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The November cover goes to Bob & Carol Di Meo's 2017 Black Rose Grand Sport doing laps at the National Corvette Museum Motorsports Park, Bowling Green, Kentucky, August 2019



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First Word

Larry Shields

I'm on the auto train heading to a new chapter in my life. I'm reflecting on the end of my two years of being the president of the club and very glad to have served these two years and wished my last year was under better circumstances.

I have made many lifelong friends from being in the club and will be spending time with them when I come up for the summer with my Corvette to spend time with family and friends.

My last official duty will be to conduct our last meeting of the year on a Zoom call, not how I expected my last month as president would be, but it is what it is. See you next month, virtually, and stay healthy and happy and don't forget to "Save the Wave" while you still can.

Dennis Corrigan



Joe and Carol's gorgeous ZR1 at Castle in the Clouds

Photo provided by Larry Shields

Gate City Corvette Club is one of the hundreds of Corvette clubs throughout the United States and Canada. The purpose of GCCC is to make being a Corvette owner more fun. GCCC meets at 7:00 pm the second Friday of the month at MacMulkin Chevrolet, 3 Marmon Drive, Nashua, New Hampshire.

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The pond at the apple farm in Londonderry, NH

Message from the Veep...

Welcome to October! It seems unreal that the end of the Vette season is rapidly approaching and soon the cars will be going for their long winter's nap once again. This is, by far, the lowest mileage year I've ever had for my Vette, with so few events to get out to. If it wasn't for a few nice weekend drives of just going nowhere fast, BUHBYE would have been a real garage queen this summer. I hope you all got your cars out a little more than mine! There's still a little time left, and the cars do have heaters in a pinch...

We have only one business meeting left for the year, and it's our elections! We've got a full ballot for the board positions, ready to take us forward in 2021. I hope we have a bigger turnout for our club meeting, which will be on Zoom once again. If anyone has questions, please just let me or Dave Hill know, and we're happy to help people. You don't have to install a client on your machine, and you can even just dial a phone number to connect in without a computer if you want. Hope to see you all there.

Larry "The Veep" Shields

THAT POOR VETTE



Sometimes you have to know when it's the wrong time & place, and just not worth it. In Grafton, Illinois a car group was cruising along State Road 100, when this red C7 Z06 and Mustang did a rolling start hard pull/race. The power of the C7 left a nice pair of tire marks, but as the car makes a hard gear shift under load, the backend breaks out causing the Vette to swerve, just missing the Mustang before hopping the low curb into oncoming traffic where it spun out and just missed a vehicle heading towards it. Everyone is okay – but this poor Vette is a bit embarrassed by the poor decision making of its owner.

Gate City Corvette Club Zoom 'Business' Meeting

November 13th at 7:00 pm

Topics for Discussion

Charitable Donations
Adopt-a-Family
Spring/Summer Celebration
Spring Fling Corvette Show 2021
November Election
Open Discussion

Please watch for Dave Hill's emails for details: ID number and password.

Social Wednesday Zoom Meetings 7:30 pm



November 25th
December 16th

BYOB & BYOS (snacks)



Please don't hesitate to reach out if you would like more information or need assistance joining in the meetings. We are happy to help!

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Hello All,

We had our second official virtual monthly club meeting on October 9, 2020. Dennis gaveled the meeting to order at 7:00 PM from an undisclosed location somewhere in Massachusetts. All of the standard protocols were followed and so Dean Gagne read the treasurer's report and it was accepted. The Secretary's report was read by David Osgood and accepted.

To the best of our knowledge no cruises or shows are forthcoming. Larry Shields did suggest that perhaps we have a few more weekends of good weather. Those willing to venture out may want to post an email of where and when they might round up a trip.

The Christmas party may be a non-event this coming year, but Allie suggested a Spring/Summer catered outdoor event for club members. Clambake is one idea and then I thought about a catered Lobster event. They set it up, cook the Lobsters, serve the Lobsters, and then do all of the cleanup.

Adopt A family is happening and we had a contribution to increase the gifts. Heather will be reaching out for volunteers. As we speak we now have nominations for all positions on the board for 2021.

