medevacs.
- EMS personnel assisted with a medical emergency.
- Police personnel assisted with a vehicle lockout.
- A downtown business reported a theft had just occurred at their location. Officers responded to investigate.

July 30

- Police personnel responded to the report of another person camping at Seven Pastures. They were advised of municipal code and asked to move to a permitted area.
- EMS personnel assisted with a scheduled medevac.
- EMS and police personnel assisted with a rescue call at the Lower Dewey Lake lookout.
- EMS personnel responded to a medical emergency.
- A caller reported two dogs had been left in a car in the sun. Police personnel responded to investigate.
- Police personnel responded to the report of an individual driving through US Customs with an open alcohol container in the middle console.

July 31

- Lost and found reports were taken for a found black wallet and a found bag of quilt fabric.
- Dispatch assisted in contacting the on-duty provider.
- August 1
- Dispatch assisted in contacting the on-duty provider twice.
- A report was received about an individual urinating in public and illegally camping. Police personnel responded to investigate.
- Lost and found reports were taken for a lost red iPhone.

August 2

- Police personnel were alerted that an individual had sustained a superficial gunshot wound caused by another's reckless shooting. The firearm was turned in to police pending further investigation.
- Lost and found reports were taken for a found wallet that was reunited with its owner and a lost brown MK bag containing a wallet and various cards.
- Dispatch assisted with contacting the on-duty provider twice.
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August 3

- Fire department personnel responded to a fire alarm downtown and responded to a report of a fire smoldering outside of permitted burn rings at Yakutania Point.
- Lost and found reports were taken for a found credit card and a lost Google Pixel phone with wallet. All items were reunited with their owners.
- Police personnel responded to a report of pedestrian who "smacked" a car window while it was in motion, stating they had the right of way. The individual could not be located, and no further car smacking incidents were reported.
- Dispatch assisted with contacting the on-duty provider twice.

August 4

- Lost and found reports were taken for a found iPhone with a black case, a lost brown leather wallet, a lost driver's license, and a lost blue wallet.
- Police personnel responded to a traffic accident involving a parked car and a vehicle with a trailer.
- Police personnel assisted with a report of a theft on board a cruise ship.
- Police personnel assisted with crowd control on the roadway downtown.
- Police personnel assisted the Alaska Court System with a paper service.
- Dispatch received a report of vandalism on the new sidewalks installed on State St. Reported it is the same culprit from last year who wrote "Dirk Pitt" on the fresh concrete in a different location. The investigation is ongoing.

August 5

- Dispatch received a report of a possibly intoxicated individual in a vehicle pushing through the barricades in the construction area and yelling obscenities at the flaggers. Police were notified.
- EMS and police personnel responded to multiple injuries due to a train stopping abruptly. Luckily all the injuries were minor and only two individuals needed further care at the clinic.

*(see page 9-**Blotter***

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- Lost and found reports were taken for a lost backpack and a lost iPhone.
- Dispatch received a report of a black bear on the north end of Seven Pastures.
- Police personnel responded to a report of an individual who brought a prop gun into the post office.
- Police personnel responded to an abandoned vehicle near Moore Bridge.
- Police personnel responded to a shoplifting incident.
- Fire Department personnel responded to a fire alarm downtown. It was found to be a culinary mishap.

August 8

- Police personnel assisted with a vehicle lockout.
- Police personnel investigated rumors of kids planning to set the train car behind City Hall on fire. It was found to be a misunderstanding.
- A lost and found report was taken for a lost black leather wallet.
- Police personnel responded to a report of a person camping illegally.
- Dispatch assisted with contacting the on-duty provider.

August 9

- EMS personnel assisted with two scheduled medevacs.
- Police personnel followed up on a harassment report.
- Police personnel responded to a report of an abrupt drop in the road due to the construction that was causing cars to slam on their brakes. It was discovered a barrier blocking the drop had been moved.
- A lost and found report was taken for a set of keys that were quickly reunited with its owner.
- Dispatch assisted with contacting the on-duty provider.
- Police and Fire Department personnel responded to the report of a wildfire past Sturgill's Landing. It was discovered an improperly set up campfire had ignited the ground and spread. Fire Department personnel were able to extinguish the fire.
- Police personnel assisted with a death investigation on a cruise ship.

