Coach's Report: MSC "Seven-peat" 2026

Jim Payne

2026 Sep 19

Leagues

League Participation: 36 Pilots

Alan C
Alan M
Barry
Bertrand
Bob
Brad
Chris
Dan
Darren
David
David B
Gary
Gordo
Hannariina
Jim D
Jim L.
Jim P.
John
Josef
Keith B
Keith E
Michael
Mitch
Nathan
Nick
Nico
Peter
Peter P
Richard
Sam
Steve S
Steve W
Thomas
Tom S
Uwe
Will

League Participation: 13 Co-Pilots

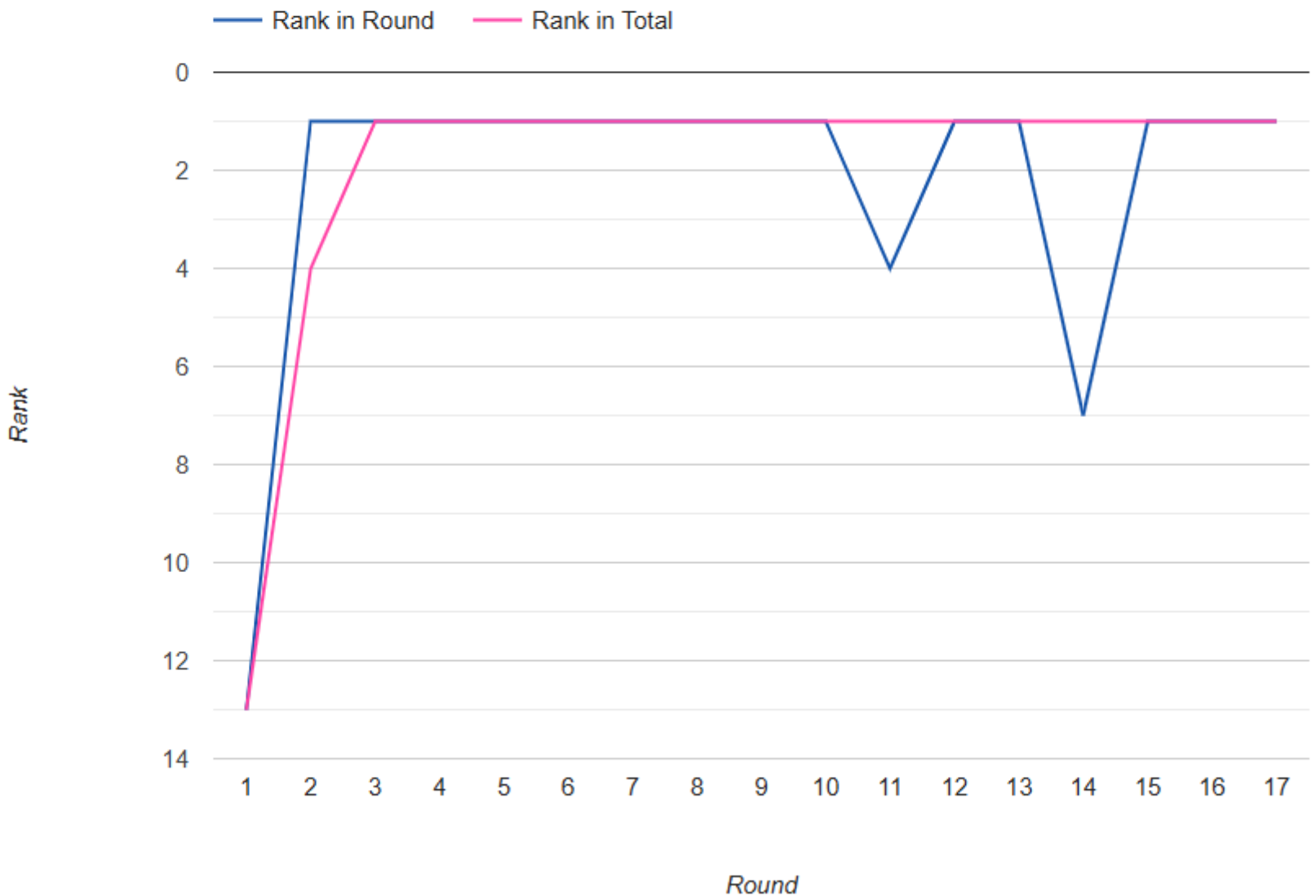
- Alan C.
- Chris H.
- Enrique
- Hannariina
- Jackie
- Jim D.
- John G
- Mark B.
- Matthew
- Mike S.
- Mitch
- Richard R.
- Stefan