David Osgood - President
Norm Wood - Vice President
Allie DeCampo - Secretary
Dean Gagne - Treasurer
Brent Aucoin - Officer At Large
Tom Stewart - Membership Director



The good news here is that we have a mix of new members and longtime members. This will give us a team willing to listen to new ideas from the membership and try new things. When we all come together we can overcome all obstacles and be a powerful and respected Corvette Club not only in New England but in the USA.

At precisely 8:00 PM the meeting was ended. Next month please join us for another fun filled evening of business and smiling faces.

Secretary,

David Osgood



GCCC ELECTION OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2021

Absentee Ballot

Absentee Ballot Instructions: Below are the nominations for Board of Directors for 2021. There is also space below each name for write-ins. Place a check mark by the person's name for which you are voting. In the event that there is only one candidate running for each office listed, the secretary as representative of the membership will submit one vote for all.

President:

David Osgood _____

Write In:

Vice President:

Norm Wood _____

Write In:

Secretary:

Allie DeCampo _____

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Treasurer:

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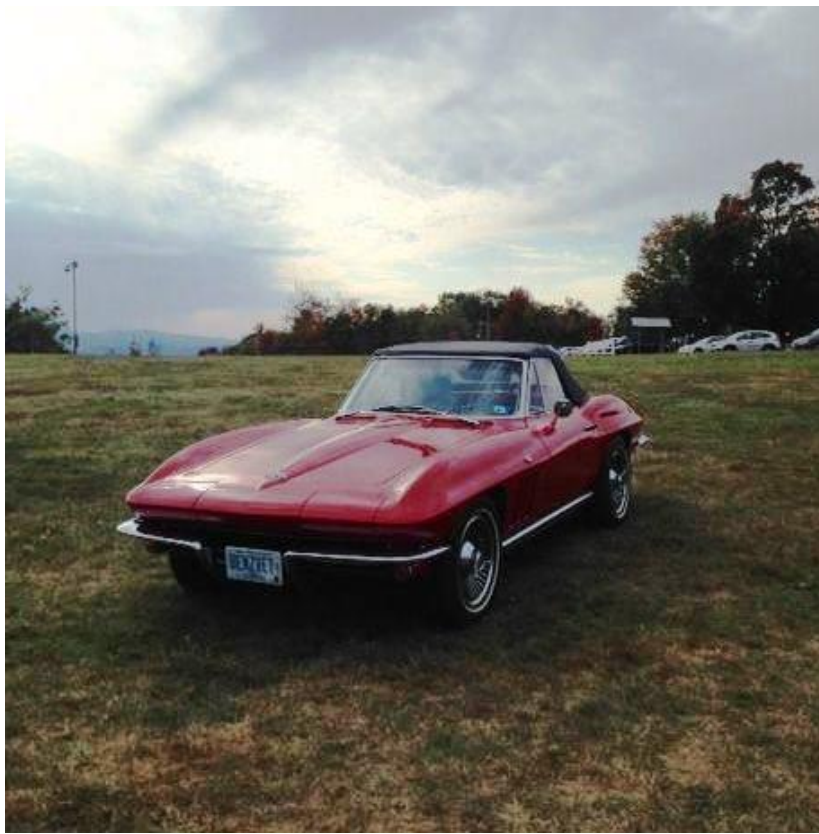
GCCC ANNUAL FALL PICNIC

by Allie DeCampo



It was a perfectly warm October day on the grounds of Castle in the Clouds for our annual fall picnic. We enjoyed a leisurely drive north on less traveled roads to get to beautiful Moultonborough. We arrived at the field at about noon and, after parking the Vettes in a neat row, staked out a spot to set up and socialize with our friends. This year, we didn't have the usual potluck picnic but brought our own lunch of choice. Personally, I missed trying all of the yummy offerings that everyone else brings. Fortunately, Liz and Tom provided a box of individually wrapped ice cream treats that needed immediate consumption before melting. Mike and Jill arrived later after enduring a minor scrape by a careless driver at our meeting place in Manchester. The Viper's layer of protection did what it was supposed to do and shielded the paint so all was well. Thank you to Norm and Sue for coordinating and thank you to everyone who attended including a couple of potential members. It was great to see so many of our members together after the summer of keeping our distance. Hopefully by next fall's picnic the concept of social distancing will be a fading memory in the rear view.





Gate City Corvette Club 2020



Group photo provided by Dave Hill

GATE CITY CORVETTE CLUB MEMBERSHIP REPORT

To Join Gate City Corvette Club, visit our website

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and click on the Membership Info Link

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75 Members – 4 Honored – 4 Honorary

Join us in celebrating the **NOVEMBER** birthdays!