August 10

- Lost and found reports for a found driver's license that was retrieved, a lost jacket, a lost phone and a found credit card that was reunited with its owner.
- Police personnel assisted outside agencies with a report of a possibly missing kayaker.
- EMS personnel assisted with a scheduled medevac.
- Fire department personnel responded to a carbon monoxide alarm.

August 11

- Police personnel assisted the Alaska courts with a paper service.
- A lost and found report was taken for lost mailbox keys.
- Police personnel assisted with a vehicle lockout.
- Police and fire department personnel responded to a report of a massive mudslide that occurred on the Canadian side of the Klondike Highway. It was found that no vehicles were trapped and the road was closed until crews can clear the slide.
- Dispatch assisted with contacting the on-duty provider.
- A noise complaint was received about a group of individuals drinking and yelling outside.

August 12

- A lost and found report was taken for a purple iPhone that was found.
- Fire department personnel responded to an overflowing cigarette butt receptible emitting a large amount of smoke.
- EMS personnel assisted with three scheduled medevacs.
- EMS personnel responded to two medical emergencies
- Police personnel assisted a child who had become separated from their parents.
- Police personnel assisted with crowd management at the Railroad Dock.

August 13

- A total burn ban was implemented for the Municipality of Skagway.
- Police personnel responded to the report of a theft onboard a cruise ship.
- EMS personnel responded to two medical emergencies.
- A single lane of traffic was allowed through the mudslide area on the Klondike Highway.
- Lost and found reports were taken for a found passport, a found tan wallet, and a lost bronze card holder.
- Police personnel responded to a report of tourists walking on the airport runway.
- Fire department personnel responded to a report of a smoke detector going off and a smoke smell. It was found to be a bad battery.
- A noise complaint was received about a group of individuals drinking and yelling outside.

August 14

- EMS personnel responded to a medical emergency.
- EMS personnel assisted with a scheduled medevac.
- Fire department personnel responded to the report of smoke rising a block away downtown. It was found to be caused by routine filter maintenance at a restaurant.
- A caller reported a possible scam calling - pretending to be police officers from another state.
- Lost and found reports were taken for a found phone/ wallet that were reunited and a found black iPhone.
- Police personnel responded to a report of a large bonfire on the Klondike Highway. Police personnel responded to advise of the burn ban and make sure the fire was extinguished.

August 15

- Dispatch assisted with contacting the on-duty provider.
- Police personnel assisted with the investigations of two separate deaths on board a cruise ship.
- EMS personnel assisted with a scheduled medevac.
- Dispatch received a report of illegal dumping at West Creek.
- Lost and found reports were taken for a lost iPhone with a brown leather case, a lost credit card, a lost black Samsung phone and a black fanny pack that were both reunited with their owners.
- A report was received of a local business fraudulently overcharging customers.
- A report was received that the ferry terminal dock is damaged and all ferries to and from the Skagway dock are cancelled until further notice.
- EMS personnel responded to a medical emergency.
- Police personnel responded to a report of individuals on 4-wheelers ignoring the blocked roads and driving on the sidewalks that are under construction.

August 16

- Police personnel responded to a domestic disturbance.
- Fire department personnel responded to a fire alarm and reports of smoke downtown. A small fire had started on the second floor and had activated sprinklers. Minimal damage was reported.
- Police personnel assisted with a vehicle lockout.
- Fire department personnel responded to a fire alarm downtown. It was found to be false.
- Lost and found reports were taken for a lost credit card, a lost tire on the Dyea Road, and a found blue phone.
- Police personnel responded to a report that an individual had been groped by a passenger while on a tour.
- Fire department personnel responded to a report of smoke and flames coming from a building along the Klondike Highway. Fire fighters were able to contain and extinguish the fire.
- Police personnel assisted US Customs agents with finding and returning an individual who did not stop at the border.
- Police personnel assisted with a domestic dispute on board a cruise ship.

August 17

- EMS responded to a medical emergency.
- Lost and found reports were taken for a found US passport, a found Mexican passport, a found credit card, a found Android phone, and a found orange/pink card wallet/ keychain. A cruise ship fob was also found and reunited with its owner.
- Police personnel investigated a report of drugs hidden behind the toilet seat covers at the ferry terminal. It was found to be marijuana and disposed of.
- Police personnel assisted with a requested welfare check.

