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U.S. Soaring Team Day Reports & Results

Saturday, June 5, 2004
Report 3

Bob & Margaret Barber and Manfred Franke and Carolyn Gage have arrived at Starmoen, completing the U.S. Team.

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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.



NEWS BRIEF - June 5, 2004 11:00 pm

Hello Race Fans!

Since I last wrote a few days ago, preparations have been taking place almost 24 hours a day. The organizers have been putting finishing touches on the airfield, installing more bandwidth for the wireless network (part of the reason you haven't heard from me in a few days!) and setting up the information center and camp ground. Signs that direct you to the World Gliding Championship have gone up at every major highway intersection for 30 miles. The media has already featured the championships prominently, with a very nice spread in VG newspaper on Thursday and an interview with the Competition Director Arild Solbakken and Starmoen Director John-Eirik Laupsa on the nationally-broadcast NRK-1 radio station Saturday morning.



On Friday afternoon, Bob and Margaret Barber arrived after a long journey from Colorado. Manfred



Franke and Carolyn Gage, who will crew for him in the practice period, arrived from Michigan later that afternoon. We spent today busily preparing the gliders, getting registered, and taking

care of all of those things that have to be done before you can fly in a World Championship.

The weather today was cool and overcast, but local flights were possible. Manfred took a short flight in the Norwegian LS-7WL that he will be flying in the competition. The forecast for the next few days is mediocre - more clouds and possibly rain - but we are hoping for a frontal passage to improve the soaring conditions.



There's a car racing track adjacent to Starmoen airfield. This weekend's "Bilcross" (dirt track car race) made us think of Charlie Spratt's famous outings to little local tracks just like this one at American contests. We were too busy with

preparations to attend the race, of course. But the parade of dented, spray painted demolition derby-style cars and the sound of revving engines that echoed across the airfield reminded us that no matter how far from home you travel, where there is glider racing, there is also some form of car racing!

If you want to drop us a note, please send mail to soaringteam04@sbcglobal.net We will be posting e-mails of encouragement on the bulletin board at Camp USA, and we'd love to hear from you!

Respectfully submitted,
Susan McAllister
Team Captain/Manager



Captions for photos:

Top Flags of the 24 participating nations on an unexpectedly sunny June 6th morning.

Second from Top Competition Director Arild Solbakken and Facilities Chief Gunnar Oxseth at the entrance to Starmoen Airfield on Friday, June 4th.

Third from Top The camping area as seen from Camp USA on June 5th at 10:30 p.m.

Bottom Manfred Franke displays the colors at Camp USA on June 5th at 10:30 p.m.

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

About 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

Class	Pilot	Sailplane	Contest Number	Day Place & Points	Overall Place & Points
Club	Tim McAllister	Libelle	EY		
Club	Bob Barber	ASW-19			
Club	Manfred Franke	LS-7			

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](#)