

GRRRAFFITI News & Notes

The Arnie Beswick Accident Recovery Fund



ARNIE BESWICK ARCHIVES

ARNIE BESWICK WAS SERIOUSLY INJURED ON AUGUST 3, 2003 WHEN HIS RACE CAR BLEW UP AT THE END OF A RUN AT THE MID-AMERICA RACEWAY IN WENTZVILLE, MISSOURI. HE RECEIVED THIRD DEGREE BURNS TO BOTH HANDS AND WAS SEVERELY BURNED ON HIS ANKLES, FEET, NOSE AND MOUTH. X-RAYS INDICATED MINIMAL DAMAGE TO HIS LUNGS. HIS EYES WERE NOT DAMAGED AND HIS VITAL SIGNS WERE NORMAL. SKIN GRAFT SURGERY BEGAN ON THURSDAY, AUGUST 7TH, AT THE BURN UNIT OF ST. JOHN'S MEDICAL CENTER IN ST. LOUIS. ACCORDING TO A FAMILY SPOKESPERSON, AS OF THIS WRITING ARNIE HAS UNDERGONE THREE SUCH OPERATIONS. HE REMAINS ON A RESPIRATOR AND IS HEAVILY SEDATED.



ARNIE BESWICK ARCHIVES

Arnie is covered by Medicare and by family insurance, but medical care such as this can easily outstrip any coverage. His recovery fund, established by The Cruisin' Tigers GTO Club, will allow Arnie use these funds as his needs dictate. Arnie's major sources of income are the events he attends and the merchandise his fans purchase at these events. Obviously, that schedule has been wiped out, and his car has been heavily damaged.

Arnie has been a

member of The Cruisin' Tigers GTO Club for many years and is a dear friend to many members. The Cruisin' Tigers GTO Club is acting as the clearing house for contributions, which can be made by check or by credit card. Every penny of contributions will go directly to Arnie. Those wishing to contribute can receive full details by visiting The Cruisin' Tigers Internet site, www.cruisintigersgto.com, and following the clearly identified links. A contribution form, to be mailed with all contributions, can be printed from this site, or contributors may select a link which allows an immediate contribution via credit card. Those without Internet access may call: (630) 258-2615 and leave a mailing address, and a contribution form will be sent by mail. Questions may be addressed to Club President, Steve Lucas, at (630) 364-8508.

On behalf of Arnie, "Thank you for your concern, prayers and support."