August 18

- Dispatch assisted with contacting the on-duty provider twice.
- Police personnel assisted with a vehicle lockout.
- Skagway burn ban was lifted.
- EMS personnel assisted with two scheduled medevacs.
- EMS personnel assisted with a medical emergency.
- Lost and found reports were taken for two found passports and a lost Samsung phone.

August 19

- Fire department personnel responded to an EWS fire alarm. It was found to be false.
- Police personnel responded to a report of an out-of-town tour bus parked illegally overnight.
- A lost and found report was taken for a lost fanny pack.
- EMS personnel responded to a medical emergency.
- Dispatch assisted with contacting the on-duty provider twice.

August 20

- Police personnel investigated a report of a "burning brush" smell. It was found to be an authorized burn.
- A Skagway resident reported their vehicles license plate went missing and they suspected a roommate would not stop scaring them by telling ghost stories and talking about inviting spirits to the house. They reported they tried to get away and went to Seven Pastures, but the roommate followed them. An officer was advised.
- Lost and found reports were taken for a lost black wallet and a found leather wallet.
- Police personnel responded to a report of an intoxicated individual yelling racial slurs at a group of tourists.
- Police personnel responded to a report of alcohol being consumed in public.
- Fire department personnel responded to a kitchen fire at a downtown restaurant.

August 22

- Police personnel responded to a theft at a local business.
- A lost and found report was taken for a found blue wallet.
- Daniel Bruce Fisher, 56, of Washington was arrested for Driving Under the Influence and Refusal to Submit a Chemical Test.

August 23

- Dispatch assisted with contacting the on-duty provider four times.

*(see page 11-**Blotter**)*

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August 21

- A caller reported that their

The mystery painter of Soapy Smith's Skull *(from page 6)*

"George" might be part of such a title. The partial word preceding the name certainly looks like it could be the remains of the word "Prince." And, with a quick online search, I was able to verify that, yes, in fact the S.S. Prince George[1] had cruised the Inside Passage during the time when the Soapy Smith Skull first appeared. The blank space in front of the word "Prince" is probably longer than necessary to accommodate, "S.S.", but the word "Steamer" might have fit there nicely.

It's notable that Alex Taylor, the postcard's author, was not claiming to have been the original painter himself, but that he assisted "F.M." Unfortunately, he did not clarify if "Steward" was F.M.'s last name or merely the position he held on the ship. F.M. Steward could have signed just his first two initials in order to take credit if the project was well received, or to distance himself if it was instead considered vandalism — after all, nothing other than ship logos and personal slogans had ever appeared in that Skagway location. Either way, if crew lists from the S. S. Prince George remain, it would be instructive to search them for "F.M. Steward" or a steward with the initials F. M.

It's also unclear if Alex Taylor was also employed on the ship along with FM; however, it makes perfect sense that one or both men, knowing about Skagway's ship register, helped themselves to the ship's store of paint so that they could leave their employer's mark on the rock wall. With buckets and brushes in hand, they may have been inspired to instead paint the skull-like shape in the rocks.

Adjacent to Alex Taylor's written message, we can see that the postcard was addressed to "Cecil and Sally" at K.I.R.O., a Seattle radio station (which endures today as Seattle's CBS television affiliate).

Cecil and Sally was a popular radio comedy show produced from 1928 to 1933 for radio station KYA in San Francisco. Recordings of the show were broadcast in the Seattle market in mid-to-late 1934 on KPCB, just as that station was transitioning to new call letters: KIRO. Alex Taylor may have mistaken it for a live broadcast, perhaps unaware that the show had already recorded its last episodes by the time it played in Seattle. He clearly thought it was a good forum in which to claim some bragging rights in regards to the Skagway skull. It also dates the postcard pretty specifically to 1934/1935 or possibly later despite its ambiguous postmark.

