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U.S. Soaring Team Day Reports & Results

	<p style="text-align: center;">Monday, August 4</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Report 14</p> <p>Good looking day with long tasks. The launch starts at 11:45 and sets a new record with all gone in 50 minutes. KS lands out very early at 1:30. Day looks to be a very long one with pilots making it back. Many landouts as the day dies.</p>	<p style="text-align: center; background-color: #f0f0f0;">REPORTS</p> <p style="text-align: center;">LATEST REPORT</p> <p>JULY 22</p> <p>JULY 23</p> <p>JULY 24</p> <p>JULY 25</p> <p>JULY 26</p> <p>JULY 27 -Day 1</p> <p>JULY 28 -NCD</p> <p>JULY 29 -Day 2</p> <p>JULY 30 -Day 3</p> <p>JULY 31 -NCD</p> <p>AUG 1 -Day 4</p> <p>AUG 2 -Day 5</p> <p>AUG 3 -Day 6</p> <p>AUG 4 -Day 7 ◀</p> <p>AUG 5 -Day 8</p> <p>AUG 6 -Day 9</p> <p>AUG 7 -Day 10</p> <p>AUG 8 -Day 11</p> <p>AUG 9 -Day 12</p> <p style="text-align: center;">CLOSING</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-style: italic;">Click the dates!</p> <p style="text-align: center; background-color: #f0f0f0;">WEB LINKS</p> <p>WGC Reports & Scores</p> <p>Weather</p> <p>Photo Gallery</p> <p>Meet this Team</p>
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EARLY REPORT - August 4, Contest Day 7

They are flying at Leszno today! The weather looks positive and the morning briefing has been held at the customary 10:00. The tasks are long to take advantage of the good weather predicted. The first launch is scheduled for 11:20 but is pushed back to 11:45 when the sniffer struggles early. The first Cu show at 11:35 and indeed the launch is in full swing by 11:45 and by 12:50 all competitors are airborne. In fact there was a new launch record today with over 130 gliders gone in under 50 minutes. After many starts and stops the tracking system seems to be working.

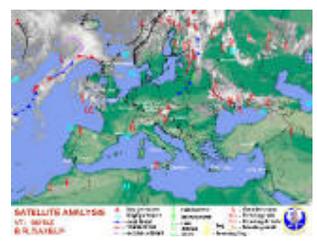
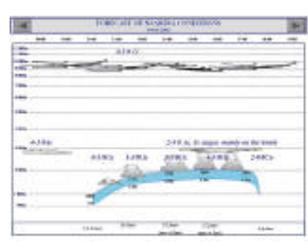


Most pilots start by 1:30 with Tom Beltz and Chip Garner going at 1:18. The German team starts early at 1:05 and the British at 1:38. In the 15-Meter, Karl Striedieck and Dave Mockler are on course by 1:07 with the German, Italian and Polish team all going at essential this time as well. The British 15-Meter pilots delay their start until just after 1:30. Gary Ittner is among the early starters at 12:54 and Ron Tabery is gone by 1:14 as are most of the Open Class.

Today's tasks are long Assigned or Racing tasks. The Standard and 15-Meter flying with two turnpoints, 18m and Open fly with three turnpoints. Three of the classes will fly into the airspace of Germany, Standard, 18-Meter and Open. Standard, Racing Task: 482.4 km 15-Meter, Racing Task: 489.3 km, 18-Meter, Racing Task: 535.4 km, Open, Racing Task: 618.8 km.

