

Klaus..Dieroff

Posted by Pit Observer - 23 Oct 2012 05:55

For those friends that don't know...Klaus was taken to the emergency room a week ago (Monday 15th) by ambulance from out of work...

Battery of tests were done and he was diagnosed with Renal Cell Carcinoma of the right Kidney.

The tumor had grown through the wall of the kidney and into the main vein and up toward the heart and into many lymph nodes around it. He has stage 3 cancer. Without surgery, possibly 8 months to live.

With surgery, he has a 25% chance to still be here in 5 years.

We were lucky enough to find a local urologist that would do the surgery.

They performed a 7 hour surgery yesterday and have gotten the tumor out also removed his right kidney, along with the infected nodes. He is in intensive care now...still has breathing tube in, but that may come out today. As of 5:45 this a.m when I spoke to the night nurse...he did not sleep well, but sometimes that happens after surgery. He is alert and writing messages to the nurse for his needs, and stable so far....

It is still touch and go for the next few days as with any major surgery....

His spirits are high and he gave me a thumbs up and indicated he loved me last night when I told him he did super through the surgery. He will probably be in ICU for a few more days..

I have heard there are friends "pissed" cause he did not let them know....

Please don't be angry...he was in shock as we all were,and it was his way of dealing...and we only found out on Thursday about the cancer and spent all day Friday having preadmission testing...there wasn't time to notify everyone

this was totally out of the blue...no warnings at all...they thought he might have a bleeding ulcer and when tests were run found the cancer instead...

I will try to update more here as soon as I can...

if you are friends on his Facebook page or on mine, I am updating there also

I thank you all for the well wishes and prayers

Pit Observer/ Pat

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Re: Klaus..Dieroff

Posted by chevord - 24 Oct 2012 10:33

Get well soon Klaus

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Re: Klaus..Dieroff

Posted by HHFab - 24 Oct 2012 11:56

Pat, best wishes from the Bedell's and the Bassett's.

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Re: Klaus..Dieroff

Posted by extrememike - 24 Oct 2012 12:19

Klaus, hurry up and get well soon. You still have time to make your time trial before elims start!

Take care of yourself buddy...

Mike

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Re: Klaus..Dieroff

Posted by DoozCoop - 24 Oct 2012 12:51

Very sad to hear this Pat - please let him know he's in our thoughts and prayers here, and get better soon! 😊

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Re: Klaus..Dieroff

Posted by sundayfunmoney - 24 Oct 2012 14:59

stand strong and fight hard....you are in our prayers...get well quick....sundayfunmoney and family...

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Re: Klaus..Dieroff

Posted by Pit Observer - 24 Oct 2012 21:17

10:00 pm....another slight set back today for klaus...

After last night's episode and his BP & heart rate up and down, they have had him very heavily sedated all day

to keep him calm, and keep his heart rate and BP in control.

His enzyme's have changed a bit and he has a slight fever tonight. I spoke to his Surgeon who is saying, after the episode last night, he does NOT think he has had a heart attack or clot move, but can't rule it out ...and I spoke to the cardiologist who says he might have had a mild heart attack, and he is leaning that direction.

They can't check because they would need to use the dye in the veins for the scan and they can't risk damaging the "good" kidney. They are watching closely. They are filling him with tremendous amounts of fluid hoping his "good" kidney will start functioning better, and then his rates will come into normal range. He has been in bed since Monday and that is making all the excess fluid go into his lungs, but they are more concerned to get the one kidney and heart under control and they'll will worry about the lungs later.

If all goes well tonight the Dr. will hopefully try and take the breathing tube out again tomorrow.

Its all medication right now...I left the hospital a bit earlier tonight as he was just sleeping , and did not know I was there, and I'm exhausted...going off to bed now...

Thank you all again for all your Love and prayers and support, please keep praying

I will update again tomorrow

Pat

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Re: Klaus..Dieroff

Posted by Pit Observer - 25 Oct 2012 06:10

I called the hospital this morning around 6am. and his nurse said his heart rate was a bit better, his BP is actually a bit low, but better low than high. They have taken him off his epidural for now (that was in his back to relieve pain, because they think that might be causing the high BP) and he was somewhat uncomforable, and they have lowered his sedation so he is slowly coming awake...they will watch his Bp and heart rate and give him sedation again as needed, and hopefully keep his heart rate under control.

I will call the hospital again mid morning and see how he is doing and see him again tonight.

Thank you for all the good wishes, and prayers,

he is long way from being out of the woods yet.

Please Keep praying...

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Re: Klaus..Dieroff

Posted by SUPERG11 - 25 Oct 2012 11:44

Thoughts and prayers going out to both of you from Superg and the crew, Please get well very soon. stay positive and keep pushing forward!! ☺

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Re: Klaus..Dieroff

Posted by 149hall - 25 Oct 2012 15:42

Stay hopeful and positive. all payers are with your family

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Re: Klaus..Dieroff

Posted by Pit Observer - 25 Oct 2012 19:10

8 p.m. I have been at the hospital since noon...another setback today.

Klaus did NOT have a heart attack, or a clot...as far as the D.R's can tell, but his BP is all over the place and he is in a tremendous amount of pain when they reduce his sedation to the point of his BP and heart rate out of control.

He has been sedated and out of it again all day. He did not know I was there.

Still on the ventilator to breath.

He may have a clot now, and fluid build up in his lungs, and the remaining kidney is not working.

They are still pumping him full of fluids hoping to "jump start" the kidney, but he is at the point where even that will not work. The next step would be to possibly put ";

him on temporary dialysis...possibly a few days, a week , two weeks the D.R. said.

Again thank you for all the good wishes and prayers

Pat

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Re: Klaus..Dieroff

Posted by ratssass - 25 Oct 2012 19:27

Stay strong,Pat....we're all behind you...

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Re: Klaus..Dieroff

Posted by ron - 25 Oct 2012 20:00

he is probably the most friendly and lovable guy at esta , big hart , i didnt like his prognosis you said they gave him , sorry , 8 month's as is , operate 25% to live 5 years ? i work with people they have said that to that are past 20 years after being told one ??? alot of it is mental , a dr. has no way of knowing how long after the cancer is removed , go back every 6 months and deal if their is an issue , deal with it , what i see people doing , that prognosis would be a hell of a shock to anyone , treating the mind is as important as treating the body. some docs although excellent , couldnt find bed side manner if it fell in their lap ☺

find a positive doc to perc him up ☺

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Re: Klaus..Dieroff

Posted by crashbeeracing - 26 Oct 2012 06:34

Pat

Please tell Klaus that we are thinking of him and to get well soon.

your street friends,

David and Diane Ashby

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Re: Klaus..Dieroff

Posted by zeesbluz - 26 Oct 2012 08:09

Hang in there Buddy! GWS!!!

-Anthony

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Re: Klaus..Dieroff

Posted by The Cheater Sleeper - 26 Oct 2012 08:51

You're in my thoughts and prayers. You need to get better soon so you can "chair hop"
under the "Toddster Tent" next season!! Thanks for the updates Pat.

Kim Rossiter #619

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