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U.S. Soaring Team Day
Reports & Results2006 FAI 29th Multi-Class WGC
Open, 18-Meter, 15-Meter, Standard

Eskilstuna, Sweden, June 4-17, 2006

Wednesday, May 24, 2006
Team starts to arrive

The US soaring team gathers in Sweden. Dick Butler and Sam Zimmerman have arrived on site at the Ekeby airfield.

NEWS BRIEF - Wednesday, May 24 2006

Welcome!

The first day reports have started to come in from the U.S. soaring team competing in the 29th World Gliding Championships in Eskilstuna, Sweden. Team Day Reports will be posted here daily throughout the contest. Bookmark this page and visit often!

Pilots Arrive

Team pilots Dick Butler and Sam Zimmerman have arrived at the Ekeby airfield and are settling in. Both pilots shipped their gliders to the championships including Dick Butler's extremely competitive ASW-22DB nick named the ETA biter. Sam Zimmerman will be flying his Ventus 2cx in the 18 m class. The rest of the team will join them shortly.



Practice Period

The USA and Swedish teams are the only teams permitted to practice from Eskilstuna prior to May 27 the official practice period starts May 28th.

Contest Period

Starting June 4 120 of the the worlds best glider pilots will be competing for the title of World Champion in the Open, 18-Meter, 15-Meter and Standard classes.

Team Reporting

Veteran reporter John Good (also crewing for Doug Jacobs) will be bringing you up to the minute coverage from the U.S. Team as they go for the gold in Sweden. Follow the daily action direct from the flight line here each day.

REPORTS

LATEST NEWS

MAY 24
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SCHEDULE

Official training
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Opening
JUNE 3

Contest

US Team
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More Team Web

During your visit to the U.S. Team Website catch up on all the news for the U.S. World Soaring Teams the [U.S. Team News](#). See the [U.S. Team Archive](#) for team background since 1950 including scans of all the original articles as they appeared in Soaring magazine. Also see the [U.S. Team History](#) page for a complete listing of U.S. Teams since 1950 or the World Champions page for a complete listing of champions since 1937.



Team Management

Managing the expanded list of FAI sanctioned classes, teams and venues is no small task. Over the last five years the U.S. Team Committee has worked to establish a more robust management structure and develop the resources needed to put our pilots in a position to win championships. For more on the management of our soaring teams including structure, financial reporting, meeting minutes, and much more see the [Team Committee page](#).

Invitation to subscribe to Team's eBulletin

While all team news will appear in the team web site during the championships, as a special for subscribers to the team's eBulletin the first update from Sweden has already been sent direct to their email box. To subscribe to the free US Team eBulletin and join the 300+ subscribers who receive team and international news on an occasional bases throughout the year. [Subscribe here today!](#)

Captions for photos: *From top to bottom:*

U.S. Soaring Team - Standings

| Class | Pilot | Sailplane | Contest Number | Day Place & Points | Overall Place & Points |
|-------|---------------|------------|----------------|--------------------|------------------------|
| Open | Dick Butler | ASW-22 DB | DB | - | - |
| 18-M | Sam Zimmerman | Ventus 2cx | SZ | - | - |
| 18-M | Rick Indrebo | ASG-29 | 99 | - | - |
| 15-M | David Mockler | ASW-27 | VW | - | - |
| 15-M | Gary Ittner | Ventus 2 | C | - | - |
| STD | Doug Jacobs | Discus 2 | D2 | - | - |

See the official scores [here](#)

Points of Interest

ABOUT DAY REPORTS

The U.S. Team Day Reports are brought to you by the US Soaring Team and Team Committee. Veteran reporter John Good (also crewing for Doug Jacobs) will be bringing you up to the minute coverage from the U.S. Team as they go for the gold in Sweden. The daily reports are posted by Frank Whiteley and John Seaborn.

JUNE 4 - 17

Closing
JUNE 18

WEB LINKS

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EMAIL TEAM

You can send the team in Sweden an email using the mail box set up for this purpose. Click [Team email](#). Communication will go direct to Team Captain John Godfrey and cannot normally be replied to.

U.S. TEAM COMMITTEE

The U.S. Team Committee has been working for over five years to establish 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 [U.S. Team Committee page](#).

START RECEIVING THE U.S. TEAM eBULLETINS - FREE!

You are invited to join the 300+ subscribers and start receiving U.S. Team eBulletins. This electronic newsletter is sent out roughly quarterly throughout the year and covers international, team and pilot news. Subscribe by [clicking here](#) and using the simple sign up form.

TEAM NEWS, HISTORY & ARCHIVE

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YOUR TEAM SUPPORT

Our participation at the international level depends on the generous contributions from the larger soaring community. Thanks to 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](#) and the [Robertson Trust Web](#).

Country and Contest Site




10/27/04 - SITE CHANGE FOR 2006 WGC

The 29th World Gliding Championships originally slated for Uppsala Sweden have been moved to Eskilstuna Sweden (Ekeby airfield). This site was where the 1993 US Team had a week of practice before Borlange (site of 1993 WGC). The two sites share very similar terrain.

Sweden and Eskilstuna will be the host of the World Gliding Championship 2006. Approximately 120 pilots from all around the world will gather at the Ekeby airfield 5 km west of Eskilstuna to compete in four classes, Standard, 15 meter, 18 meter and Open class, on June 5-17 2006. The management for WGC 2006 have decided to move the competition site from Uppsala to Eskilstuna.



The reason for this is that the original competition site in Uppsala no longer has the possibility to adequately



serve the needs of the competition due to a much higher degree of other activity at the airfield than originally anticipated. Eskilstuna is an excellent alternative with all necessary facilities already in place. Eskilstuna also has a tradition in large international competitions.

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