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2006 U.S. Soaring Team News

12/21/06 - TEAM CROSS COUNTRY CAMP, ELMIRA, NY - 2007

The Harris Hill Soaring Corporation and the US Soaring Team Committee announce a Cross Country Soaring and Racing Camp to be held August 20-25 at Harris Hill, Elmira, NY the week preceding the Region 3 Contest also to be held at Harris Hill August 26-September 1. This is a great opportunity to learn from the experts how to hone your cross-country flying skills, and develop efficient flying techniques by applying racing disciplines. For complete information and an entry form see the [camp page here...](#)

12/14/06 - TEAM CROSS COUNTRY CAMP, SOUTHERN, CA - 2007

Sky Sailing and team pilot Garret Willat will host the 2007 Western Team Camp, May 7-11, 2007. Oriented to provide a relaxed learning environment this camp is for glider pilots who want to take their **skills to the next level** from the basics of cross country flying right through to performance cross county and competition flying. Slots are going fast and are limited so **sign up NOW**. For complete information and an entry form see the [camp page here...](#)

12/7/06 - JUNIOR TEAM FUNDRAISING CALENDAR - 2007

These calendars are first class featuring soaring photographs taken by the Juniors themselves at legendary soaring sites Moriarty, Boulder and Marfa plus shots from prior Junior World Championships in England and Italy. The layout is a large 11x17 inch format using high quality 100 pound glossy paper for a calendar you will be proud



US Team eBulletin NEWS

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to show off at work, give as a gift or put in your home or shop. See more on this worthy fundraising effort and [find the order form here...](#)



12/2/06 - NEW TEAM COMMITTEE MEMBER

After a very close election long time soaring pilot and frequent team member Rick Walters will be replacing John Seaborn on the U.S. Team Committee. Rick has been racing sailplanes since 1985, participated in three world championships and is on the current [US 2008 team](#) in the 18-Meter Class to Germany. Rick will work for increased competitiveness at the WGC level through adaptation of WGC scoring formulas at our nationals, growth of team flying skills, and fostering the very talented young pilots that are currently winning US nationals. Congratulations to Rick.

12/2/06 - NEW TEAM WEB AND eBULLETIN MANAGER

Dirk Elber will replace John Seaborn as the US Soaring Team's Web and eBulletin manager. Dirk comes from a long time soaring family and actively flies an ASW-20. Dirk is well versed in both the sport and web management and looks forward to helping the team reach new heights in its communication and web presence.



Mike Westbrook and Kathy Fosha - 2007 USA Junior Team

11/11/06 - 2007 JUNIOR TEAM FINALIZED

Kathy Fosha will join Mike Westbrook and Chris Saunders on the 2007 United States Junior Team competing in the 5th World Gliding Championships in Rieti, Italy from July 27 to August 10, 2007. Long time glider pilot Billy Hill has graciously agreed to become Team Captain for this event. Current 18-Meter National Champion and Junior team pilot Chris Saunders is well positioned to participate in the 30th WGC Pre-Worlds in

2007 which would preclude him from joining his teammates at the Junior World Gliding Championships in Italy. Meet the 2007 US Team Junior [HERE](#).

11/01/06 - US TEAM COMMITTEE ELECTION, SSA MEMBERS VOTE NOW!

The US Team Committee election has begun! All SSA members are encouraged to go to log in with their name and SSA number, and vote for the candidate of their choice to this three year post. The election period will be open until November 30, results announced shortly thereafter, and winner will take office at year end. Don't miss your chance to help shape the future of US Soaring Teams. Vote online [HERE](#).



10/29/06 - TEAM CAMP ANNOUNCED! YOU ARE INVITED

The US Team organization will sponsor a Cross-Country and Racing Camp at Perry International Airport from April 7-13, 2007, the week before the Regional Contest held there. This is a great opportunity to learn from the experts how to hone your cross-country flying skills, and develop efficient flying techniques by applying racing disciplines. If you're interested, click [HERE](#) for more information and to download an application.

09/01/06 - TEAM COMMITTEE WEB PAGE UPDATE

The US Team Committee web page has been updated with Minutes from the August 28th team committee teleconference, full report from the Club and World Class WGC team captain Susan McAllister, expense reports from Sweden and France and interim team financial reporting. See the [US Team committee page](#).

