

Hinged Beacon Light

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Neil Smitherman's M19 loaded up and ready to trailer.

Here's a neat idea I came up with, when faced with a small problem. If you're like me, you don't enjoy loading and unloading your motorcar any more often than you have to.

My M19 on the trailer just fits into my garage with a couple of inches to spare. Then I decided to install a beacon light on my car. The extra height of my light caused it to hit my garage door opening. I came up with this solution.

I picked up an eight-inch gate hinge at Home Depot. I then cut a circle of half-inch pressboard (plywood would be suitable also), painted it and bolted it to the bottom of the light.

I screwed the entire light unit to the front half of the hinge (bolts can also be used). Then I bolted the rear half of the hinge to the top of my motorcar. But first I had square-filed the rear hole on the rear half of the hinge to accommodate a half-inch stove bolt, facing up. A wing nut threaded onto the bolt holds the hinge halves together when the light is lifted into position for runs.

Remember to allow extra wire on the light for its swing down for garage parking. I recommend towing the motorcar with the light up in the normal position.

See you all on the rails.

Ed. note: This application might gain you the few inches you need to avoid over-height rates on the ferry boats.