World League Final Scores 2026

#	Points	Speed	Club
1	659	7,295.05	Minden Soaring Club (US / R11: CA-N GU HI NV)
2	513	5,503.44	Soaring Society of Boulder (US / R9: AZ CO NM UT WY)
3	510	5,360.55	LSV Schwarzwald (DE / BW)
4	506	5,474.91	FLG Dettingen/Teck (DE / BW)
5	473	5,175.88	SFZ Königsdorf (DE / BY)
6	467	4,925.94	FSC Odenwald Walldürn (DE / BW)
7	424	4,695.58	Cl. Cumulus Fuentemilanos (ES)
8	404	4,720.08	SFG Donauwörth-Monheim (DE / BY)
9	390	4,369.03	FG Freudenstadt (DE / BW)

Course of Season 2026 - Minden Soaring Club

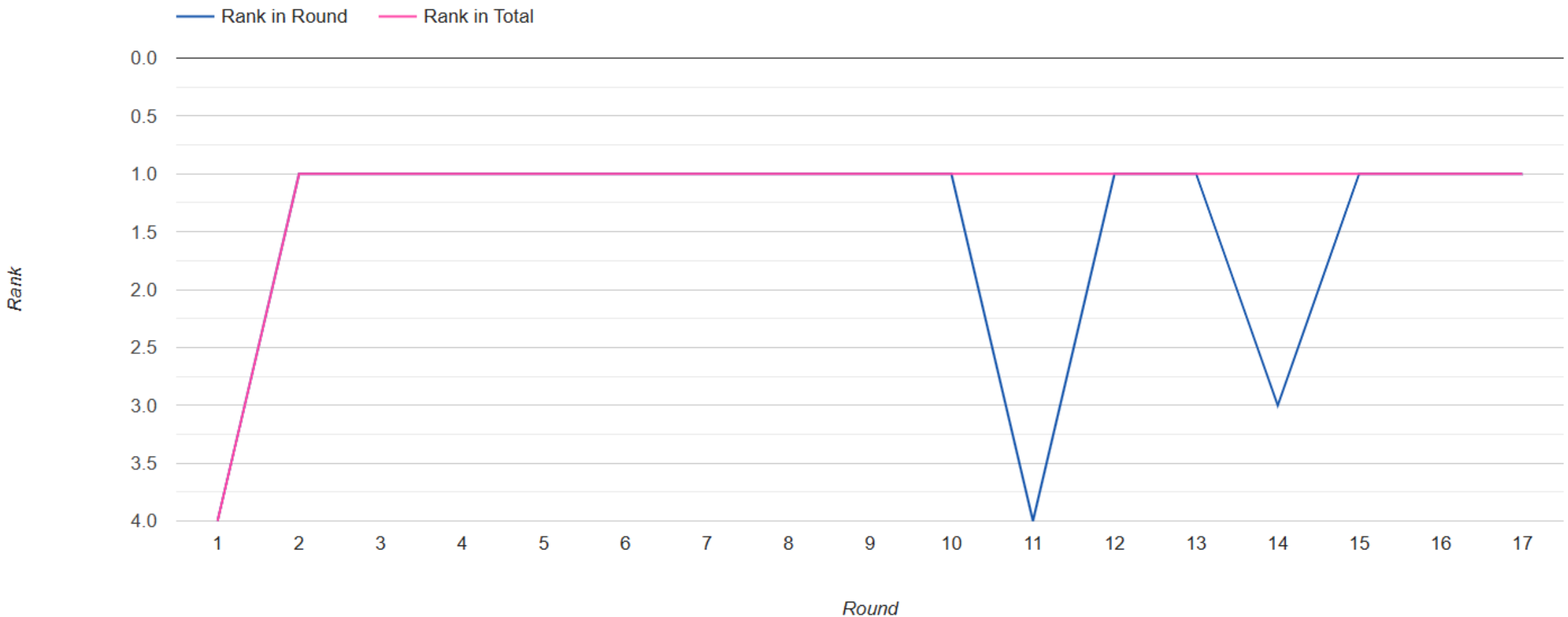
IGC-OLC-LEAGUE - Round



Gold League Final Scores 2026

#	Points	Speed	Club
1	196	7,295.05	Minden Soaring Club (US / R11: CA-N GU HI NV)
2	174	5,439.95	Soaring Society of Boulder (US / R9: AZ CO NM UT WY)
3	137	4,309.13	Black Forest Soaring (US / R9: AZ CO NM UT WY)
4	117	3,360.90	Tucson Soaring Club (US / R9: AZ CO NM UT WY)
5	90	2,453.29	SGC Seattle Glider Council (US / R8: AK ID MT OR WA)
6	76	2,228.94	Tehachapi Southern Sierra (US / R12: CA-S)
7	75	2,072.89	GBSC Boston (US / R1: CT ME MA NH RI VT)
8	61	2,002.66	Moriarty Soaring (US / R9: AZ CO NM UT WY)
9	58	1,829.95	NUTSO (US / R9: AZ CO NM UT WY)
10	56	1,361.09	TSA-Texas Soaring Association (US / R10: AR KS LA MO-W NE OK)

Course of Season 2026 - Minden Soaring Club



Summary

- 154 League Flights in 2026
- 132 Rounds-in-a-Row with a Point
- Won 83 of Last 118 Rounds (70%)
- Won 14 of 17 Rounds in 2026 (82%)
- 102 of Last 112 Rounds Overall 1st (91%)

2026 WORLD LEAGUE SUMMARY																				