08/30/06 - US TEAM BULLETIN 30 IS READY!

The US team eBulletin is delivered direct to your email box packed with team and international news. Join the over 350 subscribers to this free news bulletin brought to you by US soaring teams and the US team committee. Subscribe [here](#).

08/30/06 - DOUG JACOBS TO FLY FRENCH GRAND PRIX, JOHN GOOD REPORTS

The 2006 Grand Prix de France will be held from 2 - 9 September



at Château-Arnoux Saint Auban, near the southern alps. Doug Jacobs is competing; John Good will be there as his crew. John plans to make daily reports, as he did at the New Zealand Grand Prix in January. If things go well, expect an initial report by Saturday. Learn about the Grand Prix and St. Auban plus follow all the action reported by renowned reporter John Good. See the Grand Prix coverage [here](#). No team funds are used for Grand Prix events. See John's reports [here](#)...



08/20/06 - 08/15/05 - TEAM COMMITTEE ELECTIONS

The US Team Committee will be accepting nominations from Regional Directors for a three year term as member of Committee, which consists of three elected members and three appointed members. The Committee is responsible for the Team selection, organization, and promotion of all aspects of our participation in international soaring competition. For more information on the US Team Committee, its mission and activities, please see this [link](#). We encourage all interested parties to contact their [Regional Director](#) in pursuit of a nomination. The deadline for nominations is October 30, 2006, and an election will be held online during the month of November.

08/17/06 DUST SETTLES ON 2006 SEASON, NEW TEAM SELECTIONS PENDING

With the completion of the Standard Nationals in Uvalde the 2007/2008 team selection numbers have been crunched by John Leibacher and selections letters have been sent out by Team Committee Chairman Doug Jacobs. In the Open Class top ranked pilot **Heinz Weissenbuehler** has been selected to compete in the 30th World Gliding Championships slated for Germany in 2008. Joining Heinz will be **Rick Walters** in the 18-Meter class after qualifying in both the 18 and 15 Meter classes. **Chip Garners** come from behind win in Uvalde earned him the title of National Champion and put him on the team for the 2008 World Gliding Championships in Reiti, Italy. The 2008 WGC will be the first year in which classes are combined so joining Chip will be **Jonathan Gere** in Club Class and **Pat Tucky** in the World Class. **These pilots must compete in their respective 2007 Pre-Worlds to maintain their team slot or requalify in 2007.** **Mike Westbrook** and **Chris Saunders** have been selected to complete in the 5th Junior World Gliding Championships to be held in 2007 in Reiti Italy. Courtesy of John Leibacher see the team ranking for all classes here http://soaring.aerobatics.ws/US_TEAM



08/12/06 FAI TEAMS TO BE COMBINED IN 2008

The 2008 World Gliding Championships will look a little different than they have in the past. This will be the first year in which the new classes will be combined with the more traditional FAI classes. First the Open, 18-Meter and 15-Meter classes will have a single WGC in 2008 hosted in Germany. The Standard Class, Club and World Classes will also be combined in a single 2008 WGC hosted in Italy. The Junior and Women's championships which will continue to be hosted at separate venues.

08/10/06 TEAM PILOT TIM MACALLISTER QUALIFIES FOR 07 GRAND PRIX

Flying in a rain soaked Russia (yes that Russia) US Team Club class pilot Tim McAllister finished second behind Russia's Victor Panafutin to qualify for the World Sailplane Grand Prix. All pilots flew identical Jantar Standards, so this one really was manna a manno. Under the leadership of the FAI, a series of qualifying Grand Prix's are being conducted around the globe this year to select pilots for the World Sailplane Grand Prix in Omarama, New Zealand in December 2007. Each qualifying event is limited to 20 pilots, with 5 spots reserved for international pilots. The top two finishers in this regatta - style event go to the main event next winter, where the first World Champion-Grand Prix class will be crowned. Also competing in these are Liz Schwenkler at the Hahnweide in Germany in August, and Doug Jacobs at St. Auban in France. Good luck to both and congratulations to Tim. See Susan's blog on their experiences in Russia [here](#).

