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U.S. Soaring Team Day Reports & Results



**Wednesday, June 23,
2004**

Competition Day 5

After waiting for several hours on the grid, pilots flew a 2 hour assigned area task with three turnpoints. **and...**

Thursday, June 24, 2004
No Competition Day

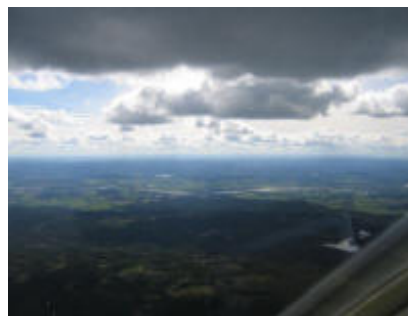
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**NEWS BRIEF -
June 24, 2004**
**Thursday at 4:30
p.m. in Norway**
Hello Race Fans!

Forgive me for the lateness of this posting, but your web page author is sick! The "creeping crud" aka some kind of upper respiratory flu has been making the rounds in camp, and I am one of the lucky recipients of it. Nonetheless, we had a flying day yesterday (Wednesday) after several hours of delays. Today (Thursday) it has been raining all day.



The original A and B tasks would have sent the fleet to the northwest, to the Gubrandsdalen. The clouds had overdeveloped in that direction, but the clouds to the south still looked great. A "C" task was set to the south and the fleet was finally launched at about 2 p. m.



The use of the start line again today created a "real start line roulette" situation. Pilots would appear to start the task, only to turn back sharply and return to the start area. Eventually everyone took a real start and headed south.



Most pilots, including all of our U.S. pilots, completed the task. The score sheet is still preliminary, with some corrections for altitude violations. With such a short task length, one moment of bad luck could mean the loss of a few kilometers/hour, enough to put a pilot out of the running for the day win.

The sun stayed out for the rest of the evening, which was nice for the Norwegian-Swedish-Italian-Midsummer evening celebration. Naturally, I spent the evening in bed with a fever (yuck) but I sent Tim out to take pictures of the action.



The Norwegian served homemade "Viking Beer" and other traditional Norwegian foods that made me sick to think of, including whole sheep's head.

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12th

Contest Flying
13th - 25th

Closing
26th August



Our beleaguered weather man, Steinar Øxsenholt, tended the bonfire, which, due to fire regulations, was in a barbeque grill. Apparently the party went on until quite late and everyone had a wonderful time.

The forecast for tomorrow, our last day, looks like rain. Urgh! Steinar told Tim last night that since the start of the competition, this area is 175 hours below average for total sunlight. To say that this weather is unusual is putting it mildly.

Drop us a note at soaringteam04@sbcglobal.net. Think thermals!

Susan McAllister
Team Captain/Manager

Captions for photos:

From top to bottom:

- 1.** View of the sky in the southern part of the task. (June 23)
- 2.** Waiting at the front of the grid to receive the new task. (June 23)
- 3.** Your web page author snoozing on the grid. (June 23)
- 4.** The Norwegian team, dressed in their everyday Viking garb, serving homemade Viking Beer at the midsummer party. (L to R: Anders Skifjeld, Kato Kvitne, and Jo Inge Bjørø) (June 23)
- 5.** Steinar Øxsenholt tends the bonfire - or is it a thermal generator? (June 23)

About the pictures. Images are taken by the U.S. Team Captain Susan McAllister and other U.S. Team Members. Some 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
Standings after Competition Day 4

Class	Pilot	Sailplane	Contest Number	Day Place & Points	Overall Place & Points
Club	Bob Barber	ASW-19	H8	55th 35	56th 1152
Club	Manfred Franke	LS-7 WL	IM	51st 520	35th 2200
Club	Tim McAllister	Libelle 201b	EY	34th 670	20th 2505

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

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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](#)
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