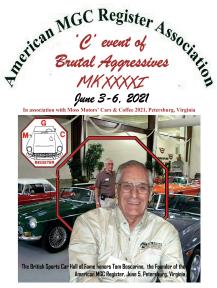
## **Coordination Director's Message**

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## The Right Stuff

A FEW WEEKS AGO, Chuck Yeager, the man who exemplified the right stuff, more than anyone, made his last flight into eternity, when he closed his eyes for the last time at age ninety-seven.



With many of us. there have been a few men and women in our lives who have been our



exemplars. For nearly all of my life, Randolph Scott has been a hero, since watching him in the Saturday morning movies a few blocks away in my hometown. Mother gave me a quarter and permission to go by myself at six.

Of course, he was only the first of my few who had the right stuff. These were and are persons who set the right example and who lead. Each took on a special responsibility for the community, both physical and mental, that I lived and live in. They volunteered and taught by example and leadership when others wouldn't or couldn't. Whether in breaking the sound barrier or in hundreds of other heroic exploits and leadership these men and women did have the right stuff. One was the local businessman who told me to never cut corners. Others were teachers, Ted Garrett, my thespian director and my DeMolay Dad, mother, dad, mothers and fathers, advisors, soldiers and many left out. With a bit of observation and thought, one can find these persons with the right stuff.



And it may be thought that all the owners and enthusiasts who are members of the AMGCRA have it.

Cheers and Happy New Year to All +++ 'C 'you in Virginia on June 3rd