

FROM WHERE I SIT
by *Frank Gardiner*
YMASC Past President 1971 - 1972

Sunday January 8th 2012

TO: Mr. John McLAUGHLIN of our respected PBS “ THE MCLAUGHLIN REPORT !”

Dear Mr. McLaughlin,

“From Where I Sit ! “.....and with a gentle Canadian sense of fun and humour and a historic appreciation of our 200 year USA/CANADA special friendship (this year being our 200th anniversary of friendship since you guys burned our York (now Toronto) Parliament Buildings and we returned the favour by attacking and burning your White House and eating your President Madison’s August 24th 1814) , I am today sending you the attached OFFICIAL INVITATION for Mitt Romney and any and all USA citizens including you and your team to join us in promoting our annual 5 mile fun, family fitness to promote a greater awareness of the dangers of obesity and diabetes in and for kids of all ages !

We believe that the left leaning media will soon be eagerly promoting attached December 12th 2011 Toronto Star article “ Roof –Riding dog tale still chasing ROMNEY” - in the next month or so.

SO... to offset that petty liberal criticism of your future USA PRESIDENT you will see our attached 2012 that poster promotes dogs and kids in our HURON COUNTY – GODERICH area of our CANADA which incidentally is a summer area for Mitt Romney and his family..... and dog..... and qualifies all of them including the family pet as part of our volunteer TEAM CDN! which stands for both “cure diabetes now ! “ and Canada !

Following is my earlier email titled “ Future USA President invited to GODERICH” dated December 13th 2011 to our local GODERICH newspaper which surely makes our 1812 to 2012 USA/CANADA friendship invitation the very FIRST invitation to Mr. ROMNEY from his many Canadian friends eh ?

Happy New Year and look forward not just to your reply but to your participation !

Best regards,

frank gardiner –volunteer founder of our TEAM CDN! GODERICH Dash for Diabetes at www.curediabetesnow.hurontel.on.ca , proud grampy and “closet writer” at http://www.ymasctorontoalumni.org/from_where.html

Imagine!
GRAND BEND
COTTAGE &
possible future
USA PRESIDENT
with FAMILY
& FAMILY DOG
SEAMUS.....

Roof-riding dog tale still chasing Romney

Mitt let mutt hang from station wagon during 12-hour trip to the Bend

LEE-ANNE GOODMAN
THE CANADIAN PRESS

WASHINGTON—The story hasn't come up in any of the Republican presidential debates and it hasn't even dogged him on the campaign trail.

But it's true and it comes with a Canadian angle: Mitt Romney once made the 12-hour drive from Boston to Grand Bend with the family dog strapped to the roof of his car.

New York Times columnist Gail Collins has refused to let the story go, mentioning the incident as many as two dozen times since Romney entered the Republican race for president, both in 2007 and in 2011.

She had hoped John McCain would tap Romney as his running mate three years ago "so I can repeatedly revisit the time Mitt drove to Canada with the family dog on the station wagon roof."

A year ago, Collins pitched a Christmas gift idea for the Massachusetts governor: an ornament depicting Seamus, the Irish setter, on the roof.

The *Boston Globe* first broke the story in 2007 when it published a seven-piece profile of Romney after he launched his first presidential run. The Seamus incident was contained in a story about his family life with wife, Ann, and their five sons.

Back in 1983, Romney was struggling to cram the kids and their luggage into the family station wagon for the drive to Lake Huron's shores, where the family still owns a cottage at Beach O' Pines, a mostly American enclave.

"Before beginning the drive, Mitt Romney put

hulking Irish setter, in a dog carrier and attached it to the station wagon's roof rack," the *Globe* wrote of Romney, then a 36-year-old management consultant with Boston-based Bain and Company.

Romney constructed a special windshield for the carrier, "to make the ride more comfortable for the dog." The contraption wasn't much of a success, however, as Seamus soon began to suffer gastric issues from his windy perch.

Romney's oldest boy, Tagg, noticed the first sign of trouble, according to the *Globe* piece.

"Dad!" he yelled. "Gross!" A brown liquid was dripping down the back window of the station wagon.

Romney calmly dealt with the problem amid his boys' howls of disgust, pulling into a service station to hose down Seamus and the car. He put the dog back in the crate and continued the drive to Ontario.

The story caused a flap when it was revealed four years ago.

"If you wouldn't strap your child to the roof of your car, you have no business doing that to the family dog," said Ingrid Newkirk, president of People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals. "I don't know who would find that acceptable."

To *Time* magazine, she described the incident as "torture."

"Poor Seamus Romney," the *Boston Globe's* Scot LeHigh said of the revelations.

"Who really can blame Seamus, riding up there alone and forgotten, eyeing each approaching overpass and anxiously wondering if Mitt had calculated the clearances correctly while the rest of the Romneys were safely ensconced."

In 2007, Romney said PETA had been targeting him because he had approved a rodeo as part of the festivities for the Salt Lake City Olympics five years earlier, and because



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The Romneys in 1982: from left, Mitt, Tagg, Ben, Matt, Craig, Ann and their youngest son, Matt. Missing from photo: Seamus, the Irish setter.

All walking
Jogging in our
June 30th 2012
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10th Annual
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Saturday June 30th 2012
8:30am to 10:30am



FANTASTIC! Prizes for D4D 2012 including: First 40 Registrants receive a FREE D4D T-shirt!

**Kids, Dogs, Families, Friends!
ALL WELCOME!**

TEAMWORK is the fuel that allows ordinary people to attain extraordinary results.
We cannot direct the wind.. but TOGETHER.. we can adjust our sails!



Visit www.curediabetesnow.hurontel.on.ca for all 2012 Pledge Sheets and Details.



Hopefully you can join our bus to the
Toronto Blue Jays next year!!

Saturday June 30th 2012 8:30am to 10:30am

8:30am registration Goderich Tourism Office

5 mile Walk, Jog or Run

Corner of Hamilton St. & Hwy 21

8:50am Official 2012 Team Photo

9:00am start time! Rain or Shine!

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