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



### Wednesday, June 9, 2004 Report 5

The first official practice day, with an assigned area task.

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**NEWS  
BRIEF -  
June 9,  
2004  
11:30 p.m.**

#### **in Norway Hello Race Fans!**

Again, today's soaring weather was much better than predicted. That is not to say that today was not difficult. The first leg of the task was to the south, but the lift was just not there. Tim, Manfred, and Bob all took starts, but all of the competitors struggled on the first leg. Unfortunately, Bob was among the landouts in that area. With the help of a local, Margaret extracted him from a freshly-planted (i.e. soft) potato field near the Glomma River.



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### U.S. Team Apparel

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The competition officials are testing out a new live tracking system called VPTracker that allows for real time 3-D flight reporting. The transponders are tiny - about the size of a package of cigarettes - and suction-cup-mount onto an

unobtrusive place in the cockpit. Bob and Manfred were among those randomly chosen to carry the trackers today. During the contest, the top overall pilots and the previous day's winner will be tracked, with their flights being broadcast (with a time delay) in the hospitality tent.

All of the U.S. gliders have passed their technical inspections today, and Tim's Libelle is of particular interest to everyone here because of its landing gear - it has a dual undercarriage (like an ASW 22).



This fine example of a Libelle 201b belongs to Christian Streifeneder of Germany, but it used to belong to someone who converted it into a motorglider. He modified the landing gear and used a removable pole-mounted motor behind the cockpit to fly around the skies of Switzerland under power! Christian has since patched the holes for the motor, but the one-of-a-kind gear remains. It is wacky but it works, and it's a great conversation starter, even with people who don't speak English.

We love your e-mails, so keep them coming to us at [soaringteam04@sbcglobal.net](mailto: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:***

**JUN 19**  
**NCD**  
**JUN 20**  
**NCD**  
**JUN 21**  
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**JUN 25**  
**NCD & Closing**

*Click the dates!*

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### SCHEDULE

Official Training  
9th - 11th

Opening  
12th

Contest Flying  
13th - 25th

Closing  
26th August

**Pictures, from top to bottom:**

1. Manfred Franke in his Norwegian LS-7WL on the grid with crew Carolyn Gage. (June 9)
2. The view from Tim's cockpit today. Looking north toward Lake Storsjoen, about 40 miles north of Starmoen. (June 9)
3. The Libelle 201b ready to go. (June 6)
4. Close up of the dual undercarriage on the scales at technical inspection. (June 9)

*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.*

**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	Tim McAllister	Libelle 201b	EY		
Club	Bob Barber	ASW-19	H8		
Club	Manfred Franke	LS-7 WL	IM		

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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