08/10/06 US TEAM COMMITTEE TO HOLD TELECONFERENCE MEETING

Ahead of the SSA Board meeting the US Team Committee will hold a teleconference meeting on August 28. Agenda items include Kees Musters Award, Club Class Team Selection, Review of 06 team spending, 06 Merchandise Review, Fundraising Discussion, Replacing Seaborn on the committee, 2008 Team Selections, Junior Team for 2007, Team Captains for Junior 07, Germany and Italy 08, Camps for 2007.

08/01/06 YOUNG PILOTS SHOW THEIR STUFF AT REGIONALS AND NATIONALS

Let's start with former Junior Team pilot **Liz Schwenkler (28)** Originally scheduled to crew for Brian Milner at the Open Class Nationals in Hobbs, her fourth place performance at Montegue in the 15 Meter Nationals flying **Doug Jacobs** Ventus 2cx inspired supporters to get her into the air in Hobbs for the Open Nationals. Gary Kemp offered his big Nimbus 3, Charlie "Lite" Miner was going to Hobbs anyway and cheerfully agreed to pull the trailer, Liz's friend Andy, an Elmira junior, offered to crew for Brian in her stead, and before you know it she was in the contest. Not only in the contest, but miles and miles ahead, winning the 2006 Open Class Nationals handily, helped by steady, consistent, and fast flying, as well as by a misstep or two from her competitors. She's off to Germany to meet up with friend Thomas, and will be flying in the Hahnwide German Grand Prix later in August. Then take **Chris Saunders (21)**. Facing an experienced and capable field of 40 competitors in the 18-Meter Class held



Liz Schwenkler

concurrently with the Opens in Hobbs (both run largely by the SSA and its staff) Chris calmly walked off with first place honors with no less than four daily wins. A more accomplished, professional, and mature performance would be hard to imagine - never out of the top ten, rarely out of the top five, Chris was steady, relentless, made no mistakes, and displayed none of the missteps expected of a young pilot, much to the dismay of his competitors. And hats off to **Eric and Rudy Mozer**, who have done so much to support young pilots in soaring, for a last minute loan of a newly arrived and optimally prepped (by Rudy) ASW-29 so Chris could be in Hobbs. In addition **Garret Willat** was on hand at the Open Nationals, being crewed by his younger brother and Mom, and flew exceedingly well in Open Class, as we've come to expect. Only a mistake on the size of a Turn Area in mid-contest kept him from scoring much higher. And he's off to England, to fly in the British Opens later in August where we wish him well. In addition several terrific young people from Elmira were on hand in Hobbs. Former Junior team pilot **Jason Howard** flew a 15 meter ship and got a ton of good experience during the contest. **Monty Sullivan's son Corey** was on hand as crew, and the word from Elmira and Harris Hill is that a number of other pilots in the 15-25 range are flying better and better, and are sure to be on hand for future Nationals. **Orion Kingman** flying his Nimbus III also won the Region 12 Open Class contest edging out Tom Kelly on the last day. **Kathy Fosha** flying **Mitch Hudson's** Discus and **Steven Coggins** flying **Danny Sorenson's** ASW-24 flew the recent Standard Class Nationals in Uvalde gaining very valuable experience. So, do we have a challenge in attracting young people to this sport? No question about it. Do we all need to pitch in with helpful advice, equipment, or financial support? No doubt about it. But is the glass half full or half empty? - well, judging from what I saw at Hobbs, it is my great pleasure to tell you that it is half full - they're out there and it's great to see them coming on strong. - *Doug Jacobs*

06/26/06 - PRE WORLDS SET FOR ITALY AND GERMANY IN 2007

The 2008 World Gliding Championships will feature new combinations of classes and venues. The Open, 18-Meter and 15-Meter will compete in Germany while the Standard, Club and World Classes will compete in Italy. The German training competition or Pre-worlds held in preparation will be in Luesse Germany from July 14th - 28th 2007 together with the German National Championships. Detailed information should be available at the end of July 2006. <http://www.daec.de/se/index.php> Sabina Glide, the 2007 pre-worlds will be held in Italy (Reiti) from July 5th to the 20th 2007. See the [team calendar](#). The training competition or Pre-worlds held in preparation of the 2008 30th World Gliding Championships will be in Luesse Germany (Open, 18-Meter, 15-Meter) from July 14th - 28th 2007 together with the German National Championships. Detailed

information should be available at the end of July 2006.