Round	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17		color code
MSC Place	13th	1st	1st	1st	1st	1st	1st	1st	1st	1st	4th	1st	1st	7th	1st	1st	1st	flts	
Nico	4			2	3	3	4	6		5	2	3	2	2	2	5	3	14	Minden
Gary	2	6	5		4	2	12	11	5		7	5	3		12		4	13	Ely
Jim P.	5	3	2	5		1	3	1	1	6	4	1		4	4			13	Seminole
Keith E		1		1	1		1	2					1			1	1	8	Siskiyou
Uwe		4	3	2	5		6	8		2					3			8	Williams
Bob			4	10						8				3	6	9	6	7	Hollister
Nick	6			6				5				7		5	9			6	Richfield
Thomas		2		8			2	10							1	2		6	Menomonie
Jim L.			1		2		8		2							14	2	6	Truckee
Jim D				4		4	10	12							5	8		6	Mifflin
Steve W				11			13		4		8					7	9	6	Avenal
Chris											5	8		6	8	12	10	6	TSA
Brad	1						7	4							7	4		5	Tonopah
David				7					3			4		1		3		5	Other
Sam								13		7	3				10	10		5	Frias Wheel
Alan C		5			6											15	8	4	
Josef	3									4	1							3	
Dan	8							15		9								3	
John		7			7							2						3	
Barry				9						9								2	
Tom S						5	14											2	
Gordo							5	3										2	
Darren							11			3								2	
Mitch								9		1								2	
Peter								14							11			2	
Richard														7	13			2	
Will																11	5	2	
Steve S																13	7	2	
Alan M	7																	1	
Will							9											1	
Keith B								7										1	
Hannariina											6							1	
Bertrand												6						1	
David B													4					1	
Nathan														8				1	
Peter P																6		1	
Michael																16		1	
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# of flts	8	7	5	11	7	5	14	15	5	10	8	8	4	8	13	16	10	154	

