



# *Stress Kracks*

## **Gate City Corvette Club**



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**All good things come to those who wait!**

Delivery Day for Norm & Sue Wood's 2020 Arctic White with Morello Red C8 HTC

Photo provided by Tom Stewart



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## *First Word*

David Osgood

Hello ALL,

Happy end of the year! We made it. To the best of my knowledge all Gate City Club members survived this pandemic. We have friends who were overly cautious this past year and then when their son and family visited over Thanksgiving they both came down with Covid after they left.

Help is on the way and vaccines are being distributed throughout the country. We may be rounding the corner come early spring, just in time to unwrap our beautiful cars and start driving again.

One couple in particular will be very excited once the warm weather arrives and that is Norm & Sue Wood. I was there on a sunny December 3rd when they took delivery of their 2020 Corvette convertible.

If you have read every last book there is to read and tired of television we have a once a month solution, social zoom meeting thanks to David Hill. Be on the lookout for his invitation. The first half of the meeting is filled with chit chat and catching up on who's doing what. The second half is when all the fun begins. Our Bingo masters, Tom & Liz Stewart have figured out how to electronically download Bingo cards for all to play. The prizes will leave you speechless. Beyond that Allie DeCampo has devised a way for all of us to go on a scavenger hunt from the safety of our own homes. Somehow Larry Goelz kept on winning the Bingo games and Dave and Deb Hill were the King and Queen Scavengers.

A big vote of thanks to Sue Wood for coming up with the idea of creating a Christmas card writing campaign for the Veterans in Tilton. When I heard how many at the facility had succumbed to the virus and staff members that were infected I reached out for ideas. Many of us travel to Tilton for the annual Christmas/Ice Cream Party. Sadly, that was cancelled. I believe this Club sent over 150 Christmas cards and some members stepped up with donations. This is another testament to the strength of the membership of Gate City Corvette Club.

I have stated in almost every communication that this is your club. The new board of directors is eager to hear your ideas and find ways of

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.

putting them into action. I don't expect a quick turnaround in 2021, but I think we will see progress. As winter becomes spring and spring turns to summer I believe we will start to breathe fresh air and actually see smiling faces again.

Best to all of you,

Happy New Year!

*David Osgood*



Recommended Corvette storage (The Osgood's Grand Sport)



Not recommended but most repeated photo in the newsletter.

(Thanks to Al & Carol Whittier!)



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Photo of National Corvette Museum Dome provided by Deb Hill

## *Activities Corner*

Year 2020 is over and I don't think any of us want to remember it. Vacations, road trips, family gatherings and car shows were cancelled. We stayed home and watched a great summer season pass us by. But.....I did have one shining moment. Through many delays including labor strikes, Covid-19 shut down, parts delays and waiting 13 long months my 2020 Corvette HTC finally arrived the day before Thanksgiving.

Susan & I met with the sales staff a couple of days later. I looked at the extended weather forecast and with a 50+ degree day predicated I agreed to accept the car on Thursday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>. Afterwards, Susan and I drove from MacMulkin's Chevrolet to home to drop off the Traverse and then a quick trip to Goffstown to show friends that the car finally made it and then back home and into the garage. With 47 miles on the odometer, we plugged in the battery tender and covered the car. Two days later we had our first snow storm of the season and cancelled any further plans to maybe sneak in a short trip somewhere else. Sweet dreams until spring.

Well, the vaccine is out and hopefully our world will start to return back to normal conditions. While bottled up because of the pandemic situation, Susan and I watched a local program about "Covered Bridges" in New Hampshire. There are 54. We are in the process of looking for maps and locations and planning club trips to see how many we can visit this upcoming season.

As for "Spring Fling" things are still unknown at this time. A committee will be formed to start the plans. We will strive to hold the event if it is safe...time will tell.

If members have other ideas for Club events/trips, let me know. Let's see if we can get some use out of our Corvettes in 2021!

