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



**NEWS BRIEF -**  
June 26, 2004  
**Saturday at**  
11:30 p.m. in  
Norway

## Hello Race Fans!

Well, we have a an official contest and a new Club Class World Champion: the winner is Sebastian Kawa, a young Polish pilot. The silver medal went to Jay Rebbeck of Great Britain, and the bronze to Arkadiusz Downar, also of Poland. Our pilots finished 18th (Tim McAllister), 31st (Manfred Franke) and 55th (Bob Barber).

Friday, June 25, 2004  
Closing Ceremonies

Due to more Low Pressure and rain (!) the closing ceremonies were moved up to this afternoon instead of Saturday.



It rained on and off on Friday, so the closing ceremonies were moved up to that afternoon instead of today. In keeping with our watery theme, it started raining during the ceremonies! What can you do? We bundled up in our parkas and made the best of it. After the prize giving, we had a

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### U.S. Team Apparel

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sour cream porridge that reminded me of cream of wheat. Several Vikings (aka the Starmoen tow pilots) served the meal and led the group in semi-coherent Norwegian drinking songs.

Today (Saturday) Manfred Franke and Bob Fidler left for Michigan, and the Barbers departed shortly thereafter. Tim and I worked on taking apart our camp. Many other teams left on Friday night, and most of the others left today. It's always a little bit sad to see the "village" that develops during a competition dissolve. Today we also watched the organizers begin to get the airfield back to normal and ready for their next Norwegian competition which begins tomorrow. No rest for these hard working people! Luckily, it never really gets dark here, so they can just keep on working through the night. I would like to thank John Eirik Laupsa, the director of the National Gliding Center, for making our stay here comfortable and for looking after us. Kudos to the whole volunteer corps, who really have put in long hours - most of them go to bed after I do, and that is saying something.

In spite of our bad luck - OK, incredibly bad luck - with the weather, I would highly recommend a visit here. Normally the conditions really are superb at this time of year, and the mountain flying that Tim experienced during the Norwegian Nationals was but a taste of the interesting soaring that Norway offers.

Tomorrow Tim and I will leave Norway and head off to Germany to return our unique Libelle to its owners, then home to Dallas.

Thanks to everyone who wrote or told me that they enjoyed these web reports. I enjoyed doing them. It has been an honor to represent the US as Team Captain/Manager. Thanks again to the U.S. Team Committee, to John Seaborn for web tutoring, and to everyone who contributes to the U.S. Team with funds or with time.

traditional Norwegian dinner of cured and smoked meats and this



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### SCHEDULE

Official Training  
9th - 11th

Opening  
12th

Contest Flying  
13th - 25th

Closing  
26th August

Susan McAllister  
Team Captain/Manager

### **Captions for photos:**

#### **From top to bottom:**

1. The three U.S. pilots receiving their cheese slicers and Norwegian brown cheese at the closing ceremony. (June 25) photo by Ole B. WGC Website
2. Susan holding the USA sign at the closing ceremonies, with Tim to her right and Manfred wisely sheltering under an umbrella. (June 25) photo by Ole B. WGC Website
3. The flag poles being dismantled tonight. (June 26)

*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.*

**Welcome! For the first time these reports will be filed directly from the contest site by Club Class Team Captain Susan McAllister. Bookmark this page and visit often for the latest from Norway.**

### **U.S. Soaring Team Standings after Competition Day 5**

Class	Pilot	Sailplane	Contest Number	Day Place & Points	Overall Place & Points
Club	Bob Barber	ASW-19	H8	<b>37th</b>	<b>55th</b> 1672
Club	Manfred Franke	LS-7 WL	IM	<b>29th</b>	<b>31st</b> 2732
Club	Tim McAllister	Libelle 201b	EY	<b>25th</b>	<b>18th</b> 3052

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](#)