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U.S. Soaring Team Day Reports & Results



Wednesday, June 2, 2004 Report 2

The Club Class Team is arriving in Norway with Tim and Susan McAllister leading the way. For the first time team reports will be filed directly by the Team Captain. Click the images to enlarge!

Welcome! For the first time these reports will be filed directly from the contest site by Club Class Team Captain Susan McAllister. Tim and Susan are in Norway with Tim flying the Norwegian National contest before the Club Class WGC. Bookmark this page and visit often for the latest from Norway.



NEWS BRIEF - June 2, 2004

Hello Race Fans! Greetings from Elverum, Norway!

It's a bright sunny morning here on Wednesday, June 2nd. I arrived on Monday night, but my husband, Tim, has been here for almost two weeks competing as a guest in the Norwegian National Championships. He won the last two days (Contest day 3 and 4) of the Club Class. Day 3 was a 414 km (257 mile) Racing Task, and the pilots spent between seven and nine hours in the cockpit. The weather was challenging, as the task gave pilots a tour of the far north (read – mountainous) part of the task area. Day 4 was a 379 km (235 mile) Racing Task with beautiful cloudstreets everywhere, and much higher speeds in the 90 km/h (56 mph) range.



Tim has been quite impressed with the flying and with the fine hospitality of our Norwegian hosts. Everyone, both at the airfield and in the town of Elverum, has

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been so friendly and helpful to us. If you ever get a chance to fly in Norway, I suggest that you do it!

Excitement is beginning to build here. The contest site, which is called Starmoen, is really buzzing with activity. Last minute painting, cleaning, and organizing seems to be happening everywhere you look. This morning, I watched the workers putting up 24 flag poles for the flags of each participating nation. At these moments, you realize what an honor it is to be representing your country in international competition.



Other Teams are already arriving: on Monday night the Austrian team arrived and set up their Gemütlich (cozy) camp, and yesterday we met the Australian team manager and the New Zealand team. Two of the British team members arrived late in the day. The U.S. Team will be complete when our two other team members, Bob Barber and Manfred

Franke, arrive with their crews at the end of the week.

The actual Unofficial Training Period begins on the 6th, but people are already flying in this "pre-unofficial" training week. The official training will take place from the 9th – 11th, and the opening ceremonies will include a parade through town and a chicken barbeque on the 12th. On the 13th, the contest will begin.

If you want to drop us a note, please send mail to soaringteam04@sbcglobal.net We will be posting e-mails of encouragement on the bulletin board at Camp USA, and we'd love to hear from you!



Thanks to everyone who has supported the U.S. Team (with time, money, and in-kind donations) and to the U.S. Team Committee. We appreciate everything you have done to help us get here. Now it's our turn to do our best for you. We are proud to be here racing for you all, and we will be working hard to make you proud of us.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan McAllister
Team Captain/Manager

Captions for photos:

Match the number on the image with the caption.

1. Ready! Tim McAllister about to be hooked up during the Norwegian National Championships.

2. Grid. The grid at the National championships Club Class Day

3. Thermals Ahead? Tim McAllister flying in the North East Corner of the task area near Alvdal.

4. The Spirit of Little Norway

At the Good Aviation Practices Fly-in, May 14 – 16, over 60 General

JUN 19
NCD

JUN 20
NCD

JUN 21
NCD

JUN 22
NCD

JUN 23
Day 5

JUN 24
NCD

JUN 25
NCD & Closing

Click the dates!

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SCHEDULE

Official Training
9th - 11th

Opening
12th

Contest Flying
13th - 25th

Closing
26th August

Aviation aircraft, including this 1944 Fairchild M62 trainer, arrived at Starmoen for this annual event. The M62s were used by the Norwegian Air Force in Canada during World War II to train pilots. Ole Reistad, for whom this gliding center is named, led the effort to bring these trainers to Norway after the war and distribute them to flying clubs around the country. This particular aircraft is called "The Spirit of Little Norway," and its is shown next to a DeHaviland Tiger Moth.

About pictures. Some of the images are taken by the U.S. Team Captain Susan McAllister and other U.S. Team Members. Many of the images used here can be found on the official website and were taken by one of several excellent contributors.

U.S. Soaring Team

Class	Pilot	Sailplane	Contest Number	Day Place & Points	Overall Place & Points
Club	Tim McAllister	Libelle	EY		
Club	Bob Barber	ASW-19			
Club	Manfred Franke	LS-7			

See the official scores [here](#)

Points of Interest

CONTACT THE TEAM IN NORWAY

Back by popular request you can now e-mail the U.S. Soaring Team in Norway with greetings, encouraging words and well wishes. Please note that team members are very busy while the championships are underway and may not be able to reply to your message. Click "[Send the Team e-mail](#)" or click on the GO TEAM logo.



WGC FLIGHT LOGS

All flight logs are available on the organizers site.

ABOUT DAY REPORTS

The U.S. Team Day Reports are brought to you directly by Team Captain Susan McAllister. Susan inputs each days information on site in Norway and updates these pages directly from her laptop.

YOUR TEAM SUPPORT

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 making one! To see how, visit the U.S. Team Funding page [here](#) and the [Robertson Trust Web](#) here.

U.S. TEAM COMMITTEE

The 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](#).

U.S. TEAM E-NEWS

Sign up today for the U.S. Team E-NEWS. This electronic newsletter is sent out roughly quarterly and covers all the team news. The sign up process is simple - start by [clicking here](#).

TEAM NEWS, HISTORY & ARCHIVE

To catch up on all the news for the U.S. World Soaring Teams see the [U.S. Team News](#). See the U.S. [Team Archive](#) for team background since 1950. As part of the Archive tour see the [U.S. Team History](#) page for a complete listing of US Teams since 1950 or the [World Champions](#) page for a complete listing of champions since 1937.

Country and Contest Site



Elverum/Starmoen, the home of the 3rd Club Class World Gliding Championships, is located 147 km northeast from the centre of Oslo, the Capital of Norway. Gliding over the Norwegian countryside is an incredible experience. Located at 60 degrees north latitude, the Norwegian summer brings long hours of daylight, allowing gliding under the "midnight sun" (even if you have to go 700 km to the north to see the sun at midnight proper). The thermals start early in the morning, and often last until

20:00 hrs. The thermal conditions are good with a generally high cloud bases. More information on the weather conditions can be found on the weather page. Visibility of 50 to 100 km and above is not unusual on sunny days. The conditions are often perfect for long distance flights. The airspace is generally free of restrictions, with only the Oslo / Gardermoen TMA to the south-west of the task area.

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

Web Links

- ◀ The official World Soaring Championship web site [Click Here](#)
- ◀ FAI Web coverage of the World Gliding Championships [Click Here](#)
- ◀ See the team photo gallery [Click Here](#)
- ◀ What time is it at the site? [Click Here](#)