



# The Registry

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of these is the most  
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**GOF in Daytona on track drive with Steve Ratcliffe,  
Jack Orkin and Reinout Vogt**

# Upcoming Events

When	What	Where
May 11, 2019	Natter"N"Noggin Monthly Mobile Meeting	Taco Mac <a href="#">MAP</a>
May 11, 2019	Springtime in the Smokies	Townsend, TN <a href="#">INFO</a>
May 22, 2019	ORF	See Page 13
May 25, 2019	Great Scot Classic	Greenville, SC <a href="#">INFO</a>
June 1, 2019	3 Squares Meals and Drive	See Page 7 for more
June 5, 2019	Monthly ORF	TBA
June 9, 2017	British Motor Car Day	Peachtree Corners, GA <a href="#">INFO</a>
June 23-26, 2019	MG 2019	Traverse City MI
July 4th	Parade and Picnic	<a href="#">DETAILS</a> Please RSVP for Both
July 14th	Monthly Business Meeting	Olde Blind Dog Irish Pub 12650 Crabapple Rd Milton, GA 30004 <a href="#">MAP</a>

[COMPLETE CALENDAR](#)





You can tell this has been the start of the driving season. Included in this month's newsletter are articles about the April ORF, Spring Tune-Up Tech Session, a GOF in Florida, and info from the Brits on the Bay show in Pensacola. I'm proud that this club has so many members who are active with their cars and don't mind putting miles on them. There are risks to this for both safety and cosmetics reasons but, I'm pleased to say, I haven't heard of any major problems.

Penny and I linked up with Atkinsons, McCartneys, Dan Bosso, and Steve Bettes, a member from Columbus, to travel to Pensacola. It was a great ride down in beautiful weather until we hit the outskirts of Pensacola when we encountered both rain and rush hour. The last hour was truly grueling.

Thursday night we hooked up with Kathy and Jack Orkin, and Susan and Abe Cheij at the hotel and found a great

place for food and blues—Five Sisters Blues Club.

Friday we all hit the road with most of the Peachtree people visiting the FAA control tower at the Naval Air Station. Penny and I headed to the Mobile Botanical Gardens to view their collection of Camellias—one of the top 23 such gardens in the world. That evening we attended the annual, preshow Red Beans and Rice event. This party is always a treat. The Panhandle group really knows how to throw a party. I took a lot of notes as this is the template I envision for our upcoming Brits in the Valley show in September.

Saturday dawned an absolutely beautiful day. All headed to the show field by 9 AM and then bench-raced, kicked tires, and oogled all the cars.

Peachtree members scored well this year with everyone except Penny and me taking home awards. Dan did the best by winning a \$100 Gift Certificate from Victoria British.

Dan, Steve, and the Scarpucci's headed back together traveling some fantastic roads in Alabama under beautiful skies and perfect temperatures. And no billboards!

I hope more of you will join us next year as the Pensacola show is a great start of the Season.

***Safety Fast,*** John

## **Brits on the Bay, Pensacola**

### **Peachtree MG Award Winners**

Class B—Bugeye Sprite/Midget

Jack and Kathy Orkin: 2nd

Class EE—72-74 MGB

Steve Bettes: 3rd

Class F—MGB GT

Dan Bosso: 1st

Class G—Jaguar Saloon

Susan and Linton Atkinson: 3rd

1996 Jaguar

Class R—Open Top British

Susan and Abe Cheij: 2nd

1964 Herald





## Pensacola 2019 Peachtree Members Awards & Other







I am just back from the Brits on the Bay Car Show held in Pensacola, Florida. It was a great show and the weather was perfect. The show field was filled with a great showing of British vehicles, including the largest gathering of Morgan 3-wheelers I have ever seen. There was even a sighting of a car more rare than seeing the Loch Ness monster. A gorgeous 1992 silver Jaguar XJ200 appeared on the field for a short visit before it slipped away! The Panhandle British Car Club has already announced next year's show date, April 17-18, 2020. Put the dates on your calendar now so you won't miss it.