06/21/06 - TEAM DAY REPORTS FROM THE CLUB AND WORLD CLASS

Team Captain Susan McAllister will be bringing you up to the minute coverage from the U. S. Team as they go for the gold in France. Follow the daily action direct from the flight line. [See Team Captain Susan McAllister's Blog](#).

05/24/06 - TEAM DAY REPORTS NOW ON LINE FROM SWEDEN

Veteran reporter John Good (also crewing for Doug Jacobs) will be bringing you up to the minute coverage from the U.S. Team as they go for the gold in Sweden. Follow the daily action direct from the flight line here each day. [See the Day Reports](#).

05/05/06 - TEAM CAMP SUCCESS AT WARNER SPRINGS

The US Team sponsored Cross-Country and Racing camp held at Sky Sailing in Warner Springs has concluded with a very successful outcome; someone landed out! Actually there were 2 landouts one was Garret's follower and the other was Garret, but not on the same day. We had 4 students who were introduced into the wonderful and overwhelming world of Cross-Country flying. 5 Cross-Country pilots were able to push a little harder than before and learn how to escape the valley before the sheer line moved in. Four brave souls had the opportunity to push lower and faster than they had before and learn the tricks to flying faster. We had 13 students, 8 of whom brought their own gliders. We had 8 mentors total. Three past US team members (Garret Willat, Chip Garner, Sean Franke). Special thanks to Garret Willat and Orion Kingman for organizing this event, Chip Garner and Sean Franke for participating and to John Roe and Scott Finkboner for loaning their sailplanes. Sky Sailing was very helpful for allowing the camp to take over the weekday operations and aircraft. See all the news on this team camp on the camp page [here](#).

05/03/06 - PILOT CHANGES TO 06 TEAMS FOR SWEDEN AND FRANCE

Team pilot Rick Walters (18-Meter) has made the decision not to compete in the 29th Championships to be held at Eskilstuna, Sweden, June 5-17, 2006. Rick Walters replacement will be Rick Indrebo, a stellar pilot from the Indrebo soaring family of Calistoga and Crazy Creek fame, will join Sam Zimmerman in the 18-Meter class flying an ASG-29. See the multi-class page [here](#). Tim Welles has been selected to compete in the Club Class World Gliding Championships in France this year. With the organizers allowing a third pilot in the Club Class, Tim will be joining teammates David Stevenson and Tim McAllister competing in the 4th Club Class World Gliding Championships in Vinon-sur-Verdun, France, July 15-28, 2006. Tim, ranked fourth in the US Club Class Team Selection Ranking, was selected for the team after Manfred Franke (2nd) and John Cochrane (3rd) were not able to participate. See the club class web page [here](#).

04/21/06 - PAST AND PRESENT TEAM MEMBERS AT PERRY

Al and Rhonda Tyler know how to put on a great contest and this years Region 5 North Contest in Perry, SC was no exception. Past and present team members attending the Region 5 contest include - Front Row: Alfonso Jurado, Charlie Spratt, Karl Striedieck, Liz Schwenkler Second Row: Ken Sorenson, Doug Jacobs, Tim Welles, Dave Stevenson Third Row: Ed Byars, Dick Butler, Eric Mozer, Sam Zimmerman. Photo courtesy of Bill Drury, 4/21/2006



04/10/06 - TEAM SPONSORED JUNIOR eBULLETIN READY

With the help of John Campbell who supplied much of the news, the 4th Junior News will be sent electronically in a few days to the over 100 subscribers. In this issue is a pilot profile of up and coming Ryan Vihlen plus a lot more junior news. [Subscribe today](#) for this free eBulletin from US soaring teams.

04/10/06 - ROBERTSON TRUST PROVIDES CRITICAL SUPPORT, WEB SITE UPDATED

As per the terms of the Robertson and Woods Trusts, which were set up by their donors to support U.S. participation in sanctioned World Gliding Championships, the SSA Foundation Trustees recently authorized \$56,996.88 in funding based on investment results for the past three years. Currently the US Team Committee anticipates spending no more than two thirds of that figure on 2006 competitions in Sweden and Vinon and will leave the remainder in the Trusts. As previously noted, the Trustees and the Committee came to agreement via a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) which outlines the procedure for determining annual support for the Teams based on annual investment results. See the [Roberson Trust Web site](#).