World and Gold League Champions “Seven-peat”

Summary of MSC's Final Positions			
Year	World	US	
2010	36	1	US Silver League
2011	54	14	US Gold League
2012	56	13	
2013	16	9	
2014	2	2	
2015	12	6	
2016	8	3	
2017	6	4	
2018	15	7	
2019	3	2	
2020	1	1	
2021	1	1	
2022	1	1	
2023	1	1	
2024	1	1	
2025	1	1	
2026	1	1	

OLC World League										
Year	1st	2nd	3rd	best score	efficiency	2nd	efficiency	MOV	%MOV	# clubs
2007	Warner Springs	Albuquerque	Black Forest	624	0.8211	616	0.8105	8	1.3%	374
2008	Langenselbold	Warner Springs	Black Forest	452	0.5947	407	0.5355	45	11.1%	1,048
2009	Albuquerque	Warner Springs	Tucson	599	0.7882	452	0.5947	147	32.5%	1,063
2010	Albuquerque	Konigsdorf	Tucson	488	0.6421	385	0.5066	103	26.8%	1,068
2011	Blaubeuren	Texas	Albuquerque	437	0.5750	421	0.5539	16	3.8%	1,027
2012	Albuquerque	Hole in the Wall	Burgdorf	611	0.8039	428	0.5632	183	42.8%	1,047
2013	Hole in the Wall	Albuquerque	Southern Sierra	571	0.7513	463	0.6092	108	23.3%	1,079
2014	Albuquerque	Minden	Burgdorf	468	0.6158	449	0.5908	19	4.2%	1,123
2015	Bayreuth	Schwarzwald	Moriarty	428	0.5632	418	0.5500	10	2.4%	1,095
2016	Burgdorf	Braunchweig	Boulder	512	0.6737	421	0.5539	91	21.6%	1,071
2017	Aalen	Moriarty	Boulder	512	0.6737	406	0.5342	106	26.1%	1,094
2018	Bayreuth	Aalen	Gilhorn	510	0.6711	480	0.6316	30	6.3%	1,120
2019	Moriarty	Rinteln	Minden	498	0.6553	497	0.6539	1	0.2%	1,077
2020	Minden	Boulder	Rinteln	448	0.8615	425	0.8173	23	5.4%	1,029
2021	Minden	Rinteln	Boulder	543	0.9050	437	0.7283	106	24.3%	958
2022	Minden	Rinteln	Burgdorf	693	0.9118	574	0.7553	119	20.7%	975
2023	Minden	Rinteln	Schwarzwald	695	0.9145	492	0.6474	203	41.3%	902
2024	Minden	Rinteln	Tucson	739	0.9724	508	0.6684	231	45.5%	833
2025	Minden	Boulder	Odenwald	662	0.8711	509	0.6697	153	30.1%	765
2026	Minden	Boulder	Schwarzwald	659	0.9691	513	0.7544	146	28.5%	544

