2020 was a very difficult year for all of us! It was especially a difficult year to have as my first full calendar year as Regional Director. Many of us have been negatively affected by this pandemic, wither it be emotionally, financially, or both! However here we are, the strong individuals we are that make up this amazing club made it! I heard someone say not long ago that this pandemic caused a lot of cancelations for our club with social gatherings, but it made our chapters grow stronger by having to stay local most of the time. I have seen a lot of chapters doing things together this year. Everyone sticking around home most of the time, I believe may have gave many of our chapters a “revival,” if you will.

It is sad to say that our Regional Rally, The Bootlegger Rally, was in fact the only rally that was able to take place this year. Although, that is a sad statement I think Illinois State Association did a fantastic job! The only thing I think they should have changed was the rain on Sunday while we all were headed home! Thursday, they had a nice afternoon ride with a dinner to end the evening in the banquet hall. Saturday, we had a beautiful scenic ride to Wallace FD. The members of Wallace fed us a nice lunch, then we headed over to Jammie’s Outpost in Utica, IL. That little town was a true biker destination with lots of leather shops, sweet shops, and just about anything a biker destination would need. Jammies Outpost was having an outdoor concert series and the IL State Association provided every one of us with VIP wristbands so we could enjoy the afternoon with multiple bands and entertainment. Once we all got back to the hotel and treated our sun burns! We enjoyed a great evening dinner with a few raffles and of course the tradition of passing of the “Keg”.

2020 Bootlegger Event Totals
- Four Regions 1,3,4,5
- 21 States  o AL, CT, GA, VA, IA, IL, IN, MA, MD, MN, NC, ND, NJ, NY, OH, PA, SC, TN, VA, WI, WV
- 43 Chapters  o AL 14, CT 14, GA 20, VA 13, IA 2, IL 14-16-19, IN 2-3-4-6, MA 4-13, MD 4-7 MN 4-7, NC 11, ND 2, NJ 4-5-16-31-33, NY 5, OH 1-16, PA 8-11-18-22-24-34, SC 1, TN 7, VA 8, WI 2-6, WV 8-9
- 4 MAL’S  3 – Indiana, 1 - New Jersey
- Attendees 146 Adults, 7 Children

Indiana State Association stepped up to the plate and will be hosting the 2021 Bootlegger! I’m very excited to see what Indiana brings to this wonderful event! I know that Woody, and his state committee will introduce an interesting twist to our beloved event!

As the cold winds come rushing into Region 3 this marks for a lot of us the end of the 2020 riding season. This, however, does not mean that we hang our vests up and wait to see each other next year. We need to make sure we all stay in touch, keep our chapters thriving, and accelerate through the seasonal changes instead of slowing down! I personally challenge each chapter in Region 3 to have at least two “chapter hangouts” just something small at someone’s home where everyone can still feel connected to the chapter. This can be as extravagant as you want it to be or as small as you want it to be. Order some pizzas, have some good
conversation, and most of all have fun! I wish each of you a Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year!

Loyal to Our Duty
Trey Anderson
Region 3 Director