A couple of other dates to put on your calendar for shows to consider are October 26, 2019 and April 17-19, 2020. The 29th Annual British Car Festival hosted by the South Alabama British Car Club will be October 26, 2019 in Fairhope, Alabama. The 54th Annual GOF-South 2020 will be April 17-19, 2020 at the Mission Inn Resort & Spa, Howie-in-the-Hills, Florida.

We should all have September 20-22, 2019 on our calendar. This is the date for the inaugural Brits in the Valley British Car Show in Columbus, Georgia hosted by our own Peachtree MG Registry. All the registration information is on our website. Lastly, don't forget the PMGR Monthly "Noggin 'N Natter," Saturday, May 11, 2019 from 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm at the Taco Mac, 301 Newnan Crossing Bypass, Newnan, Georgia.

That's all,

Dan

**THREE SQUARE MEALS AND A DRIVE - JUNE 1, 2019**  
**EXPLORING GEORGIA'S OLD FEDERAL ROAD AND THE TRAIL OF TEARS**

**ATTENTION: NEW MEETING LOCATION!!!!**

**By Tom & Kathy George**

Welcome to the 2019 edition of Three Square Meals and a Drive, the Peachtree MG Registry progressive dinner!

**PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF MEETING/STARTING POINT:** Due to increasing congestion and construction development in the Mansell Road area we are moving the meeting/starting point to the west on Hwy 140 to the **Chick-Fil-A at the intersection of Hwy 140 west and E. Cherokee Drive**. Physical address is 6114 Hickory Flat Highway, Canton, GA. This is actually in unincorporated Hickory Flats, about 8 miles west of Roswell. We hope this won't inconvenience anyone but Kathy and I decided that the old location was just getting too busy and this would be a better starting point.

We will have a brief driver's meeting at 9:15 am and depart **SHARPLY** at 9:30 am, so get there with plenty of time to get a cup of coffee a snack and gas across the street if you need it. Potty stop is about 45 minutes after departure so be sure to prepare for this in advance as well.

From here we will continue west on Hwy 140 and crossover to Hwy 20 on the outskirts of Canton where we will drive some great back roads to Hwy 411 North and our lunch destination in Varnell, GA at the Blues Street Cafe. We will enjoy BBQ, Salads, Sandwiches and Pizza along with craft draft and bottle beer, wines and other soft drinks. Wine by the glass is Barefoot, but you may also purchase wine next door at The Butcher Market at a discount with a small corkage fee. Sharing bottles is the best bet and you can always take the remainder home with you.

There will also be time to shop the market afterwards, so bring a small freezer bag if you want to take home some of the delicious items available. Ice will be provided if you need some. Web site is: <http://www.thebutchersmarket.com/>. Check out their offerings and menu.

In keeping with our theme of the Georgia Old Federal Road and the Trail of Tears we will make a stop after lunch at the Chief Vann House and Historic Site in Spring Place, GA. This was the 1830s home of the leader of the Cherokee Nation, a prominent entrepreneur of the area and respected farmer. Unfortunately the federal government sought fit to remove the Cherokee to what is now Oklahoma in 1834-35 along what is now known as the Trail of Tears.

We will have time to visit the museum, watch a short documentary, take a walk on a local trail and tour the Vann House. Group rate is \$6.00 if we get 15 or more to commit to the tour, all other attractions on site are free. **Let me know if you wish to attend the tour and I will set it up for us.**

After our visit we will continue on the Old Federal Road through Chattsworth and on to the Jasper area for our dinner location at the Last Catch Seafood Restaurant <http://lastcatchseafood.com/>. This is an area favorite with a wide assortment of seafood dishes sure to please all. For the non-seafood lovers there is steak, prime rib, burgers and chicken all prepared with the same care and attention to detail as the seafood items.

