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## U.S. Soaring Team Day Reports & Results

	<p><b>Friday, July 25</b></p> <p><b>Report 4</b></p> <p>With the last practice day the hectic pre-contest period is over. Today there were airspace problems for some teams. There will be no flying tomorrow with the opening ceremonies. More to come!</p>	<p><b>REPORTS</b></p> <p><b>LATEST REPORT</b></p> <p><a href="#">JLY 22</a></p> <p><a href="#">JLY 23</a></p> <p><a href="#">JLY 24</a></p> <p><b><a href="#">JLY 25 ◀</a></b></p> <p><a href="#">JLY 26</a></p> <p><a href="#">JLY 27 -Day 1</a></p> <p><a href="#">JLY 28 -NCD</a></p> <p><a href="#">JLY 29 -Day 2</a></p> <p><a href="#">JLY 30 -Day 3</a></p> <p><a href="#">JLY 31 -NCD</a></p> <p><a href="#">AUG 1 -Day 4</a></p> <p><a href="#">AUG 2 -Day 5</a></p> <p><a href="#">AUG 3 -Day 6</a></p> <p><a href="#">AUG 4 -Day 7</a></p> <p><a href="#">AUG 5 -Day 8</a></p> <p><a href="#">AUG 6 -Day 9</a></p> <p><a href="#">AUG 7 -Day 10</a></p> <p><a href="#">AUG 8 -Day 11</a></p>
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## WGC 2003 – Leszno, Poland, Report for 25 July - Final Practice Day By John Good

Yesterday's tasks proved generally tricky, but most who attempted them got around at reasonable speeds, and nearly everyone reported some areas where conditions were excellent. (There were also some pilots who flew tasks different from those assigned – I spoke to some British pilots who elected to fly a turn-area task, a type new to them.) Winning speeds were over 110 kph, and there were few landouts.

There were tales of airspace violations and near-misses, which will probably serve as a warning. These are not being penalized during the practice period, but once the contest starts a single fix inside closed airspace will result in a pilot being scored for an outlanding. Though not bad by European standards, there is enough special-use airspace in the Leszno task area to be of concern most days. In addition, a maximum altitude will be set each day, and the practice thus far has been to set this not much above the expected top of the lift. On a day with improving conditions, a strong afternoon thermal may take you to above the ceiling and into trouble.



Team USA gets ready for another flying day - John Good

The general impression of the task area is that it's fairly uniform with some large forests and some broad river valleys, but mostly large agricultural fields and good landability. We don't have a close impression of tasking philosophy yet – practice tasks have been moderate for the condition, but most pilot believe the

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## SCHEDULE

Official Training  
22nd - 25th

Opening  
26th

Contest Flying  
27th - Aug 9th

Closing  
10th August

contest tasks will be long.

Today, the final scheduled practice day, is overcast with a chance of rain and possibly thunderstorms. No task has been set and I expect that few pilots will fly. Thus, those who got here late will be going into the start of competition with rather little time in the air. US Pilots have all had some good practice flights (though we'd probably be happier with a couple more good-weather days).



Triple Tow - John Good

Tomorrow there will be no flying. The opening ceremonies start at 14:00, followed by an airshow around

15:00. There are rumors of MiGs, but all we've seen in the way of practice so far is a triple tow – a Wilga towing two PW-5s and an SZD Junior. (The first PW-5 was on a very short rope – it looked to be about 75'.)

After the airshow we board busses for a picnic hosted by the town of Leszno in the town square. Should be interesting, and will no doubt include plenty of the excellent Polish beer.

As is always the case, the practice period has been intensely busy, both for pilots, crews and team administrators. I'm reasonably happy with where we now find ourselves: the gliders seem to be going well, crews are in their routine, pilots are loaded for bear, and the contest admin looks to be running reasonably smoothly. A team strategy and tactics meeting is set for tomorrow at 10:00, where we'll discuss the nuances of WGC tasking and scoring (different from US rules in a number of ways).

## U.S. Soaring Team

Class	Pilot	Sailplane	Contest Number
Open	Ron Tabery	Nimbus 4T	YY
18-Meter	Gary Ittner	Ventus 2cx	ZQ
15-Meter	Karl Striedieck	ASW-27b	VW
	David Mockler	Ventus 2ax	W
Standard	Tom Beltz	ASW 28	PV
	Chip Garner	Discus 2a	CG

## Points of Interest

### OTHER TEAM WEB SITES

Visit other teams web sites for their prospective on the championships. And there are some great sites including the [British](#), [French](#), [Italian](#), [Danish](#), [Austrian](#), [Netherlands](#) and [German](#) team sites.

### PRE-WORLDS REPORT AVAILABLE

Want the real scoop on the site and flying WCG? Click the [pre-worlds report here](#) provided by team pilot Chip Garner for a detailed pilots eye view of the site, weather and competition.

### ABOUT DAY REPORTS

The U.S. Team Day Reports are brought to you by several hard working U.S. Team volunteers. The goal of these day reports are to provide the U.S. soaring community with improved coverage of World Soaring Championships and the U. S. Team's participation in these events.

## **YOUR SUPPORT - THANK YOU!**

All US team members would like to thank those of you who have contributed to make participation in these international events possible. If you have not contributed to the team please consider helping the team financially through a contribution. To see how, visit the U.S. Team Funding page [here](#) and the [Robertson Trust Web](#) here.

## **U.S. TEAM COMMITTEE**

The newly elected U.S. Team Committee has been working to establish a more stable management structure and better resources for our soaring teams. The objective are more transparent, accountable, sustainable and competitive United States soaring teams. See the full information on the new [U.S. Team Committee](#) [here](#).

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## **Contest Site**



Leszno is well situated in the western part of Poland in Wielkopolska (Great Poland) between Poznań and Wrocław. Three European capitals: Warsaw, Berlin and Prague are

all situated approximately 300km away from Leszno. Since 1 January 1999 Leszno has been one of the 68 administrative districts. Labor turmoil in 1980 led to the formation of the independent trade union "Solidarity" that over time became a political force and by 1990 had swept parliamentary elections and the presidency. A "shock therapy" program during the early 1990s enabled the country to transform its economy into one of the most robust in Central Europe, boosting hopes for acceptance to the EU. Poland joined the NATO alliance in 1999.

Map courtesy of the CIA. See the [CIA site](#) for a fact sheet on Poland. Click images to expand.

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