PREDICTED WEATHER

Synoptic situation : the region of Leszno is under the influence of the high with the centre over the North Sea, the advection of unstable and a bit colder airmass from the



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direction 290-320 with the speed of about 20km/h. Clouds: 1-3/8 Ac at the beginning blue thermals h=700-900m then 0-2/8 Cu h=1200-1400 after 14.00 rising up to h=1700-200m, after 14.00 also spreading out of Cu clouds and then 1-4/8 Sc cugen., on the North locally blue thermals. Thermals: 1m/s rising 2-2,2m/s max. 4,5m/s Visibility: >> 10km Wind: 010-040degrees 2-5m/s Hazards: Spreading out of Cu clouds (towards "S-SE-E"), on the North areas of blue thermals Upper wind: [m/s] 500m 089/3 1000m 337/2 1500m 246/5 2000m 261/9 2500m 276/12 Prepared by Jan Młynarczyk, WGC Chief Meteorologist

AFTERNOON NEWS

There is a report of KS landing out early at 1:30. Confirmed by Rick Sheppe. At 4:48 the organizers report the sky is looking very good with nice Cu. By 5:20 the first finishers are arriving. Then the reports of landouts start coming in. By 5:41 very few finishers but several competitors report near final glide. By 6:20 only 20 gliders are back at Leszno. Shake up day? Gary Ittner is reported to have finished but this is still not confirmed. By 6:30 almost 55 finishers with gliders still coming in every so often. By 7:00 no Open Class finishers have been seen. Its 7:18 and first Open finishes. Now desperation final gliders are in full swing with pilots just making the airfield - or not. No word from team USA yet.



Garner & Tom Beltz

It looks like the U.S. Standard Class did very well today with Garner finishing 4th and Beltz 5th. BRAVO! Leader Andy Davis was 16th today. In the 15-Meter, Dave Mockler is listed as 21st and Karl is 39th with 33.2 km. Leader John Couttes placed 3rd and Michael Grund, who was right behind in overall standings was 20th. In the 18-Meter, Gary Ittner was 4th and in the Open, Ron Tabery was 9th.

UPDATE ON JOHN GOOD

Reprint from last nights report. First, a report on John Good: he is resting today after a 2-hour operation to remove his gall bladder. Other than being quite disappointed about missing the action at Leszno, he is in good spirits. John worked very hard to prepare for this contest, and it shows. Thanks to John, our pilots and crews are isolated from the logistical headaches associated with fielding a team on foreign soil, and they can concentrate on the flying and resting between flights. With any luck (and doctor's permission), John will be able to visit the airfield on Tuesday. The USA team distributed "Get better" cards to sign by the pilots for John Good and there are over 130 signatures. - Rick Sheppe



John Good's new hotel - Leszno, Poland

LATE REPORT FROM RICK SHEPPE

This is a brief summary of how we did today. Our last glider landed at 8 pm, and they throw us out of the "internet hangar" at 11 pm. Not much time to do all your chores and write a report.



We had assigned tasks in all four classes today.

After tying for the 15-meter win yesterday, Karl Striedieck had some very bad luck today. He landed about 30 km away, not having made a single climb after crossing the start line. His story was brief. He said that the combination of launching early and struggling to get a good start convinced him that the task was overcalled and that it would be a distance day. He set out "just before" convection pushed through the low-level inversion. There were bumps, but no thermals, and he landed in a nice field two towns away. Dave Mockler took it a bit slower at first and was able to get around the course at 91 kph.

In the Standard Class, Chip and Tom flew together all day and wound up 4th and 5th on the



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26th

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27th - Aug 9th

Closing
10th August

preliminary scoresheet. These two are flying very well as a team, and now they're out having dinner together, no doubt discussing how to go even faster. Everyone in the Standard Class is waiting for John Coutts (New Zealand) to make his first mistake of the contest.



The 18-meter class scores are incomplete, but it's fairly certain that Gary Ittner also did well. Gary is clawing his way back up the scoresheet after his disastrous first day. Gary doesn't talk much on the radio, or on the ground. I will consider it a personal victory if I can get him to tell a flying story.