This location has easy access to Hwy 515/I-575, Hwy 5/372 to Roswell and GA 400. So it will be a short drive for most of us to get back home with full bellies and great memories after a great day of driving our LBCs. **Please RSVP to me via email at [mgbtgkg@gmail.com](mailto:mgbtgkg@gmail.com) by May 28<sup>th</sup> with your number of persons for Lunch, The Vann House Tour and Dinner.** I need to let them all know head counts that week.

Kathy and I hope to see you all on June 1<sup>st</sup> at the Chick-Fil-A in Hickory Flats for The Three Square Meals and a Drive! Safety Fast! --- Tom G.

## GOF South 2019 - Daytona Beach, FL Reinout & Heineke Vogt

Three MGs from our Peachtree MG Registry were in Daytona Beach, FL from April 11-13, 2019 for the GOF South, organized by the MG Classics of Jacksonville, FL. Steve Ratcliffe and Madell Dobrushin travelled in their 1980 MGB along the back roads with Jack and Kathy Orkin in their 1974 Midget. We came from friends in Viera, FL, with Emma in the trailer, and we all met in St. Augustine, FL for a day of visiting the oldest city in the US (founded in 1565).

The GOF followed the usual pattern and activities included: first timer show, technical sessions, hospitality suite, silent auctions and raffle, driving tours, car show, and awards banquet. Here are some photos, each with a little story.



The location of the GOF was the Plaza Resort and Spa. The location was perfect, right between the scenic, touristy, state road SR A1A and the Atlantic Ocean. The hotel first opened in 1888 and has operated (and modernized) continuously since. The

beach view from the rooms was spectacular.

Besides the traditional activities (mentioned above) there was also a visit to the Speedway, and driving a few laps on the actual track was the highlight of the event for many. It even had its own logo, which greatly exaggerated our speeds. But many found it so cool that the organizers promised to make it available

on t-shirts for ordering via their website after the event was over.



On the way over to Speedway, Emma started to misfire a little bit and needed a set of new spark plugs while we were waiting

to enter the track.

We entered the track through a very narrow tunnel under turn 4, and we would be driving the 24 Hour course which includes a couple of additional turn on the infield of the oval

The place is huge! And all by your self, in a little MG down on the inside of the banking, you feel really tiny.

A few times the track officials, followed by the long parade of MGs, went up the banking just a little bit. At maybe 50 miles per hour it is impossible to stay up the banking for a longer time. We had to 'hang' and steer into the turn and still Emma drifted back down to the flat inside, all by itself!



Jack and Kathy Orkin's Midget turning from the oval into the infield 24 hours section of the course. The, empty, grand stands are huge and made us feel very small.



Steve Ratcliffe's MGB in the same turn. Also notice the (prestigious) slogan "World Center of Racing" along the front straight away.

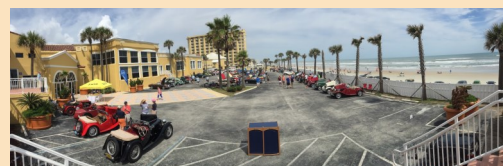


The car show was at the hotel. Lined with palm trees, and between the historic hotel and the ocean, it made for a special view. Emma is parked in the lower-left, between the 1933 super charged

J2 and a pair of really nice TCs. Jack and Kathy's Citron Midget is just visible on the left, after the premier class entries. Steve and Madell's MGB is hidden in the center row with the rubber bumper class in which they won an award.