03/27/06 - WOMEN'S WORLDS 2007 AND 2009

The French Federation has decided to hold the 2007 Women's World Championships NOT in Bailleau but in ROMORANTIN, which is a military field some 100 km south of Bailleau. Exact dates for 2007 and eventual PRE-championships in 2006 are not available yet. – Also the IGC has accepted an bid from Szeged , Hungary, not far from Rumanian border for the 2009 Women's World Championships. - *Frauke Elber*

03/14/06 - PAST AND PRESENT TEAM MEMBERS WELL REPRESENTED IN FLORIDA

This years Senior Championship is a very busy event with 56 pilots competing including many past, present and future team members. Both Doug Jacobs flying Knut Kjenslie's beautiful DG-1000 and Karl Striedieck flying his Duo Discus are giving rides demonstrating the finer points of competitive soaring with all proceeds going to the team fund. This program, started by Karl, helps both the sport and the team. Bravo gentleman. The picture shows past, present and future team members.



Left to right: Ed Byars (coached his pilot to a win on day 2 in the DG 1000), Doug Jacobs, George Moffat, Rick Schepp, Dick Butler, Rudy Mozer, Dick Mockler, John Good, Iris and Karl Striedieck, Doris Grove, Tom Knauff, Alberto Negro and John Godfrey. Not shown Charlie Spratt and Alfonzo Jurado.

[Link to Seminole Lake Gliderport](#). [Link to contest results](#)

03/06/06 - WGC ORGANIZERS ALLOW ADDITIONAL PILOTS

The International Gliding Committee (IGC) has authorized the organizers of the 29th Championships in Eskilstuna, Sweden (June 5-17) to permit the addition of a sixth pilot from the United Kingdom, Poland, Germany, France, Czech Republic, Italy, Denmark, USA, Sweden, Netherlands, Finland and Lithuania to participate in the championships. Sam Zimmerman has been selected to represent the U.S. in the 18-Meter Class at this venue. Replacing Sam as Team Captain will be John Godfrey. In addition the IGC approved the organizers request for the Club and World Class championships in Vinon, France (July 14-30) to allowed a third pilot in each of these classes. No pilots have been selected for these slots to date. See the updated team page [here](#).

03/01/06 - TEAM eBULLETIN ISSUE 25 READY TO GO

US Team eBulletins bring you the latest in news about the various teams along with what is going on internationally. This issue covers the latest preparation for the 29th World Gliding Championships, news from the SSA convention and a lot more. The eBulletin is delivered to your email box free of charge. Sign up [here](#).

02/28/06 - SEMINAR SUCCESS FOR ATLANTA AREA TEAM MEMBERS

The Seminar was held on 25 Feb 2006, attended by a total of 40 glider pilots (including the presenters) filling the space to capacity. The attendees ranged from pilots considering cross country to experienced racing pilots. They came from the Atlanta Metro Area and from Alabama. Fernando (FS) Silva donated the use of the excellent training facility and the refreshments. The program began at 9:00 AM and Finished at 1:30 PM with a few breaks. Francois (FP) Pin was entertaining, informative, and thought provoking to all levels. Dave (DS) Stevenson inspired us with explanations of the long flights in Georgia and the planning required. The picture, taken by Bill (WE) Elliott, sort of sums it all up! About \$1200 was raised and has been sent to the SSA. - Hartley (KF) Falbaum



02/28/06 - TEAM SELECTION FROM SPORTS CLASS IDEAS?

As it stands now you can fly an ASW-22 in sports class and still get on the Club Class team which are restricted to flying a much narrower range of lower performance gliders based on the European definition of the Club Class. The idea of limiting club class team selection to those pilots flying club class gliders in the US Sports Class Nationals while continuing to allow any and all gliders to compete in Sports Class has been discussed for several years. The growing popularity of the Sports Class has started this discussion in earnest. Team Committee member Dan Cole has authored an excellent paper outlining the pros and cons of this more restrictive club class team selection process to provide a factual background to this discussion. See the [team committee page](#) under "Special Reporting" for the two part report.

2/19/06 - REVIEW OF GRAND PRIX SELECTION POLICY

Recently there has been a good deal of confusion about the new Grand Prix format being promulgated by the IGC. Newly posted information on the IGC web site has helped clear up such confusion, particularly as to selection process. To clarify how future Grand Prix participants will be selected to this international championship the Team Committee has developed and posted a white paper on the [Team Committee web page](#). This PDF document is available [here](#) as well.

