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U.S. Soaring Team Day Reports & Results



Tuesday, June 15, 2004 No Contest Day

A visit by the Crown Prince of Norway, but no contest day due to weather.

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NEWS BRIEF
- June 15, 2004

Monday at 7:00 p.m. in Norway Hello Race Fans!

The weather continues to be uncooperative, but this rainy day was highlighted by an official visit from Crown Prince Håkon of Norway.

The day began with cold temperatures and scattered high clouds but rapidly went downhill, with rain showers by the end of the pilots' meeting at 10:30 a.m.



Pilots, crews and gliders sat out on the runway waiting for the weather to improve. Instead, it

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rained more heavily and even thundered and hailed. The launch was postponed until 2:30 p.m. when the day was cancelled.



The Crown Prince, who is an air sports enthusiast, spent the entire day at the competition. He attended the morning pilots' meeting, then took a tour of the airfield. He toured the grid, looking at the gliders and asking many intelligent questions. Our own Bob Barber was approached by the prince, who asked him to demonstrate how the flight computer worked. The Crown Prince spent about 10 minutes with Bob, asking about the relative advantages of using paper maps vs. flight computers.

Later, the Crown Prince ate lunch with a group of contest officials and invited guests, including yours truly. It was an honor to represent the U.S.A. I presented him with a few team items, and a copy of The "Fine Week of Soaring" DVD. He said he looked forward to watching it.

The forecast for the next several days looks less than ideal, but the Norwegian weather can change quickly, so we shall see. If you are west of Norway, please send some high pressure our way!

We love receiving your e-mails, so do keep them coming to us at soaringteam04@sbcglobal.net We will be posting your notes of encouragement on the bulletin board at Camp USA, and we'd love to hear from you!

Susan McAllister
Team Captain/Manager

Captions for photos:

From top to bottom:

JUN 19
NCD

JUN 20
NCD

JUN 21
NCD

JUN 22
NCD

JUN 23
Day 5

JUN 24
NCD

JUN 25
NCD & Closing

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SCHEDULE

Official Training
9th - 11th

Opening
12th

Contest Flying
13th - 25th

Closing
26th August

1. Bob Barber with Crown Prince Håkon of Norway. (June 15) *Photo By Ole Bartveldt*
2. Crown Prince Håkon chats with the Norwegian team. (June 15)
3. The "Elephant Parade" of gliders being towed back to the trailers. (June 15)

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

Class	Pilot	Sailplane	Contest Number	Day Place & Points	Overall Place & Points
Club	Bob Barber	ASW-19	H8	33rd 834	33rd 834
Club	Manfred Franke	LS-7 WL	IM	21st 869	21st 869
Club	Tim McAllister	Libelle 201b	EY	2nd 990	2nd 990

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](#)
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