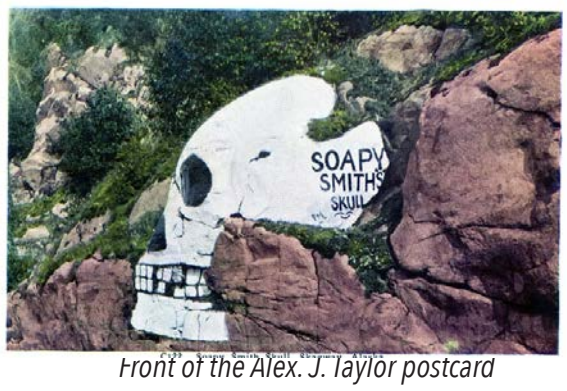
Alex Taylor's postcard invites us to picture the summer of 1926, now a century in the past. Two men, at least one from the S.S. Prince George, stand at the base of a rockface in Skagway, one steadying a ladder while the other applies the final brushstrokes to a grinning skull — pausing to add two careful initials before climbing down, packing up, and slipping back to the ship before anyone takes notice. Whether "FM" ever learned that the result of his impulsive act eventually became one of Skagway's most memorable landmarks, we may never know. But one hundred years later, an unassuming postcard — mailed to a Seattle radio station and forgotten in a grandmother's collection for decades — may have finally given us new clues to his identity.

The skull's centennial feels like the right moment to hand that information to the historians, the archivists, and the Skagway locals who are best positioned to take it from here. If crew manifests from the S.S. Prince George survive, somewhere in them may be the full name behind those two painted letters. "FM" signed his work with initials. It's time, perhaps, to sign his name in full.

[1] Note that, like many cruise ships of its day, the S.S. Prince George featured white superstructures over a black hull. It would have certainly stocked in an inventory of both black and white paint to touch up damage during sailings — perhaps the same paint used on Soapy Smith's skull?

Early Photo Timeline of Soapy Smith's Skull

All photos from the author's collection



Front of the Alex. J. Taylor postcard

1926/1927

This is the Alex J. Taylor postcard. It features what is probably the earliest photo of the skull, a conclusion based on the lack of the surrounding graffiti which accumulated over ensuing years. Note the small, almost script-style "FM" beneath and to the left of the more prominent "Soapy Smith's Skull" wording.

1927/1928

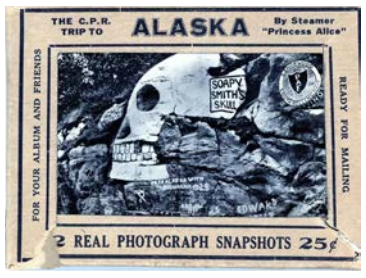
On the dock in Skagway, Alaska circa 1920s



The skull itself appears unchanged in this photo, however, the prominent seal of the S.S. Norwood now appears on the rock to its immediate right, meaning it would have to have been photographed later than the photo featured on the Alex J. Taylor postcard. "FM" is difficult to see, but is present.

1928/1930

Alaska souvenir photos sold onboard the steamer "Princess Alice"



This small photo is from a set of Alaska souvenir photos sold on board the S. S. Princess Alice, which served the region from 1914 to 1948. The set was published by The Coast Publishing Company of Vancouver B.C. This view contains the line, "On to Alaska with Buchanan 1928" beneath the skull's jaw, dating it to after 1928. Because Coast Publishing largely moved on from the souvenier photo sets in this style by 1930 (and because a later graffito dated 1930 hasn't yet appeared), we can place the photo in the 1928–30 time range. Note that the Soapy Smith lettering is set off with a "box" that we don't see in earlier photos, and the "FM" appears to have been painted out.

1930 or after

Soapy Smith's Skull, c. 1931



There is now a prominent signature dated August 1930 visible below the skull, placing this photo after that date. Here, "FM" has been restored in a blockier, more prominent style.

Skagway's "Ship Register" 1951



Skagway's "ship register", skull visible at lower left. As pictured here, the skull remains evidently unchanged from the 1930s version.

The author, on this 100th Anniversary of the creation of Soapy's Skull, hopes that residents and historians of Skagway can add information to the story.

She can be reached through her page on the writing site, ***Medium.***



Jefferson "Soapy" Smith's gravesite in the Skagway cemetery. Photo by Murray Lundberg, 2013

Blotter catch up

- Lost and found reports were taken for a lost credit card, a lost black android phone and a lost yellow iPhone.