After the car show there were a couple of optional driving tours. We took the scenic tour through nearby Ormond Beach with lots of sun, water, beautiful homes, and more palm trees along the way. The scenery changed dramatically when we came to Bulow Creek State Park on the Old Dixie Hwy. We actually drove in the shade through 'tunnels' of trees with low hanging branches and covers of vines and Spanish moss. It was gorgeous and Emma could not have chosen a more beautiful spot to change from (still) misfiring a little but to stopping completely. Jack and Kathy were already on their way to rescue when for no apparent reason Emma started right up again and ran flawless back to the hotel. (with the yellow Midget following closely, just in case. Thanks)





# **DUNWOODY'S OWN AND GEORGIA'S LARGEST 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY PARADE**

WHEN: On Thursday, JULY 4<sup>TH</sup> (of course)

WHERE: Meet in the Parking Lot of All Saints Catholic Church

2443 Mount Vernon Road

Dunwoody, GA 30338

(between Jett Ferry and N. Peachtree Road)

Congregate at 8:00 AM

(Parade begins at 9:00 AM)

MG's will transport **VFW WW II, Korean War, Viet Nam and all other Vets** at the front of the parade – We already have about 10 Vets signed up

Led by many of our PMGR and SEMGT Registry friends

Following the Parade

## **GRILL-OUT AT THE FLEXNER'S**

4930 N. Peachtree Road, Dunwoody, 30338

Beginning at High Noon or shortly thereafter

Featuring Atlanta's Best Burgers and Dogs

And, YOUR outstanding Vegetarian and NON-Dairy Side Dishes

(No Meat, Pork, Bacon, or Shellfish, please)

Replies appreciated for both the Parade and the Grill-Out

(even if you come to only the Parade or the Grill-Out)

770-833-0891 or [paf20@columbia.edu](mailto:paf20@columbia.edu)

Burgers and Dogs with all the trimmings will be provided

Along with fruit for dessert

# Tech Talk

With Phil O'Brien & Reinout Vogt  
Technical Co-Directors

## Spring Tune Up, Woodstock, GA

Saturday, April 20 was one of these days that the weather changed from real nice and warm Spring temperatures to a cold, overcast, and rainy Fall day. However, it was Spring Tune Up for our club at GA Classics in Woodstock, GA. Owner Jason Sellew opened his classic car restoration shop with three lifts and a lot of indoor working space, just for the Peachtree MG Registry. The weather luckily didn't stop many of us because in total 24 members came out. Maybe it kept some of the MGs at home but we still worked on five MGs and a Triumph Vitesse. Here are some photos, each with a little story to show what went on and what



Owner Jason Sellew with Phil O'Brien discussing the distributor of a beautiful MGA, currently under restoration in the shop. The idea of the Spring Tune Up is to let you work on your car while being able to ask and learn from experts



valve cover to go over the valves adjustment

John Miller's 1979 Midget getting its valve clearances checked and adjusted. Barry, with participants listening, learning, and sharing experiences, showed us a few tricks to make it easy and do it accurately. On the lift, Jim



Boykin's 1977 MGB is draining its engine oil. If you never changed the oil of your MG using a lift instead of crawling on the garage floor, make sure that you join us next time. Everybody loved it!

The 1958 MGA of John Kreimer getting its final blessing from fellow members after an oil change and underbody inspection.



Erich Starzinger's 1968 MGB experienced very heavy steering. With the help of several members it was diagnosed with too much dried-up grease in the left king-pin. We were able to get in some new grease which improved the situation but it will probably have to be taken apart for cleaning and inspection, a job typically too large and involved for the Spring Tune Up. But nevertheless, the BGT made it home with a noticeable improvement.



Barry Rosenberg brought a calibration tool to check the accuracy of our torque wrenches, a service many members took advantage of. After that, Barry talked about changing the points in our Lucas distributors using Abe Cheij's Triumph Herald as an example.







## The Membership Corner

Joe Rushing — Membership Chairman

As of this article being written, we have 127 active memberships which is down a bit from last year, but includes 10 new members.

For the May “Noggin N’ Natter” gathering, we will be heading south to Newnan. We are hoping we will see some of our members from the south side join us. So, set the date in your calendar, and be with us then.

**5/11/2019 @ 12:00 Noon**

**Taco Mac**

**301 Newnan Crossing Bypass (off I-85 and State Route 34)**

**Newnan, GA**

**678.854.9395**

So far, we have had good turnouts for these events—typically around 30 members, and I am sure May will not be an exception.