OLC Gold League

Year	1st	2nd	3rd	best score	efficiency	2nd	efficiency	MOV	%MOV
2007	Warner Springs	Albuquerque	Black Forest	886	0.9326	885	0.9316	1	0.1%
2008	Black Forest	Warner Springs	Tucson	524	0.8111	517	0.8003	7	1.4%
2009	Albuquerque	Tucson	Warner Springs	572	0.8854	556	0.8607	16	2.9%
2010	Albuquerque	Tucson	Warner Springs	181	0.7939	156	0.6842	25	16.0%
2011	Albuquerque	Warner Springs	Texas	152	0.6667	140	0.6140	12	8.6%
2012	Albuquerque	Hole in the Wall	Texas	187	0.8202	146	0.6404	41	28.1%
2013	Hole in the Wall	Southern Sierra	Albuquerque	181	0.7939	149	0.6535	32	21.5%
2014	Albuquerque	Minden	Southern Sierra	164	0.7193	144	0.6316	20	13.9%
2015	Warner Springs	Boulder	Southern Sierra	164	0.7193	139	0.6096	25	18.0%
2016	Moriarty	Boulder	Minden	146	0.6404	141	0.6184	5	3.5%
2017	Boulder	Moriarty	Warner Springs	161	0.7061	151	0.6623	10	6.6%
2018	Moriarty	Boulder	Texas	182	0.7982	145	0.6360	37	25.5%
2019	Moriarty	Minden	Boulder	186	0.8158	151	0.6623	35	23.2%
2020	Minden	Boulder	Tucson	144	0.9231	127	0.8141	17	13.4%
2021	Minden	Boulder	Tucson	172	0.9556	118	0.6556	54	45.8%
2022	Minden	Tucson	Houston	218	0.9561	148	0.6491	70	47.3%
2023	Minden	Tucson	Boulder	219	0.9605	147	0.6447	72	49.0%
2024	Minden	Tucson	Boulder	225	0.9868	159	0.6974	66	41.5%
2025	Minden	Boulder	Tucson	207	0.9079	162	0.7105	45	27.8%
2026	Minden	Boulder	Black Forest	196	0.9608	174	0.8529	22	12.6%
Wins	Moriarty/ABQ = 8, Minden = 7, Warner =2, Black Forest = Hole in the Wall = Boulder = 1								

WeGlide SSA DAGR Gold League

- Non-Linear Scoring

1		Minden Soaring Club Nevada	306 6,661
2		Soaring Society of Boulder Colorado	219 5,016
3 ▲ 1		Tucson Soaring Club Arizona	167 4,064
4 ▼ 1		Black Forest Soaring Society Colorado	167 4,036
5		Sky Sailing Warner Springs California	137 3,379

Non-Leagues

Distance: Statistic: Airfield OLC-Plus 2026 (Worldwide)

#	Points	Airfield	km	Flights	Pilots
1	319,092.16	Bitterwasser (NA)	296,581.52	372	47
2	276,419.46	Fuentemilanos (ES)	268,368.79	637	50
3	245,214.85	Veronica (NA / 0)	228,761.12	314	52
4	234,068.84	Minden-Tahoe (US / 11)	227,662.63	437	53
5	233,623.36	Rieti (IT)	233,496.97	723	93
6	193,169.91	Kiripotib (NA)	185,241.46	259	47
7	158,709.26	Pokweni (NA)	144,721.23	205	21
8	136,693.15	Räyskälä (FI)	130,497.04	447	48
9	136,344.76	Calcinate del Pesce (IT)	130,737.57	469	64
10	133,544.02	Puimoisson Gld (FR)	130,387.27	278	50
11	132,191.50	Seminole Lake (US / 5)	126,212.99	468	46

Distance:

Statistic: Club OLC 2026 (Worldwide)

#	Points	Club	km	Flights	Pilots
1	352,388.75	Minden Soaring Club (US / R11: CA-N GU HI NV)	344,806.85	652	45
2	210,234.68	Soaring Society of Boulder (US / R9: AZ CO NM UT WY)	199,143.20	484	33
3	181,988.47	Cl. Cumulus Fuentemilanos (ES)	177,242.85	462	20
4	164,069.35	ACAO - AeC Vol. Adele Orsi (IT)	159,408.41	533	41
5	142,391.49	Tucson Soaring Club (US / R9: AZ CO NM UT WY)	127,380.77	417	30
6	139,273.92	SFZ Königsdorf (DE / BY)	133,204.13	261	46
7	137,587.91	SOSA Gliding Club (CA / ON/Q)	124,007.45	579	58
8	127,101.25	Räyskälä Aero Club (FI)	124,389.92	368	21
9	121,309.24	AVA - AeC Vol. Alpino (IT)	114,397.77	442	32
10	117,944.43	Club de Planeadores de Vitacura (CL)	112,062.77	545	63