Donna Centrella	11/01	Bob White	11/15
John Harrigan	11/02	Jay Houghton	11/17
Ron Garian	11/09	Al Whittier	11/18
Joan Guimond	11/10	Catherine Pratt	11/18
Larry Goelz	11/14		

If you do not see your birthday listed and would like it to be included in the future, please send your date of birth to Tony Centrella. Email Tony at allertnec@gmail.com.

Member Hints and Tips

- If you are an Amazon shopper, use the <https://smile.amazon.com> URL to have Amazon donate a portion of your purchase price to your favorite charity, and we hope that you will select the National Corvette Museum! Every little bit helps to preserve the Corvette treasures at the museum.
- And let's not forget to become a member of the National Corvette Museum as well!
- Remember to Save the Wave!

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The First Annual Gate City Corvette Club Fall Picnic

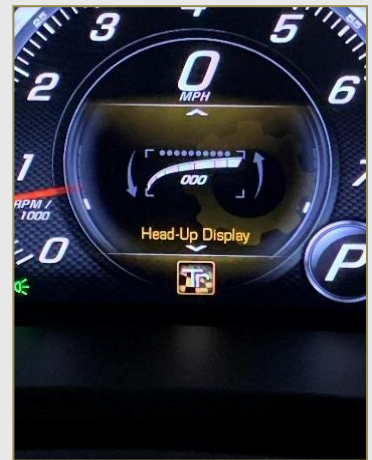
VERMONT LEAF PEEPING CRUISE

by Tony Centrella

Fall foliage in Vermont is always beautiful so why let a pandemic take away the chance to do a little leaf peeping and enjoying the companionship of friends and fellow Corvette drivers. This particular trip took us up route 89 to route 4 in Vermont, through Quechee and Woodstock and then south on route 100A, route 100 onto route 5 and route 12 along the Connecticut River down to route 9. We then took route 101 through Keene to return home. All in all, about 275 gorgeous miles of color!



Interesting discoveries we made on our 2019 Corvette Stingray during the Pandemic of 2020!



- *The car can be in any driving mode, Step 1. Go to settings, Step 2. Click on Driving mode, Step 3. It will be set to auto (mode selector) Click on track mode, No matter what mode you select, Stealth, Tour, Sport or Track the baffles in the exhaust will stay open.
Yes, the sound we all love!!!*
- *We also learned that you are able to rotate the heads up display (not just up or down) from the selector on the right side of the steering wheel!*



Tom Stewart

Yet Another Lawsuit Filed Over C7 Corvette Z06, Grand Sport Rim Issues

<https://gmauthority.com/blog/2020/10/yet-another-lawsuit-filed-over-c7-corvette-z06-grand-sport-rim-issues/>



Yet another class action lawsuit has been filed against General Motors alleging the factory rims on 2015-2019 Corvette Z06 and Corvette Grand Sport models are prone to pressure cracks and other damage.

According to The Detroit Free Press, a new class-action lawsuit has been filed seeking compensation for 18 separate C7 Corvette Z06 and Grand Sport owners and lessees, plus all others who either purchased or entered a lease agreement for either one of the vehicles in the United States.

The lawsuit, like others that have been filed over this same issue, alleges the factory rims on certain C7 Corvette model variants were manufactured using either substandard materials or faulty methods, making them prone to cracking and warping. The suit also notes that GM used inferior material than usual to reduce the unsprung weight of the wheels on these high-performance vehicles, further contributing to their alleged fragility.

The suit goes on to note that the wheel material is “cast, rather than forged, and is of insufficient strength, and in an insufficient quantity, to withstand the torque and power input from the drivetrain.” The C7 Corvette Z06 produces 650 horsepower and 650 pound-feet of torque from its supercharged GM 6.2L LT4 V8 engine, while the Grand Sport and its naturally aspirated 6.2L LT1 V8 make 460 horsepower and 465 pound-feet.

GM will not replace the damaged wheels under warranty, the lawsuit also states. GM did offer an optional wheel and tire protection package with the C7 Corvette Z06 and Grand Sport, The Detroit Free Press points out, which cost an additional \$1,000.