*Norm Wood,  
Vice President*





## Gate City Corvette Club Zoom 'Business' Meeting

January 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm

Agenda TBA

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

## Social Wednesday Zoom Meetings 7:30 pm

January 20<sup>th</sup>

February 24<sup>th</sup>

March 24<sup>th</sup>

April 21<sup>st</sup>

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!

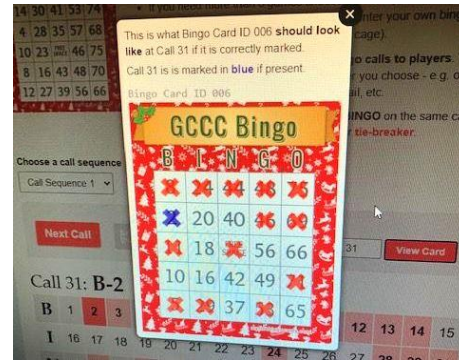
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Photo provided by Allie DeCampo

Greetings,

Since there was no meeting in December, I have nothing to report. We did, however, host a fun filled Zoom social on December 16<sup>th</sup>. It was the next best option since we couldn't get together in person. Our newly formed GCCC games committee (Liz and Tom Stewart and myself) ignited some competitive spirit with Bingo and an in-house scavenger hunt. All are welcome to join the games committee!



Also on the call Paula and Brent AuCoin mentioned a movie they had recently watched on Netflix, and that sparked an idea to gather more movie suggestions from our members. (Please see page 9.) Last evening Mike and I watched on Netflix 'Unknown' with Liam Neeson. This movie had us on the edge of our seats for 2 hours. I admit that we binge-watched all 3 seasons of Cobra Kai. We just couldn't resist finding out what the Karate Kid was up to these days. Daniel now owns car dealerships, still has issues with his old adversaries, and there's a new generation of karate kids that are vicious bullies.

Another fun past-time was suggested by Liz Stewart. Tom and Liz have been hooked on playing Five Crowns, a fast paced card game that uses 2 58-card packs. It can keep you captivated for hours!

Norm Wood's VP report referencing covered bridges reminded me of a cruise Mike and I went on with our '88 coupe during our early years in the club. Members of GCCC accompanied Lakes Region Corvette Club on a backroads route to the Mount Washington Hotel. Lakes Region must have had some clout with hotel management as we were allowed to park on the grass in front of the grand hotel.





Al Whittier has provided another glimpse into the history of GCCC with a President's Report from a 1980 issue of Stress Kracks. At that time, the club was celebrating its 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The report lists the names of 8 members present at the first meeting in 1975. It appears that the club grew quickly to 50 members during those first years. What's even *more* amazing is that they actually were able to come to an agreement on club shirts!!! (Please see page 10.)

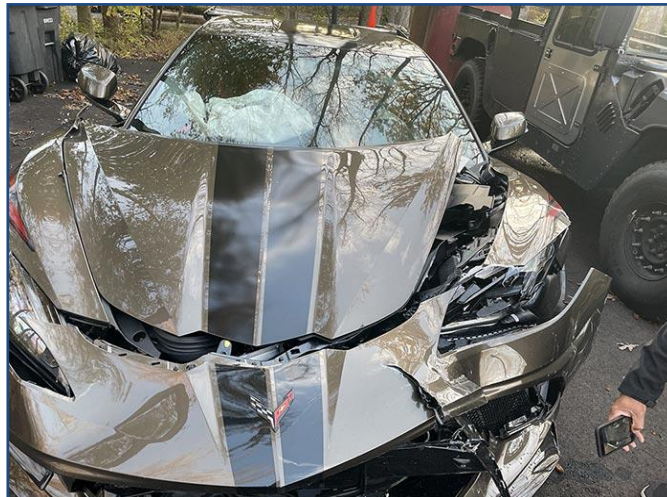
Brent AuCoin, our new Officer-at-Large, has been working on compiling a Calendar of Events for 2021. As of now, the calendar is largely based on what the club scheduled and had to cancel for 2020. Of course, the calendar will likely be significantly altered once the new Board of Directors and the VP/Activities Director have an opportunity to hold meetings and get input from the membership. Brent will be gathering and sharing information about events being held all over New England as soon as those dates become available.