## The 36th Annual Atlanta British Motorcar Day Sunday, June 9th

HELD DURING  
**PEACHTREE CORNERS  
FESTIVAL**  
6025 The Corners Parkway  
Peachtree Corners, GA 30092

**SCHEDULE:**  
Registration begins at 9:00am  
Car show: 10am to 2pm  
Car Parade: 2pm  
Festival: 12pm to 5pm



If you have a prized British automobile, this is your chance to show off and socialize with other British car enthusiasts! If you just love beautiful cars, this is a great opportunity to get an eyeful of some of the best autos in the metro area and beyond! Atlanta British Motorcar Day is an annual charity event sponsored by fourteen Atlanta area British car clubs. We are now a part of the Peachtree Corners Festival. All makes, models, and years of British cars are invited to attend. There is a registration fee, and all proceeds go to local charities. Registration opens April 15th.

The car show and the festival are **FREE** for spectators. Come out and enjoy a day filled with cars, food, music, and festival fun!

**For more info or to register your car visit  
[www.AtlantaBritishMotorcarDay.org](http://www.AtlantaBritishMotorcarDay.org)**

# O-R-F News

From Tom Nadelhoffer, Chief ORF

**This month Gayle and Larry Norton helped Tom,**

The ORF on April 17<sup>th</sup> took 15 cars and 17 people to the Dawsonville IHOP for breakfast and then a winding back road tour to Toccoa, GA and the Miles Through Time auto museum.



Larry Norton & Tom Nadelhoffer had created the route and Larry lead the group with Tom being in the middle to insure we had no lost souls if a turn was missed. Mike Cook brought up the rear as he always likes to do, exploring all the way.



We had a great run with the following people, Tom Nadelhoffer, Jim Doran, Joe Rushing, Peter Pernice, Joe Tew, Steve Ratcliffe, Mike Hurst, Manny Gil, Mike Cook, Wally Carlisle, Tom Hoppe, Bruce Kosbab, Scott Navin,



John & Gail Tansy, Joe Garcia and us.



There was a nice mix of British cars with MGB's, MGA's, a Triumph Stag, TR3 and a Spitfire. Remember, we allow any car to join us so please consider our next run in May.



Arriving at the museum we spent about 45 minutes looking over the approximately 30 cars currently stored there. The collection changes as different cars are taken out by the owners and new ones come in so you may see something different on a return visit.

Lunch was at BJ's Family Restaurant in Toccoa and after that we all took different directions back home. The total mileage for me was right at 190 and this of course varies depending on where you start. All arrived home with no incidents and hopefully before too much Metro area traffic.





# MAY ORF - 2019

## WEDNESDAY May 22

Meet at the Dawsonville IHOP. After breakfast we'll be heading northeast on curvy mountain back roads to Dillard, GA. In Dillard we will attend a Triumph Register of America National Meet/Show. We should see some really nice examples of TR2's, TR3's and TR4's on the Dillard House show field. After viewing the show we'll eat lunch in Dillard at the Valley Café or in Clayton at Rumor Hazit or the Universal Joint.

*See info about the Car Show below:*

### Event Information

*The proposed schedule is:*

- 8:00 am: Meet at Dawsonville IHop for breakfast
- 9:00 am: Depart for Dillard, GA
- 10:00 am: Bio and fuel break at a TBD location
- 10:15 am: Resume run to Dillard, GA
- 11:15 am: Arrive Dillard House
- 11:15 am - 12:30pm: View the Show
- 12:30 pm - 2:00pm: Lunch at TBD location

If you plan to attend please advise Tom Nadelhoffer no later than Tuesday 5/21 at

[blueb@bellsouth.net](mailto:blueb@bellsouth.net) or

770-8878877(H) 404-402-3004 (C)

# My Story

**Now you can see my Midget from the International Space Station**

**John Miller - April 2019**

Let me open by saying that Neil Estes is a genius. Likewise, his brother Robert and his young minion Eric surely scored well above the 98<sup>th</sup> percentile. These chaps ensure my little blue car operates well. Next, I add Bob Wagner to the list of these intelligent elite because he is the one who informed the MG gathering at January's PMGR tech session just how important it is to be seen, and how to transform one's BritCar into a rolling lightshow. I link Neil and Bob because their Decatur workplaces are separated only by a brick wall.