• August 24

- Police and park service personnel responded to a report of an injured bald eagle downtown.
- Police personnel responded to a report of a man yelling and swearing at people downtown.
- Lost and found reports were taken for a found cellphone and a found walkie talkie. Both were reunited with their owners.
- EMS personnel assisted with a scheduled medevac.
- EMS personnel responded to a medical emergency.
- Police personnel responded to a report of likely unlicensed individuals fishing out of Pullen Pond.
- Dispatch assisted with contacting the on-duty provider.

• August 25

- Dispatch assisted with contacting the on-duty provider twice.
- Lost and found reports were taken for a lost iPhone, a found passport, a found brown leather wallet, and a Coach purse that was reunited with its owner.
- Police personnel assisted with a vehicle lockout.
- Police personnel responded to a report of individuals stealing bicycles from a bicycle rack downtown. All but one of the bicycles were returned and the culprits were handed over to ship security.
- Police personnel assisted with a welfare check.

• August 26

- Police personnel responded to a report of tourists having a campfire on the side of the road near Nakhu Bay.
- Police personnel investigated an open door of a business in the early morning hours. It was found to be a cleaning crew.
- Police personnel responded to a report of an individual smoking marijuana in public.
- EMS personnel responded to two medical emergencies.
- EMS personnel assisted with a scheduled medevac.
- Police personnel investigated a report of an individual camping in an unauthorized camping area.
- Dispatch assisted with contacting the on-duty provider.

• August 27

- Police personnel responded to a report of an unaccompanied work train that had rolled through town and crashed into other cars. There were no injuries.
- Lost and found reports were taken for a found black wallet, multiple found credit cards, a found Florida ID, and a Tyler Rental key for a John Deere.
- EMS personnel assisted with two scheduled medevacs.
- EMS personnel assisted with two medical emergencies.

August 28

- Dispatch assisted with contacting the on-duty provider.
- Lost and found reports were taken for a lost purple Samsung phone, a lost black leather handbag containing a passport and a phone, a lost black backpack, a found credit card and a found Washington ID.
- Police personnel received a report concerning the alleged videotaping of naked individuals in the spa area onboard a cruise ship. The complaint was forwarded to the FBI.
- EMS personnel responded to two medical emergencies.
- EMS personnel assisted with a scheduled medevac.

August 29

- Lost and found reports were taken for a lost passport, a lost Samsung phone in a brown case, a lost credit card and a few found credit cards.
- A report was received concerning a foreign crew member previously in possession of child sexual abuse material. Police personnel and Border Patrol removed the individual from their ship and transferred them for deportation.
- EMS personnel responded to a medical emergency.
- EMS personnel assisted with a scheduled medevac.
- Police personnel assisted with a vehicle lockout.
- A caller reported seeing someone who appeared to be passed out on the sidewalk. Police personnel responded but were unable to locate the individual.
- Dispatch assisted with contacting the on-duty provider three times.

August 30

- EMS personnel responded to two medical emergencies.
- Lost and found reports were taken for a lost set of keys and a found wallet.
- Dispatch assisted with contacting the on-duty provider.
- Dispatch received a report of a black bear sighted by the train tracks near 17th Avenue. An officer was advised.

• August 31

- EMS personnel responded to a medical emergency.
- Fire department personnel responded to a downtown fire alarm. It was found to be caused by a cooking mishap.

September 1

- Police personnel responded to the report of an assault. It was found to be false and alcohol related.
- Lost and found reports were taken for a lost phone, a found tan purse, a found credit card, a found BC driver's license, and a found walking cane. A driver's license, credit card, and computer bag were all reunited with their owners.
- Police personnel responded to two loose dogs on the Dyea Road but were unable to catch them.
- EMS personnel responded to a medical emergency.
- EMS personnel assisted with two scheduled medevacs.

September 2

- Lost and found reports were taken for a found Samsung phone and a found iPhone.
- EMS personnel assisted with a scheduled medevac.