02/18/06 - NZ GRAND PRIX CONCLUDES

The recently concluded Grand Prix held in Omarama New Zealand set a new standard for soaring presentation. This Grand Prix was a rather high-budget show aimed at spectators with on-board GPS-based tracking devices that transmit each glider's position (using cell phone technology) so the race was followed live on a giant TV screen. In addition, each glider is to be fitted with 3 small TV cameras and a control unit that will transmit microwave video to a helicopter that will relay it back to home base. Dave Mockler competed but had to withdraw due to a family emergency. For more see the official web site [here](#).

02/18/06 - US NATIONALS AND WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP CALENDAR UPDATED

The timing of World Gliding Championships can be confusing so the US Team web site features the international calendar of World Championships, Pre-Worlds and US National Championships. This resource was just updated with the 2007 US Nationals. See the calendar at the link on the left or [here](#).

02/10/06 - US TEAM COMMITTEE MEETS AT SSA CONVENTION, WEB UPDATE

The hardworking members of the US Team Committee held there annual meeting at the SSA convention in Arlington on Saturday, February 3. The minutes from this meeting are now posted here along team Committee Chairman Doug Jacobs report to the SSA Board of Directors, the year end financial report, Grand Prix selection update, minutes from a recent team committee conference call, Robertson and Woods Trust Memorandum of Understanding and the Revised Team Policy and Procedures. See the listing of reports on the Team Committee page [here](#).



02/10/06 - TEAM SUCCESS AT 2006 SSA CONVENTION

This years team convention program and team booth were great successes. Organized by Susan and Tim McAllister this years program included a packed team speakers program along

with a very active booth. Proceeds from these efforts raises just over \$4,000 which goes along way when it comes to team funding.

The in booth raffle was fast and furious with the following winning numbers drawn! 615123, 679144, 678722, 615210, 359696, 615138, 614990, 359662. If you hold a winning number and have not picked up your prize contact Susan. Special thanks to George Thelen for his support of the raffle program! George Moffat signed his new book Winning II in the booth to an eager response. The books were supplied by Tom and Doris Knauff.



Special thanks to the following team supporters who really stepped up in support of US soaring teams at the convention this year. George Moffat, Knauff & Grove (Winning II), Juan Mandelbaum (A Fine Week of Soaring), Booth Volunteers: Dan Cole (U.S. Team Committee Member), Gary Ittner & Stan Foat (Sweden '06), Tim & Susan McAllister (France '06), David Mockler (Sweden '06), Francois & Dottie Pin (France '06), John & Brenda Seaborn (U.S. Team Committee Member), David Stevenson (France '06), Rick Walters (Sweden '06), Mike Westbrook (Junior '05), Garrett & Renee Willat (Junior '05) Special thanks to Susan McAllister for volunteering and then doing such a magnificent job. Well done! See you all in Memphis next year.

02/01/06 - US TEAM CAMP AT WARNER SPRINGS

Thanks to Garret Willat and Orion Kingman this camp will be focusing on teaching basic skills for your first Cross-Country through tactics used to win contests, taught by pilots that win them.

There will be at least 2 main groups for beginning XC and beginning racing. We will be offering lead and follow to those in single seat ships. For those without sailplanes will be able to also do lead in follow in single seaters provided by Sky Sailing



Inc, and dual training in a variety of different sailplanes. There will be morning lectures, flying, and evening lectures along with analyzing flight logs. Mentors will be varying in skill from experienced Cross Country Pilots to US Team members The crews will be enjoying life while enjoying all of the assorted amenities of the Warner Springs Ranch www.warnersprings.com. Including: Day Spa, Equestrian Center, Tennis, Sulfur Springs, Golf, and more... Plus local attractions like Julian an old mining town with more shops and antique stores than you know what to do with, wine tasting and more... Since there will be solo flying and Cross Country we are requiring a minimum of Private License. Spot Landing and low energy landing are mandatory before you leave the safety of the home airport. To use the Sky Sailing equipment you will be required to pass a flight proficiency check. Junior pilots will be able to fly for FREE, there are a limited number of positions for Junior entry slots (25 or younger). We will have a 25 pilot limit; positions will fill on a first come first serve basis. See the [camp page for entry forms](#).