## **Got'ta Get Me Some LED**

Now that I have that out the way shall I move to the point of this narrative. When George Lucas—or whoever it was who designed the electrical on my 1979 Midget—first put ink to vellum, LED was just not an option. So, Mr. Lucas located little incandescent bulbs randomly about the Abingdon shop and popped them into those crazy little fixtures. I surmise it was the best value available for the times. Many are simply not very visible.

As Bob Wagner mused in January, “If you’re driving around I-285 in an MG you wan’na be seen. Everyone around you is going a lot faster and they’re not paying attention to you anyway. The best thing you can do is install LED bulbs so you can improve your odds of making it safely home.” I sat bolt upright in my folding chair as he spoke those fateful words. I was mesmerized. Mr. Wagner is the Oracle—yea, the Prophet.

So, my monthl-ong journey with Moss Motors commenced. I went straight home and realized my eyes are not adequate to read the online catalog so my first step was to have them send me a hardcopy. Coupl’a days later, shazamm and there it is. Out came my magnifying glass and I began to prepare my order. That’s when I refilled my coffee mug and did my best to become alert enough to figure out what to purchase. I was thrilled to note that Moss had a 10% discount if I ordered more than \$100 with that purchase and I quickly realized my order would significantly exceed that threshold. LED bulbs ain’t cheap.

## **Whoa! Thinking is Hard On An Old Man**

The Moss catalog appears on the surface to be really easy to follow. But as I dug more deeply into the subject of which bulb went where and how I might most easily order what I wanted, it got tough. I wanted to order online because I have a Moss account and I have found when I order online then I have a detailed permanent record of the transaction. When I order over the phone, sometimes I am unable to later reference my order. So rather than call Moss and discuss all this with a sales rep and have him complete the order, I needed to have everything absolutely correct when I transmitted my order.

That is where the genius of Neil Estes really shone. I know better than to waste his time asking him which bulb he thinks I should order. No, that is not fair to this small businessman. So, I prepared the order form from the Moss catalog using my best estimate of which bulb went where, and made an appointment with him so he did not need to spend more than about five minutes checking my order. Then I compensated him for his consulting time with a gift certificate to Wallers Coffeehouse across the street from his shop.

## **Wot the Hayell is a Festoon?**

These MGs use some crazy light bulbs. Many of them are “festoons” and have pointy ends that fit into holes in the metal mount ends where the wires connect. I have no idea how our British designers came up with that name. Frankly I do not want to know. I will tell you that because the light from an LED bulb is directional,



it is important that the festoon mount be tight or it will spin around and only light up the interior of the mount but not shine where you need it.

At this point I am including a list of everything I ordered from Moss:

Moss Part No.	Description	Qty	Unit Price
170-911	Front side – amber	2	\$16.99
170-916	Rear side – red	2	\$16.99
170-941	Rear tail/stop – red	2	\$24.99
170-952	Rear flasher – amber w/ballast	2	\$37.99
170-936	Front flasher – amber no ballast	2	\$24.99
141-667	Electronic flasher – 2 prong	2	\$20.99
170-996	License (2), trunk, cockpit – clear	4	\$10.99
116-115	Third brake light kit	1	\$99.99

Several salient points here:

- Order one ballast for each side for your turn signals. These ballasts are resistors to overcome the fact that the LED bulbs do not use much power. If you do not install the ballasts, I understand that all your turn signal lights will flash at the same time. The ballast looks like a condenser and has two wires: one connects directly to the “hot” wire for the rear turn signal and the other connects to any nearby ground.
- Order one electronic flasher unit for your turn signal system and one for your emergency flasher. Again, the LED bulbs do not draw much current and they will not properly trigger the old-style flasher.
- Make sure you order the proper flasher unit for your vehicle. Some use 2-prong, some 3-prong. Look at your old one before you order.