Best wishes to all,

*Allie DeCampo*

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## That Poor Vette



This poor C8 Zeus Bronze Vette took a pretty notable crash into a full-sized SUV. While the car was a notable victim here – the owner praised the C8 safety engineering, “The impact felt as if I had casually bumped a curb in a full-sized SUV, and I’ve been in a more violent impact in bumper cars at an amusement park”. Three airbags deployed on the impact, the car automatically shut itself off, and turned on the emergency flashers. Thankfully no one in the other vehicle was injured either – and everyone was able to walk away.

TPV contributed by Larry Shields



## MEMBER MOVIE RECOMMENDATIONS



### NETFLIX

#### Fisherman's Friends

A cynical London music executive tries to sign a record deal with 10 fishermen from Cornwall who value friendship and community over fame and fortune.

Paula AuCoin

#### Enola Holmes

While searching for her missing mother, teen Enola Holmes uses her sleuthing skills to outsmart big brother Sherlock and help a runaway lord.

Dave Hill

#### Mind Hunter Series

Set in the late 1970s, two FBI agents are tasked with interviewing serial killers to solve open cases.

Dave Hill

#### Holiday in the Wild

When a woman is abruptly told by her husband he wants a divorce, she turns a preplanned second honeymoon into a solo trip to Africa and finds meaning and purpose. Appropriate for family viewing.

Allie DeCampo

#### Fastest Cars Series

This is a series about 'sleeper' cars that are built and modified by true gearheads to compete with supercars.

Al Whittier

### SHOWTIME/ AMAZON PRIME

#### The Current War

Dramatic story of the cutthroat race between Thomas Edison and George Westinghouse to determine whose electrical system would power the modern world.

Dave Osgood

#### Just Mercy

After graduating from Harvard, a young lawyer heads to Alabama to defend those wrongly accused. His first case is that of a man sentenced to die for the murder of an 18 year-old-girl despite evidence proving his innocence.

Dave Osgood

#### Mob Town

The FBI and a local cop track various members of organized crime families as they gather for a huge meeting in upstate New York in 1957.

Dave Osgood

#### Honest Thief

A former bank robber turns himself into authorities, only to be set up by them.

Brent AuCoin

### FREE ON DEMAND

#### The Upside

Inspired by a true story, this is a heartfelt comedy about a recently paroled ex-convict who strikes up an unusual and unlikely friendship with a wealthy quadriplegic.

Jill Dupont

## The following is a reprinted from a 1980 issue of Stress Kracks

### Presidents Report - May 1980

Five years! So, what's so special about five years? Two things (regarding Gate City anyway) are worthy of notation.

First, last month's newsletter was the first one in five years that I did not include a president's report for your reading pleasure. (Honeymoons tend to upset things a bit!)

Second, during June our club will celebrate its fifth Anniversary! Our first official meeting took place in early June, 1975. By-laws were established (similar to the ones sent to us by Corvette News Editor, Joe Pike) and as near as I can remember, the following officers were elected:

President:	Jim Mottram
Vice President:	George Dillingham
Treasurer:	Steve Jerszyk
Secretary:	Collette Paradise
Officer-at-Large:	Ron Gauvin

Also present:

Bob Nadeau  
Mary Fellon  
Ken Jutner

How time flies when you're having fun!

### Happy Birthday Gate City!!!

Please join me in welcoming Paul and Shelly Russell (new members) to Gate City. Their well-kept '65 Roadster is the first in our club. Glad to have you both with us!

### Special Note Regarding the New Club Shirts

As most of you know, a few meetings ago we decided to purchase sport shirts for our members. At that time we planned on about 30 shirts at roughly \$8.00 each (which was to have been paid for out of the treasury).

As it turns out, by the time we were able to check with everyone and place the order, our membership grew to over 50 and the price of the shirts rose to nearly \$11.00.





## Letter of Thanks from the Front Door Agency

Heather Shields

This past year was a year like no other; one full of uncertainty, changes and anxiety. We all had to learn to adapt, become flexible and be patient. Many of our traditions and the way we communicate with family and friends had to change. This was true for the Front Door Agency and its Holiday Santa program as well.

