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



### Saturday, June 12, 2004 Report 7

Opening Ceremonies on the best looking soaring day we have seen so far.

Click the images below to enlarge!



**NEWS BRIEF - June 12, 2004**  
**Saturday at 10:30 p.m. in Norway**  
**Hello Parade Fans!**

Today was clearly the best soaring day we have seen since we have been here, but we didn't get to enjoy the seemingly endless cloudstreets - today was the opening ceremony.



We were bussed into Elverum to assemble for the parade. Then we marched through the town, ending

up in the park adjacent to city hall. We listened to welcome speeches from the competition director, the mayor, the governor of Hedmark, Ross McIntyre of New Zealand, who delivered a message from the new IGC President, and the head of the Norwegian Sports Federation. A group of folk dancers performed, then a Blanik was towed overhead.

## REPORTS

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## US Soaring Team

### Get on the list! Juniors List

## U.S. Team Apparel

- ✓ Shirts
  - ✓ Hats
  - ✓ Jackets
  - ✓ Polos
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We



attended a reception in city hall, which included a performance of Norwegian songs and a sampling of traditional

foods of this region. Smoked salmon, ham, and moose (really!) were among the offerings.

We came back to the airfield for a demonstration of all kinds of flying - from radio-controlled gliders to parachuting to power and glider aerobatics. Afterward, we were treated to a delicious chicken dinner prepared by Haavard and his catering tent crew.

Now a quiet has descended over the camping area. The pilots and I are looking forward to the first competition day tomorrow. I will report to you about it as the day develops.



We love receiving 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. The team ready for the big parade. (June 12)
2. The nations assembled for the parade through Elverum. (June 12)
3. Arild Solbakken, Mette Guhnfedkt, and John-Eirik Laupsa in their traditional Norwegian costumes. Note fabulous sky in the background! (June 12)
4. The Traditional dance group performing at the opening ceremonies. (June 12)
5. & 6. For every tiny glider there must also be a tiny tow plane. This

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

[Meet this Team](#)

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### SCHEDULE

Official Training  
9th - 11th

Opening  
12th

Contest Flying  
13th - 25th

Closing  
26th August

tow plane boasts a 40 HP engine! (June 10)

*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  | 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](#)
- ▶ What time is it at the site? [Click Here](#)