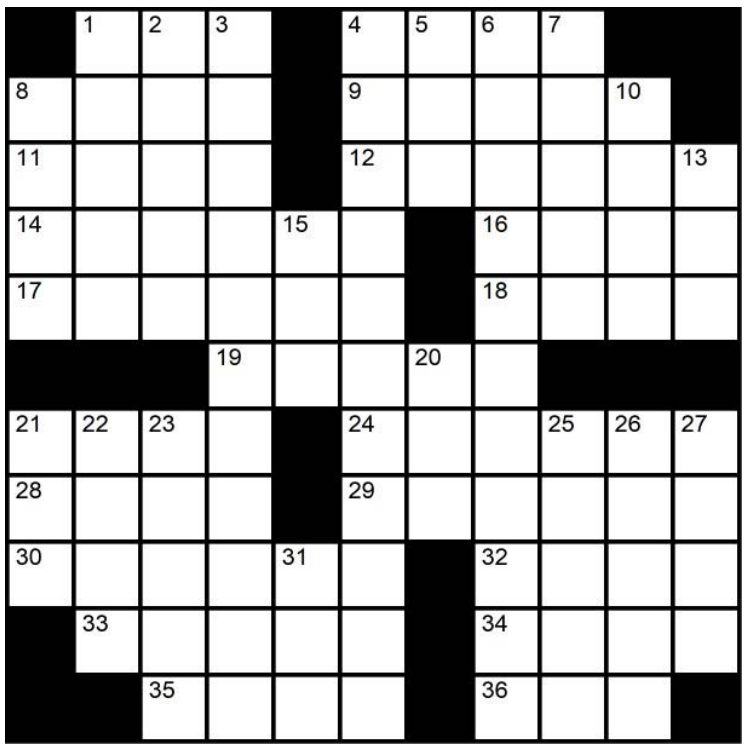
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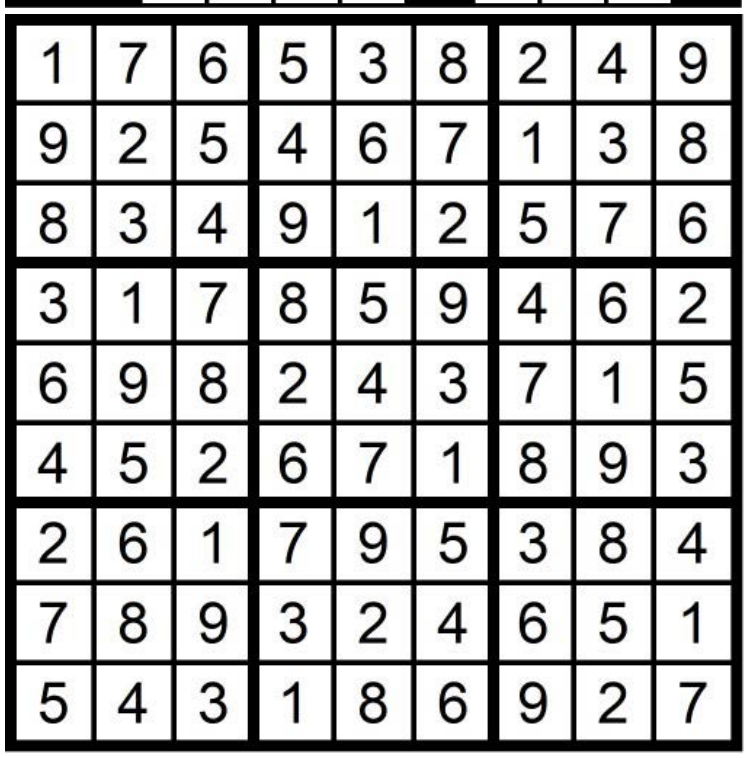
- Police personnel assisted ship security with a theft report.
- Police personnel assisted with a welfare check on board a ship.
- Lost and found reports were taken for a lost iPad, a lost passport, and two found ID's which were both reunited with their owners.
- EMS personnel responded to five medical emergencies.
- EMS personnel assisted with four scheduled medevacs.
- EMS and police personnel responded to a report of a bicyclist who had been hit by a taxi downtown. The bicyclist sustained minor injuries.
- Fire department personnel responded to a report of smoke on the hill. It was found to be a permitted burn.
- Police personnel assisted with a traffic jam downtown caused by road closures due to construction.





