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U.S. Soaring Team Day Reports & Results



Sunday, June 20, 2004

No Competition Day

Another rainy day is highlighted by a moose sighting and the U.S. Team dinner.

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NEWS BRIEF - June 20, 2004 Sunday at 11:30 p.m. in Norway Hello Race Fans!

Rain, rain, go away! We hardly saw the sun at all today. Flying was pretty much out of the question, so the morning briefing consisted of ideas for tourist activities that could be done indoors. We did see a moose at the morning briefing - see photo at right.



Some competitors went to the local forestry museum. Others drove the 90 minutes to Oslo to visit several museums there. Members of the U.S. Team busied themselves with preparations for our team night - a taste of Texas taco dinner.

Embassy Public Affairs Officer Kathy Perez and her husband Joe drove to Starmoen this morning with 70 pounds of ground beef, over 400 taco shells, cheese, refried beans, rice, and tomato sauce. Although



they were disappointed not to see any contest flying, they seemed to enjoy learning about gliders all the same.

The U.S. Embassy in Oslo made an extremely generous donation of the majority of the food. The ice cream was sponsored by the Norwegian Soaring Magazine, *Seilfly Sport*. The rest of the food and supplies were purchased out of the three team members' pockets. I would like to emphasize that no U.S. Team funds are used to pay for this social event.

In spite of the driving rain, the catering tent filled up with almost 200 people! Everyone seemed to enjoy the chance to socialize, watch DVDs of gliding, and to forget about the cold and rain for a little while.



We continue to watch the forecast and feel sure that we will have some flying days this week.



We **need** your e-mails of encouragement, so please write to us at soaringteam04@sbcglobal.net. Think dry, fair weather thoughts!

Susan McAllister
Team Captain/Manager

Captions for photos:

From top to bottom:

- 1.** EEEK! A Moose! Weather guy Steinar Oksenholt and Competition Director Arild Solbakken with a Moose at the morning briefing. (June 20)
- 2.** Bob and Margaret Barber joined the balloon blowing-up effort on Sunday afternoon. (June 20)
- 3.** Eric Napoleon and the French team gave our Tex-Mex cuisine

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

"thumbs up"! (June 20)

4. WGC Web Site Editor Ole Baartvedt donned his cowboy hat for the occasion. (June 20)

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 3

Class	Pilot	Sailplane	Contest Number	Day Place & Points	Overall Place & Points
Club	Bob Barber	ASW-19	H8	17th 111	48th 1108
Club	Manfred Franke	LS-7 WL	IM	56th 17	34th 1671
Club	Tim McAllister	Libelle 201b	EY	24th 65	14th 1825

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](#)