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



### Friday, June 11, 2004 Report 6

A rain day on Thursday, with sunny skies and an assigned area task to the north today.

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**NEWS  
BRIEF -  
June  
11,  
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### Friday at Midnight in Norway Hello Race Fans!

Yesterday (June 10) was a rain day. It drizzled off and on as a front passed through the area from the south-southwest. The U.S. Team used the day to explore the area and to do errands and laundry. Manfred Franke and his crew Carolyn Gage took a short drive across the Swedish border and back. Bob and Margaret Barber went shopping in town. Tim and I also went shopping, then I spent the afternoon attending to team business and trying to get on the internet (unsuccessfully).



On Thursday evening, I attended my second Team Captains' meeting. The Team Captains are a vocal, opinionated bunch. Last night we talked about the use of the three

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different start cylinders, how pilots will be scored if they leave the competition area, and many, many important details.

Afterwards, the captains drew for the pilots' start order. The Deputy Competition Director, Hans Petter Fure, held a bowl full of paper slips,

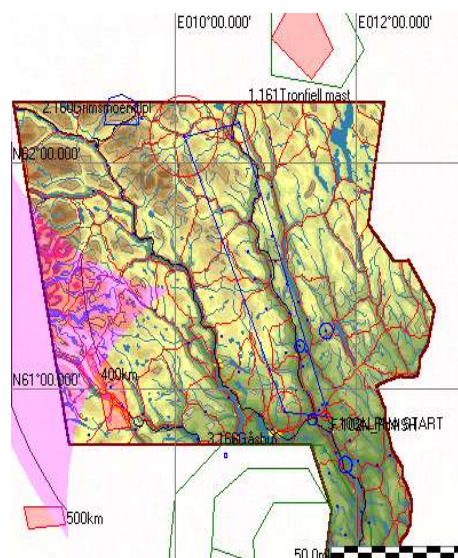
each with a competition numbers a pilot on it. Each team captain drew one slip at a time until every start position was assigned. Tim's number is 8, Manfred's is 10, and Bob's is 17. These positions will rotate throughout the competition.

Today's final official practice task was an assigned area task to the north, but the weather at the 10 a.m. pilots' briefing looked questionable for a 303.6 km minimum distance task over rough, mountainous terrain. The launch was postponed until 12:30, but once the fleet took off, just about everyone stayed aloft. Most pilots flew only part of the task - why risk anything on the last practice day - but a few completed the task. There were several land-outs, and apparently one injured glider (the pilot was OK). The day ended up much better than predicted.

Tim was interviewed by NRK1 (the main national radio station) while waiting on the grid this morning. We don't know if he's been on the radio or not, but there has certainly been good media coverage of the competition in Norway so far.

Tomorrow is the opening ceremony in Elverum, the town closest to Starmoen. We will march in a parade, listen to speeches, and attend a reception at the town hall. Then we will return to Starmoen for a display of various types of flying ("but it's not an airshow," emphasized one of the organizers) followed by a chicken dinner. We're all looking forward to the festivities, but, of course, the soaring forecast for tomorrow looks incredible, but there will be no flying for us. Oh well...

That's it for tonight. I'm off to find a way to connect to the internet so that I can post this for you all!



**JUN 19**  
**NCD**

**JUN 20**  
**NCD**

**JUN 21**  
**NCD**

**JUN 22**  
**NCD**

**JUN 23**  
**Day 5**

**JUN 24**  
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**NCD & Closing**

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#### SCHEDULE

Official Training  
9th - 11th

Opening  
12th

Contest Flying  
13th - 25th

Closing  
26th August

We love seeing your e-mails, so do keep them coming to us at [soaringteam04@sbcglobal.net](mailto: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. Bob Barber and Tim McAllister wait as the launch is postponed. (June 11)
2. Hans Petter Fure runs the start position drawing, Vanna White-style. (June 10)
3. Map of today's task. (June 11)
4. Camp USA at 10:00 p.m.. (June 10)

*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



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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▶ The official World Soaring Championship web site</li><li>▶ FAI Web coverage of the World Gliding Championships</li><li>▶ See the team photo gallery</li><li>▶ What time is it at the site?</li></ul> | <p><a href="#">Click Here</a></p> <p><a href="#">Click Here</a></p> <p><a href="#">Click Here</a></p> <p><a href="#">Click Here</a></p> |
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