Family Fun Page - print and share





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1 Chucklehead
4 Rover's reward
8 --- Battlefield Historic State Park
9 Blue ribbon, for example
11 --- Bradley, five-star General
12 "Pride and Prejudice" heroine Elizabeth ---
14 Acquire
16 Hi or 'bye in Italy
17 Where Dorothy was blown away
18 Quick sharp bark
19 Monica Lewinsky's former friend Linda ---
21 Former Russian ruler
24 Seismic event
28 "Before I forget ... "
29 "I Want ---!" (1958 Susan Hay ward movie)
30 How trains run if they're on schedule
32 "Olly Olly --- free"
33 It has a World Series, like baseball
34 Kind of wave
35 Torn clothing
36 "--- a Heartache" (Bonnie Tyler song)

Down
1 Girl Scout cookie
2 "He's --- fool!"
3 1980s Soviet policy of reconstruction
4 Distributin tasty bribes gets home helps
5 "You --- it to yourself"
6 Nosy pelican flapped about in the House
7 Orange Sesame Street room-mate
8 Charging station
10 Distribute cards
13 Beat
15 Ingot
20 Sports moneymaker
21 Make lace
22 Farm fare
23 Mary --- of "The Maltese Falcon"
25 Start fighting
26 They take the cake
27 "Pandora's Box" painter --- Magritte
31 Eldest of the "Little Women"



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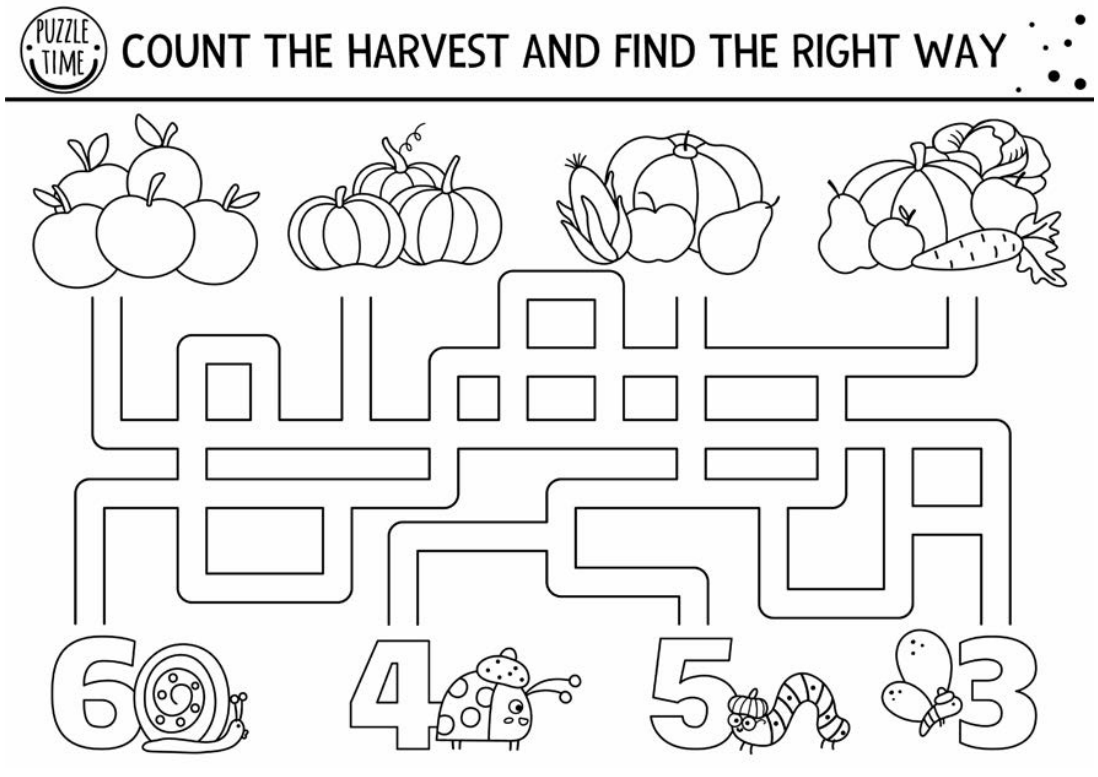


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word search

Words may be horizontal, vertical and diagonal.

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APPLES	FALL	FOOTBALL	NOVEMBER
SWEATER	LEAVES	CORN	PUMPKIN
RAIN	AUTUMN	BOOTS	RAKE
THANKSGIVING	HARVEST	TURKEY	SUNFLOWER



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