Back in July we had no idea if we would be able to successfully offer this program safely. After much discussion, it became evident that everyone was committed to continuing this program to ensure every child received a nice Christmas, especially this year. We worked tirelessly to make the changes necessary to protect staff, volunteers, donors and our clients. We started the application process earlier so we could get wish lists out to our donors quickly to allow for more online shopping; we limited the capacity of children served; and with the great help of our partner the Courtyard Marriott, we were able to offer a drive -thru service for both our wonderful donors and our clients.

The community's response was just tremendous and overwhelming! This year, with the help of over 80 businesses, individuals and civic organizations, we were able to provide gifts of clothing, toys and gift cards to over nearly 500 children in the Greater Nashua Area! This was all made in part to your continued commitment and we cannot thank you enough!

On behalf of our Board of Directors, staff and those we serve, we thank you for helping make the holiday season brighter for so many less fortunate families in the Greater Nashua Area!

Best wishes for a happy, healthy, safe and prosperous 2021.

Yours truly,

Maryse Wirbal  
Chief Executive Officer

Nancy Paige  
Holiday Program Coordinator



**A special thank you from the Front Door Agency to those who participated in our annual Holiday Program! This year, with your support...**

**478** local children in need had their Christmas wish fulfilled.

**\$100,000** worth of toys, warm clothing and groceries were donated.

**84** local organizations and individuals (hundreds of donors in all) participated.

**216** families received assistance through the Holiday Program.

## NEWS FLASH!

It appears that the most anticipated news of the century, the delivery of Norm and Sue Wood's new C8 Corvette, has been leaked to the local newspaper.

### Wood takes delivery of new Corvette; club spreads holiday cheer

NASHUA – On Dec. 3, it was a great day for Norm Wood, vice president of the Gate City Corvette Club.

Wood ordered his 2020 Corvette over a year ago, and just took delivery at MacMulkin Chevrolet, the largest Corvette dealer in the United States.

This is the redesigned Corvette, which is now a mid-engine vehicle, along with a retractable hardtop.

He sold his 2015 Corvette in October 2019, never thinking that a worldwide pandemic would arrive in 2020.

This becomes a Christmas present, even if it will now sit in his garage until May 2021.

The Gate City Corvette Club has been unable to meet since March; however, that did not stop them from having Zoom gatherings and exploring ideas of how to spread holiday cheer.

The club just finished its annual Adopt A Fam-

ily volunteer event, headed by Heather and Larry Shields, and put big smiles on children and their families struggling during this time.

Sue Wood came up with an idea of sending Christmas cards to the residents at the veterans home in Tilton.

The goal was 135 cards, and the club blew right past that.

Dave and Deb Hill just sent out a dozen cards to the health care workers at the facility.

In the past, the club would go to the home and sponsor an ice cream Christmas party for the vets.

That was not possible this year, so the club reached out to the director, and she was more than thrilled with the Christmas card writing campaign.

Gate City Corvette Club is a lot more than car club. It is a group of people who love giving back now more than ever.



*Courtesy photo*  
Gate City Corvette Club member Norm Wood recently took delivery of his 2020 Corvette from MacMulkin Chevrolet.

This ground shaking information reported by the Nashua Telegraph was provided by an anonymous source rumored to be the president of Gate City Corvette Club.

Thank you, Gayle & Dan Zelonis for reading newspapers and bringing this article to our attention.



