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U.S. Soaring Team Day Reports & Results



Wednesday, June 16, 2004

No Contest Day

...but we tried! A cold, windy day with occasional showers.

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**NEWS BRIEF
- June 16, 2004**

**Wednesday
at 7:00 p.m.
in Norway**

**Hello Race
Fans!**

Greetings from
the World
Glider Rigging
and De-rigging
Championships!

We are really
striking out in the weather department.

Overnight, there was a light frost. Manfred Franke's crew person, Bob Fidler, washed his socks last night and left them out to dry. When we woke up, they were sock-sicles! The wind was howling out of the north - northwest, and high clouds were, once again, everywhere and rapidly spreading out. The Norwegians call this the "Green Winter," a phenomenon that happens occasionally during the midsummer period. The air is coming straight from the North Pole to us, so it's darned chilly.



US Soaring Team
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Juniors List

U.S. Team Apparel

✓ Shirts
 ✓ Hats
 ✓ Jackets
 ✓ Polos



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At the regular 10 a.m. pilots' meeting, the grid time was delayed until 12:00 when an announcement was to be made as to whether we would have a task or not. At noon, we were told to grid and were given a short task to the north. Unfortunately, once we were out on the grid, it

began to rain and the wind blew really hard (20 knots at times) with snow showers to our north. At 2:30, the day was cancelled.



We consoled ourselves by arranging for a showing of Juan Mandelbaum's DVD, *A Fine Week of Soaring* in the catering tent. This excellent film documents Juan's experience of flying in the Region 2 contest in Mifflin County, Pennsylvania with soaring legend Karl Striedieck. The Norwegian Team also showed a video of western Norway, where they fly over fjords and mountains as dramatic as the Rockies. When we walked out of the tent a few minutes ago, the sun had come out and cloud streets had formed to the south. We just seem to be a little bit out of sync with the weather pattern.

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!

WEB LINKS

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SCHEDULE

Official Training
 9th - 11th

Opening
 12th

Contest Flying
 13th - 25th

Closing
 26th August



Manfred wanted me to point out that a 1000 km flight was flown from Starmoen the week before the competition, and that the same pilot flew a 1000 km flight on the day of the opening ceremonies. Tim had

really good weather in the first two weeks he was here. So the soaring really can be incredible here.

I was just talking with Birger Bulukin the task setter, and he was philosophical about the weather. "There is always next week," he said. Meanwhile we're getting very good at rigging, doing our critical assembly checks (religiously, every day - per Charlie Minner's wise instructions), towing to and from the grid, and de-rigging. That's part of the World Championships, too. We'll try again tomorrow.





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:

- 1.** Manfred Franke and Bob Fidler talk with the owner of the LS-7WL that Manfred is renting, Arnt Tore Sund. (June 16)
- 2.** The Flags next to our trailer were almost straight out at 8:00 this morning . (June 16)
- 3.** Tim McAllister, Bob Barber, and Manfred Franke at the chilly pilots' meeting. (June 16)
- 4.** The Polish camp suffered from the strong winds overnight. (June 16)
- 5.** How many gliders can you count in Bob Barber's picture of a gaggle on Day 1? We can find 10, but there were many, many more. (June 13) *Photo by Bob Barber*

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

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](#)

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