“Consumers regularly paid over \$900 per wheel to replace one cracked wheel with an equally defective replacement wheel,” the suit says.

Corvette chief engineer Tadge Juechter said in an online forum previously that the pressure cracks can form due if the driver hits potholes and other deformities on the road, which can weaken the wheel and cause it to bend and warp over time.

“Since it is hundreds or thousands of miles after the damaging event, the driver often can’t remember hitting anything that would justify a crack in the wheel,” Juechter said in the post. “I have actually experienced this myself.”

An affected owner that spoke to The Detroit Free Press said he took his case against to the Better Business Bureau and won, with GM forced to reimburse him the \$4,940 that he paid out of pocket to fix the car’s cracked OEM wheels. The arbitrator in that judgment said GM admitted that “minor depressions” at “low speeds” could cause the wheels to bend.

Vehicles included in this latest class action lawsuit span the 2015 to 2019 model years and include the C7 Corvette Z06 and Grand Sport only. A lawsuit was previously filed over this exact same issue back in early 2019, while a second similar lawsuit was filed earlier this year as well.

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Vettes of China

Photos provided by David Osgood

Rumor: C8 Corvette Grand Sport to be Replaced with “E-Ray” Hybrid

Brandan Gillogly October 9, 2020

<https://www.hagerty.com/media/news/rumor-c8-corvette-grand-sport-to-be-replaced-with-e-ray-hybrid/>

Chevrolet has built Grand Sport versions of the C2, C4, C6, and C7 Corvette. Those last two ‘Vette generations have used the engine from the base model, albeit fitted with a dry-sump oiling system and squeezed inside the wider bodywork of the Z06. It’s a great combination that adds road-holding grip and great looks with more than enough power for most enthusiasts to handle. However, if you were holding out on ordering a C8 Corvette until the Grand Sport debuts, you may be out of luck. According to *GM Authority*, the Grand Sport isn’t happening and a hybrid “E-Ray” Corvette will take its place.



1996 Grand Sports are among the most collectible C4 Corvettes. It has long been speculated that Corvette would offer at least one variant that ditches its frunk to add an electric motor to drive its front wheels, and we’ve known about the E-Ray moniker for years. The C8’s large center tunnel, which helps with chassis rigidity, turns out to be a good place for batteries.

The performance-focused E-Ray could add another 100 or so horsepower to the already stout output of the 6.2-liter LT2 V-8, which cranks out 495 hp when equipped with the dual-mode exhaust. An even more powerful variant, “Zora”, would combine the higher-output Z06 powerplant with a hybrid drivetrain to make the ultimate C8.

We’re not sure when the E-Ray would hit the market. If it can be seen as a mid-level performance package like the Grand Sport, we would expect it to follow the Z06. The Grand Sport, as great a package as it has been, lately served to keep up interest in the Corvette as the generation aged. Chevrolet is going to build 2020 Stingrays into December to keep up with orders for the initial year of C8s, in part due to shutdowns related to COVID-19. In fact, Corvette’s Bowling Green assembly plant is shutting down the week of October 12 due to a supply-related issue that sprang up because of the pandemic.

Despite the setbacks, it seems as though Team Corvette is not slowing down when it comes to developing even more impressive C8 variants.



2020 Chevy Corvette Now Getting Zora Graphic on Windshield

There's also a Team Corvette logo on the glass



If we've learned anything about Corvette owners through the years, it's that they enamored with neat little details. Now, there's a new detail for 2020 Corvette owners to get excited about. Or rather, 2020 owners getting their cars late in the run might get excited. Early C8 buyers might simply get jealous.

Look closely at the windshield of late-run 2020 Corvettes and you'll see a man's head on the lower passenger side corner, with Team Corvette showing up on the driver side corner. This discovery was recently made by Kerbeck Chevrolet in New Jersey on a recently delivered C8. Kerbeck is the largest Corvette dealer in the world so they see fresh 'Vettes on a regular basis and this new Easter egg was found on the highest-VIN model they've seen thus far.

We were curious about this addition and contacted General Motors to ask about it. A spokesperson confirmed that it's something recently added to the C8, and it will appear on all Corvettes going forward.