Photo provided by Tom Stewart



## Gate City Corvette Club Membership Report

To Join Gate City Corvette Club, visit our website

<http://www.gatecitycorvetteclub.com/>

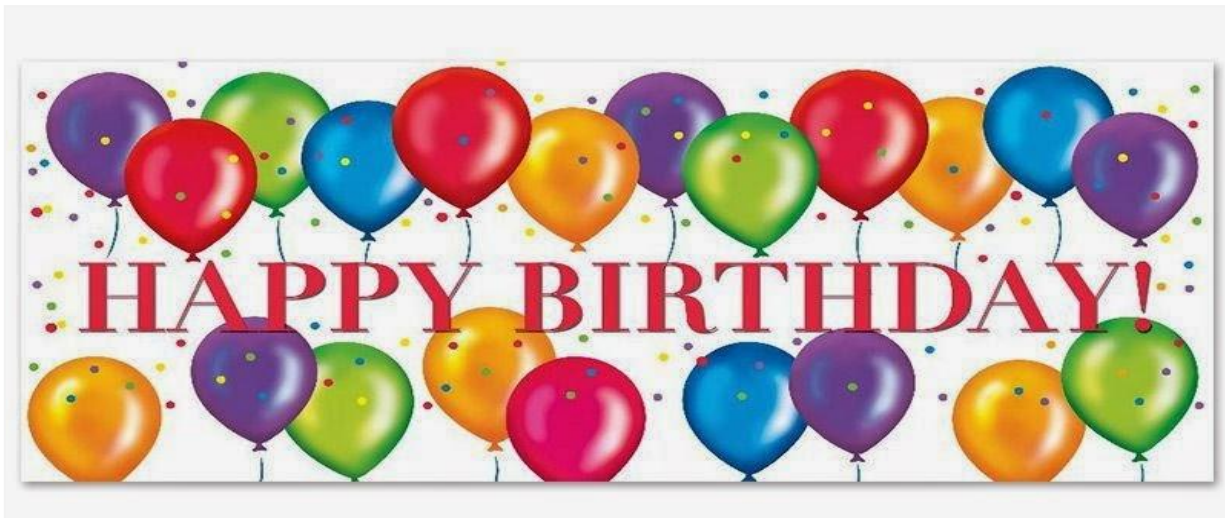
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60 Members – 4 Honored – 4 Honorary

Join us in celebrating the January birthdays!



Sharon White      01/09

Allie DeCampo      01/29

If you do not see your birthday listed and wish to be included, please send your date of birth (month and day) to Tom Stewart at the phone number or email address above.

## 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.
- Consider becoming a member of the National Corvette Museum.
- Remember to Save the Wave!

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Christmas Holiday Bling for the Stingray



## Calendar of Events

by Brent AuCoin, Officer At-Large

### Dates to Come...

As you can see the club calendar is incomplete. This, by and large, is due to Covid and the various clubs not having set their 2021 activities yet – including ours. We will be working over the next 30–60 days to have a complete line-up of activities within and outside our club. If you would like to participate in the planning, please contact me at 547-0968.

- Dust-off Cruise.....April ?
- Spring Fling Judging Clinic.....TBA
- Corvettes and Coffee (Great Bay Corvette Club).....TBA
- Spring Fling.....TBA
- Tilton Veteran's Home – Summer.....TBA
- Club Picnic.....July
- Blessing of the Vettes.....TBA
- Norm's Detailing Clinic (Corvette Mike's – Plymouth, MA).....TBA
- Corvettes by the Sea (CCRI).....August
- Corvettes at Carlisle.....August
- National Corvette Caravan Reunion.....September
- Driven to Make a Difference (GBCC).....September
- Vettes to Vets.....September
- Castle in the Clouds Picnic.....September
- Tilton's Veteran's Home – Fall.....December
- **Holiday Party.....January 2022**

Please keep these dates in mind when making your seasonal plans as we enjoy seeing you all regularly. Please be sure to confirm the dates and times of events before you plan to attend.

Remember to have fun with your Corvette(s)!

## Lessons I Learned During 2020

- Every person within a mile radius of my home owns a dog except for me.
- The Amazon Prime delivery person is the most welcomed visitor to the neighborhood.
- When the frozen vegetable section of the supermarket is wiped out of everything except brussels sprouts, I'm ok with that...means more brussels sprouts for me.
- When the going gets tough, the tough get toilet paper.
- You can turn lemons into lemonade. I don't mean that metaphorically. Lemonade is literally made from lemons.
- Being an introvert can be helpful during a pandemic.
- It's ok to wear a mask in a bank. Ironically, not wearing a mask elicits fear.
- 3:00 pm is a good time to change from your night-time pajamas into your day-time pajamas.
- There are 3 million Hallmark Christmas movies with characters that dislike idyllic quaint villages until they are coerced into drinking hot chocolate, baking cookies, ice skating, and decorating gingerbread houses.
- I get by with a little help from my friends. 
- Spending time with loved ones is the best time of all. I knew that!

