

## Klaus..Dieroff

Posted by Pit Observer - 23 Oct 2012 05:55

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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 tracman466 - 02 Mar 2013 18:02

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Good luck ! See ya soon..GW!

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**Re: Klaus..Dieroff**

Posted by ratssass - 02 Mar 2013 20:26

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...so good to see you back on the interwebz,klause!!

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**Re: Klaus..Dieroff**

Posted by Pit Observer - 06 Mar 2013 05:38

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Klaus started back to work on Monday, for half days right now. So far so good. He's enjoying it and only a little tired when he gets home. WHAT A COME BACK !!! Just look at 4 months ago. His incision is still not fully healed, but getting better I think....We are still waiting for more test appointments to be set up....should be any day now...Still taking one day at a time.....Thank you all for your love and support and prayers.....Pat

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**Re: Klaus..Dieroff**

Posted by Pit Observer - 15 Apr 2013 14:22

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Received the BEST news today...Klaus went back last week several times for more bone scans and xrays and CT scans, We saw his Dr. Today for the results...

The nodes that had grown larger since his surgery have now shrunk, on their own without any treatment ...The new spot they had seen in the last xrays that was on the back bone, that they were worried about, can no longer been seen in the xrays or scans

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His DR. kept saying he was thrilled....he even said Klaus may be one of those 2% or 3% who's symptoms dissappear. We go back again toward the end of July for more CT scans...for follow up

His incision from his surgery still has not closed all the way, and has opened up again in a second spot...but they are now trying a different procedure...We are now using HONEY...to heal it...been applying raw honey to the open wounds every night and its does seem to be helping....

I am thrilled beyond imagination to be posting this happy news...

PRAYERS HAVE HELPED.....Thank you ALL so much., Til next time..

Pat

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**Re: Klaus..Dieroff**

Posted by ratssass - 15 Apr 2013 14:54

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...great news Pat/Klause!!!!Keep on keeping on!!!

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**Re: Klaus..Dieroff**

Posted by tummy - 16 Apr 2013 07:31

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Wonderful!!!!

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**Re: Klaus..Dieroff**

Posted by red barn - 16 Apr 2013 14:04

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Great News. Thank you for the update

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**Re: Klaus..Dieroff**

Posted by crashbeeracing - 18 Apr 2013 05:38

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Hi Pat

Please tell Klaus to stay strong and let him know are prayers and thoughts are with him everyday. Speedy recovery as we want to see him back at the track even just to watch.

Love

David and Diane Ashby

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