Of course, the small head is the likeness of Zora Arkus-Duntov. Widely regarded as the Father of the Corvette, he injected serious performance into the C1 and C2 models during his GM tenure, and fostered the original idea for a mid-engine version of the sports car. It would be over a half-century until his vision was finally realized in a production model, and Chevrolet is certainly keen to give credit where credit is due. We saw Zora's likeness incorporated into the camo wrap of C8 test vehicles, and the ultimate version of the C8 with 1,000 horsepower is expected to carry his name as the Corvette Zora.

Perhaps a bigger question now is, how will Corvette enthusiasts take to the early C8s not having this Zora-branded windshield? We suspect there will be owners coveting the windshield for sure, but knowing that it will be offered on all Corvettes going forward, the early-production cars could get a neat bump in collectivity similar to the split-window C2 from 1963. Ultimately, only time will tell the tale.

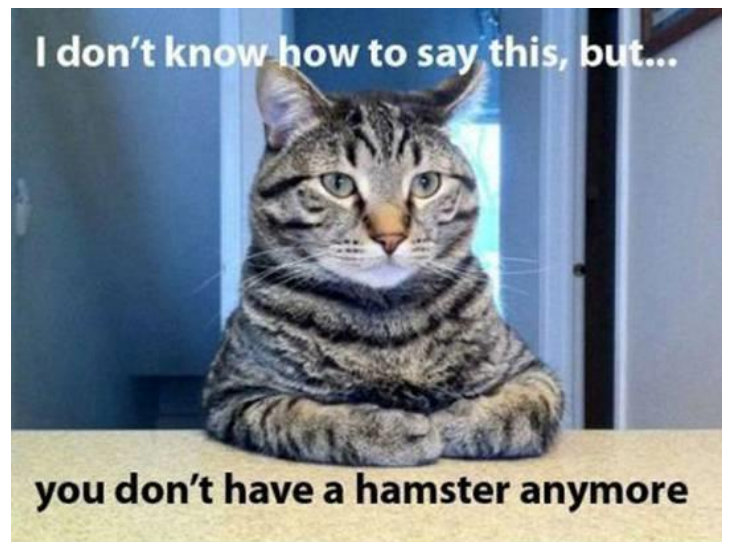
<https://www.motor1.com/news/446614/2020-corvette-zora-on-windshield/>

To try and keep everyone connected, I've setup a Virtual Gathering using Zoom so that we can all talk with each other and stay connected. Zoom works on most every platform and is easy to use. Here is the meeting invitation: October 21st is the next scheduled social meeting; followed by: November 25th and December 16th.

I will send out a reminder for each meeting with the connection details.

This pretty much wraps up the year's events. Granted, it was not much of a year, but we did a couple of charitable drive-bys, our 2 picnics, and other impromptu drives. I know that Deb and I have been enjoying our drives around the southwest New Hampshire area, getting to see some unique sights especially in Greenfield where there is a castle gate and a gigantic trebuchet.





Submitted by Tom Stewart

SARAH JOSEPHA HALE

The 19th-century New Hampshire editor who pestered five presidents to make Thanksgiving a national holiday.

Sarah Josepha Hale was born Oct. 24, 1788 on a farm outside of Newport, New Hampshire, to Captain Gordon Buell, a Revolutionary War veteran, and Martha Whittlesay Buell. Her parents believed in equal education for both genders. Home-schooled by her mother and elder brother Horatio (who had attended Dartmouth), Hale was otherwise self-taught. Growing up, she hardly seemed likely to move a president, and influence a generation of Americans. She became a teacher, acclaimed writer, poet, activist, and the first American woman to serve as editor of a national magazine.



Sarah famously campaigned for the creation of the American holiday known as Thanksgiving. She wrote Presidents Taylor, Fillmore, Pierce, and Buchanan about it before finding success with Abraham Lincoln.

Of course, Thanksgiving had existed on these shores long before Sarah Hale took it up as a cause. Her description of a New England Thanksgiving feast in her 1827 novel *Northwood* would have been recognized by Norman Rockwell, and could apply with equal accuracy to the average American home today.

“The roasted turkey took precedence,” she wrote, “being placed at the head of the table; and well did it become its lordly station, sending forth the rich odor of its savory stuffing, and finely covered with the froth of the basting.”

The dessert course is almost as recognizable: “There was a huge plum pudding, custards and pies of every name and description ever known in Yankee land; yet the pumpkin pie occupied the most distinguished niche.”