01/24/06 - SSA CONVENTION ACTION

What better way to start the new season than to attend the upcoming SSA convention in Dallas? This year under the skilled hand of Susan McAllister the convention will feature many great team programs including the team booth. Twice World Champion George Moffat (XX) will be signing his new book Winning II in the team booth (219 in Hall B Grand Hall) on FRIDAY between 11:15 - 12:15. Walk away with your



signed copy! The Team booth will have brand new team shirts, jackets and flight bags. Plan on attending one or all of the teams speakers participating in the US Team Speakers Series as listed below. U.S. Team Speaker Series. Current and past members of the U.S. Team will be sharing their knowledge with the soaring community at the SSA Convention, February 2-4. Don't miss these special events.

01/25/06 ATLANTA CLUBS UP FOR SEMINAR

World Class team member Francois Pin and Club Class Champ Dave Stevenson will be presenting a seminar covering basic cross country to advanced racing techniques and the history of long (500 km) flights in Georgia and the planning of them respectively. The dates are February 25 in Atlanta. Time 9:00 AM to about 1:30 PM. The admission will be a 30.00 donation to the team and the event is organized by Fernando Silva (FS) and Hartley Falbaum (KF). There will be room 40. Contact Hartley for more or to make reservations.

01/10/06 - GRAND PRIX READY TO GO

Two time 15-Meter National Champion and 2006 U.S. Team member David Mockler is heading for New Zealand to compete in the second Grand Prix. Eleven of the worlds best glider pilots including New Zealander John Coutts, 15-Meter World Champ, will be flying hard in this the second Grand Prix. Follow all the action on the U.S. Team entry, David Mockler, at the web site on arrival in New Zealand on Saturday morning, Jan 14. See the U.S. Team Web site here. <http://www.grandprix06.com/> See the official NZ Grand Prix web site here. <http://www.gp06.com/>



Developed to promote soaring and interest the media in the sport the New Zealand Gliding Grand Prix takes place from 21-29 January in Omarama with the final three days of the event open to the public. A giant outdoor screen, fed by the most advanced TV graphics and live helicopter filming ever seen, together with live commentary, will keep crowds in the thick of the of the action, creating a brand new adrenalin-charged spectator event set to change the face of competitive gliding.

01/01/06 - Mozer US Junior Champion Trust Established

Mr. Rudolf Mozer has decided to establish and endow a trust that will be known as the 'Mozer US Junior Champion Trust'. Mr. Mozer, a life long sailplane pilot, accomplished competition pilot and a long time supporter and benefactor of youth in soaring, has made the initial endowment of the Trust with a \$50,000 donation. Mr. Mozer believes that the recent establishment of the World Junior Gliding Championships by the International Gliding Commission (IGC) is a positive step in hopefully attracting competitive youngsters to the sport of soaring in this country. He believes that finances for those qualifying for and choosing to compete may be a deterrence in deciding to compete in the World Junior Championships. The annual monies earned by the Trust shall be used for providing financial assistance in defraying the costs of the winner of the Mozer Trophy in competing in the next World Junior Gliding Championships.

01/01/06 - TEAM eBULLETIN NEARS 300 SUBSCRIBERS

The U.S. Team ebulletin is nearing 300 subscribers. Brought to you by the U.S. Team Committee, the team ebulletin is sent on an occasional basis packed with news on the team, international developments and news of World Gliding Championships. The eBulletin is delivered to your email box free of charge. To subscribe see the eBulletin page [here](#).

12/01/05 - TEAM COMMITTEE MEETING

The next US Team Committee Meeting will be held in conjunction with the upcoming 2006 SSA Soaring Convention February 2-4, 2006 Wyndham Arlington DFW Airport

South Hotel. On the agenda are FAI rankings, Grand Prix racing and team police revisions, Financial update, team financials and reporting, team fundraising, team camps, team eBulletins, selection issues 2005 Junior Team debrief and funding flow from sanction fees.

10/20/05 - CONGRATULATIONS TO DAN COLE!

Dan Cole has taken over for Dianne Black Nixon on the team committee. See his bio at the end of this page. See the Committee web page [here](#).

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