### **Hey, This Ain’t Workin’ Right**

Of course, I was certain I had done something wrong. I headed out driving around to enjoy the Spring with the top down. And because I like to be seen, I remembered to turn on my headlights about a block from home. But look at this! All of a sudden, my turn signal, dash indicators are lit up. I never saw that before.

So, I hit the turn indicator paddle for a right turn and everything flashed, both left and right. And when I pulled over and got out to look, both front and rear, righthand turn signal lights were twice as bright as normal. Oh Lordy! what have I done wrong now? What new witch has Lucas sent to my little car? So, I drove home to troubleshoot this phenomenon.

Once home, I took the new LED bulb out from the right front socket and gave it a close examination. Nothing seemed wrong so I put it back and tried the lights and turn signals again. Same result. So, I contacted Moss to ask if they had a clue what happened. Their technician said the only place where both sides have a common wire is at the signal paddle on the steering column. Hmmm. It worked fine before, so how could anything I did have any effect on the steering column? So, I removed the new, right front LED bulb and replaced it with the old incandescent bulb and tried everything, and all worked properly. So now I’m thinking it is a defective bulb. So, I swapped the new right front and left front LED bulbs and the problem moved to the left side. Now I was sure it was the bulb so I returned it to Moss and got a new front bulb. When I installed it, everything worked properly. Conclusion: Moss sent me a bad bulb. But they replaced it for free, so I was happy.

### **Backup Lights**

If you look closely at my order list you will notice it does not include my reverse light bulbs. That is because

Moss does not sell such. I know this because I asked their sales rep which bulbs to purchase for reverse lights and he told me they have not found a suitable bulb. So, my quest began to find such an LED replacement. I tried the same bulbs as my license plate light and they were too short.

The festoon LED for the reverse lights is 42mm in length. I tried some local bulbs but they did not emit sufficient light so I got on the internet and found this bulb, which works OK. This package of four came from Amazon.

### **Epilogue**

So. Just when you thought you'd had enough of this, I need to tell you about the third brake light I installed to help Atlanta's wonderful drivers know that I have applied my brakes. I have considered adding this since having first seen one in a Moss catalog several years ago. So, while interrogating Neil Estes about which bulbs to purchase, I decided to ask if he had ever installed one. "No, but I have one in the box right over here and I've been thinking about using it." He opened it and allowed me to examine, and that's when I decided to add one to my bulb order. Neil mentioned that one customer had used one and had routed the wires through his luggage rack. So, I decided to give that a try. And I used clear sealant to cover up my sloppy workmanship. Here is a photo:

Does it work well? I dunno. I will tell you that the very afternoon I installed it, an idiot texting while driving a pickup truck almost rear-ended me. Note I say "almost." My granddaughter was with me and had he hit me it would not have gone well. So perhaps he saw me because I now had that third light.

This third brake light is truly not all that large nor all that bright, but may I suggest that combined with all the other colors and lumens, now at least I have a chance of surviving another little while.

### **Coupl'a Final Observations**

- LED bulbs are directional. They do not emit light in all directions as incandescent bulbs. They shine in only one direction. So, you got'ta make sure you have that light coming out where it will do the most good. And if you sense the fixture is loose and the bulb may spin or turn, tighten up the fixture so it will not turn.
- LED bulbs must be installed with the correct polarity. If you get them upside down or backwards, no light will come out. The positive pole must be aligned toward the positive end of the fixture. If you install the bulb and no light, reverse it in the fixture and try it.

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