Thanksgiving had always been held in autumn, Sarah explains in the book, “the time when the overflowing garners of America call for this expression of joyful gratitude.” But different states held it on different days, and the holiday tradition was strongest in New England. Sarah wanted to guarantee Thanksgiving’s place in America’s firmament by making it a national day.

Sarah understood the particular pull of Thanksgiving. She wrote in 1837, “It is a festival which will never become obsolete, for it cherishes the best affections of the heart — the social and domestic ties.

In a September, 28, 1863 letter to Lincoln, Sarah made the case that a “National and fixed Union Festival” should occur on the last Thursday of November, annually, because the last Thursday of November was when George Washington had declared the first national Thanksgiving in 1789. On October 3, Lincoln issued the

proclamation designating “the last Thursday of November” as a day of Thanksgiving, arguing in several newspaper editorials that, “in the midst of a civil war of unequalled magnitude and severity, the American people should take some time for gratitude.”

In her 1852 editorial, Sarah had predicted that “wherever an American is found, the last Thursday would be the Thanksgiving Day. Families may be separated so widely that personal reunion would be impossible; still this festival, like the Fourth of July, will bring every American heart into harmony with his home and his country.” And so it does, still.

<https://www.nationalreview.com/2013/11/mother-thanksgiving-richlowry>

<https://time.com/4577082/thanksgiving-holiday-history-origins/>

To our Corvette Family



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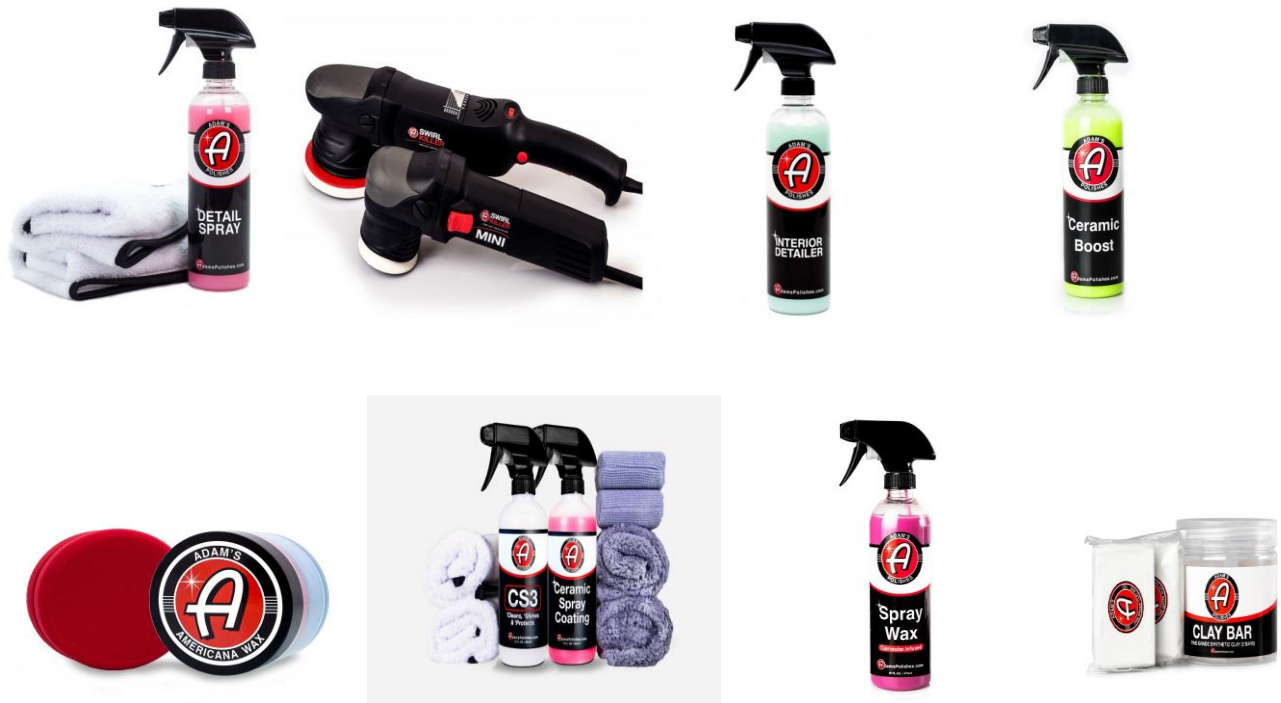
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