*Allie*





*Dear Members,*

*Gate City Corvette dues is due by the end of January.  
The cost this year is \$55.00.*

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*Thank you.*

*Dean*



**“Let us wander where the wifi is weak.”**

## PUBLISHING & ADVERTISING

**PUBLISHING INFORMATION** – The next article/ad submission date is **January 20, 2021**

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Please help by sharing news about trips you've taken, shows you've attended, and suggestions for club activities, as well as technical advice, cleaning tips, or anything else that you feel would be of interest to our members. The club needs your input.

Reports, articles, notices, letters, photos and ads are to be received by the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month for inclusion in the upcoming newsletter. Thank you for helping to make our newsletter interesting and informative!

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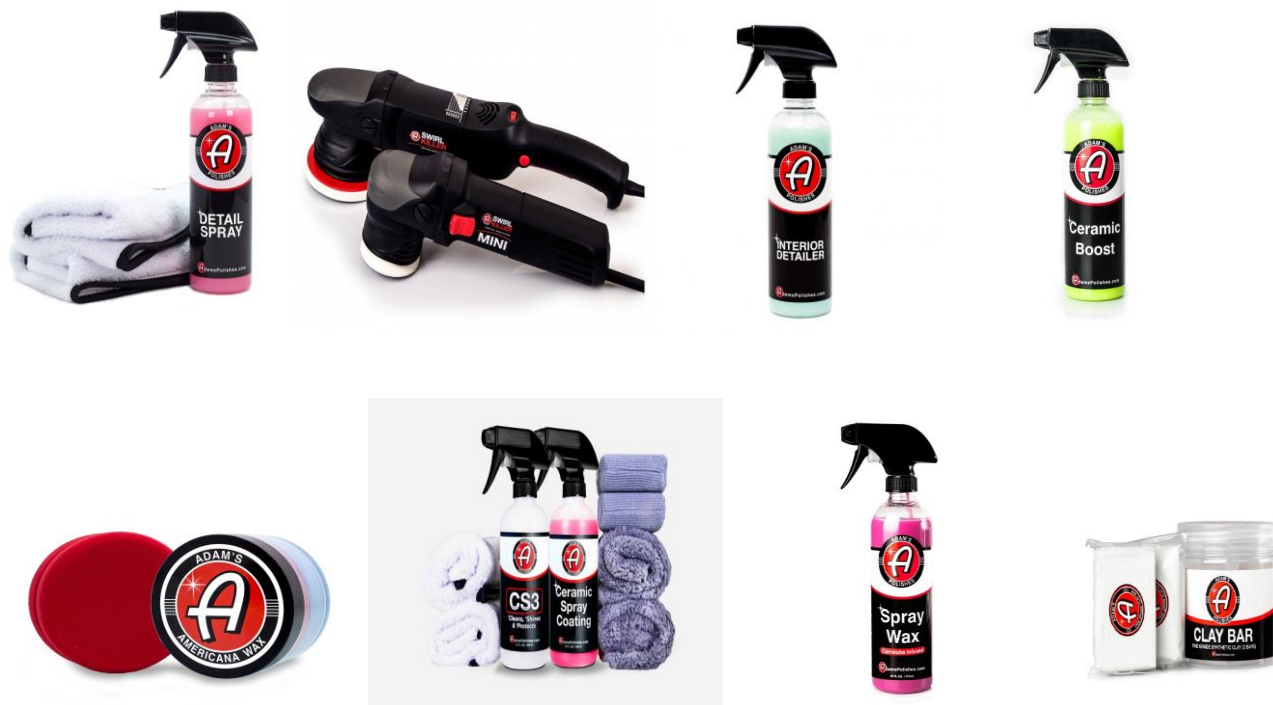
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