Ron Tabery had a very long day. Today was the first day that the classes came back at different times, with very little overlap. There was a solid hour between the last of the 18-meter arrivals and the first Open class finisher. Their task, at 619 km, was just a bit too long. Organized convection ended at about 6:30 pm. Ron's final glide was very peaceful. He had plenty of time to recheck his calculation that told him he wasn't quite going to make it. He started his engine at 400 feet, four miles out and motored home, landing at a few minutes before 8 pm. He rolled up to the tiedowns exhausted and disappointed. However, these scoring rules are different. When there are few finishers, the longest distance flight (which Ron's was, I think) earns almost as many points as the slowest finisher. We'll know more by morning.

About pictures. Some of the images are taken by the U.S. Team Captain John Good or by pilot Gary Ittner. Many of the images used here can be found on the official website and are taken by one of several excellent contributors including Marysia Klamecka, and Ewa Hajek. See the official photo page [here](#).

Team USA Instrument Panels

One of the interesting aspects of the world championships is that you get to see who is flying what instruments. This can be helpful if your thinking of upgrading or changing your panel but is often somewhat misleading as many of the gliders are barrowed or rented and the instrument panels and set-ups may not resemble what the pilots fly at home. Enjoy!



Top: ASW-28 Tom Beltz



ASW-27 Karl Striedieck



Nimbus 4 Ron Tabery



Discus 2a Chip Garner



Ventus 2bcx Gary Ittner

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Class	Pilot	Sailplane	Contest Number	Day Place & Points	Overall Place & Points
Open	Ron Tabery	Nimbus 4T	YY	7 - 792	8 - 5457
18-Meter	Gary Ittner	Ventus 2cx	ZQ	4 - 905	15 - 4559

15-Meter	Karl Striedieck	ASW-27b	VW	35 - 32	32 - 4296
	David Mockler	Ventus 2ax	W	20 - 871	21 - 4931
Standard	Tom Beltz	ASW 28	PV	5 - 888	5 - 5430
	Chip Garner	Discus 2a	CG	4 - 892	12 - 5323

See the official scores [here](#)

Points of Interest

CONTACT THE TEAM IN POLAND

Back by popular request you can now e-mail the U.S. Soaring Team in Poland with greetings, an encouraging word and well wishes. Please note that all team members are very busy while the championships are underway and may not be able to reply to your message. To write and send your message click [here](#) or on the GO TEAM logo.



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OTHER TEAM WEB SITES

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Every modern world championships has a daily newsletter. Over the years these newsletters have ranged from simple one page announcements to full fledged magazine quality productions. The 28th WGC version is of the highest quality with excellent content and many pictures. The editor Janet Hider Smith has done a magnificent job. Available online in Adobe PDF format, go to the Daily News link and look for the "Daily Bulletin on the day" link. See the Daily News [here](#). Check out Karl Striedieck's profile in the 7/30 issue.

PRE-WORLDS REPORT AVAILABLE

Want the real scoop on the site and flying WGC? Click the [pre-worlds report here](#) provided by team pilot Chip Garner for a detailed pilots eye view of the site, weather and the competition.

ABOUT DAY REPORTS

The U.S. Team Day Reports are brought to you by several hard working U.S. Team volunteers. John Good creates the reports in Poland and e-mails them to John Seaborn in Colorado who posts them to the SSA server. The goal of these day reports are to provide the U.S. soaring community with improved coverage of World Soaring Championships and the U.S. Team's participation in these events.

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The newly elected 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](#).

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Country and Contest Site



Leszno is well situated in the western part of Poland in Wielkopolska (Great Poland) between Poznań and Wrocław. Three European capitals: Warsaw, Berlin and Prague are all situated approximately 300km away from Leszno. Since 1 January 1999 Leszno has been one of the 68 administrative districts. Labor turmoil in 1980 led to the formation of the independent trade union "Solidarity" that over time became a political force and by 1990 had swept parliamentary elections and the presidency. A "shock therapy" program during the early 1990s enabled the country to transform its economy into one of the

most robust in Central Europe, boosting hopes for acceptance to the EU. Poland joined the NATO alliance in 1999.

Map courtesy of the CIA. See the [CIA site](#) for a fact sheet on Poland. Click images to expand.

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