Speed: Club OLC-LEAGUE 2026 (Worldwide)

#	Points	Airfield	km	Flights	Pilots
1	70,709.15	Minden Soaring Club (US / R11: CA-N GU HI NV)	160,771.22	635	46
2	45,073.90	Soaring Society of Boulder (US / R9: AZ CO NM UT WY)	102,766.83	483	33
3	37,981.91	Cl. Cumulus Fuentemilanos (ES)	86,519.82	458	20
4	36,976.77	ACAO - AeC Vol. Adele Orsi (IT)	82,629.82	523	42
5	31,705.07	Tucson Soaring Club (US / R9: AZ CO NM UT WY)	68,919.06	409	30
6	31,606.87	SOSA Gliding Club (CA / ON/Q)	69,909.59	574	56
7	30,781.75	Club de Planeadores de Vitacura (CL)	64,811.51	501	61
8	30,272.25	Räyskälä Aero Club (FI)	68,915.67	361	21
9	27,209.89	AVA - AeC Vol. Alpino (IT)	59,886.70	449	33
10	24,808.95	Black Forest Soaring (US / R9: AZ CO NM UT WY)	55,765.44	338	18

Statistic: Best Flight OLC-Plus 2026 (Worldwide)

#	Points	name		km	km/h	date	Airfield	
1	2,531.58	Gordon Boettger (US / R11)	2,879.22	209.99	25.10	Minden-Tahoe (US / 11)	Minden Soaring Club	Arcus J
		☺ ☺ ☺ Not three, but one sympathy-smiley for each competitor who supports us... for more information please click here						
2	2,172.93	Jean-Marc Perrin (CH)	2,238.30	184.46	12.12	El Maiten (AR)	AAA Bordeaux	DG 808/15m
3	1,647.76	Josef Bostik (US / R11)	1,412.70	137.60	10.07	Richfield UT (US / 9)	Minden Soaring Club	Ventus-2cxM 18m
4	1,627.30	Chester Fitchett (CA / BC/A)	1,774.88	216.00	13.11	Black Diamond... (CA / BC/A)	Cu Nim Gliding Club	Arcus M
5	1,569.90	Jim Payne (US / R11) ☺	1,510.64	129.84	27.06	Minden-Tahoe (US / 11)	Minden Soaring Club	Arcus M
6	1,497.73	Keith Essex (NZ / R11)	1,287.56	150.29	25.07	Minden-Tahoe (US / 11)	Minden Soaring Club	AS 33 Es 15m
7	1,494.58	Tobias Welsch (DE / HE)	1,369.32	153.11	04.12	Bitterwasser (NA)	LSC Bad Homburg	Arcus M
8	1,489.45	David Jansen (AU / QLD)	1,275.94	142.74	08.01	Bond Springs ... (AU / SA/N)	Kingaroy Soaring Club	ASG 32 Mi
9	1,470.87	Maximilian Schaefer (DE / NW) ☺	1,261.32	130.91	11.11	Bitterwasser (NA)	FG Dahlemer Binz	Arcus M
10	1,466.35	Radek Krejcirik (CZ / CZ)	1,260.24	143.83	20.01	Veronica (NA / 0)	Hranice	Arcus M

Statistic: All Flights OLC-Plus 2026 (Worldwide)

#	Points	name	Club	km	Flights
1	71,756.24	Nicolas Bennet (US / R11) ☺	Minden Soaring Club	70,298.53	111
2	59,331.61	Axel Nuss (DE / NI) ☺	AC Hodenhagen	55,664.33	94
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3	47,475.85	Sigi Foehn (CH)	SG Lägern	46,338.57	80
4	45,676.02	Ramy Yanetz (US / R11) ☺	Northern California Soaring Ass.	44,971.97	70
5	43,156.58	Bill Feiges (US / R9)	Soaring Society of Boulder	40,111.89	86
6	42,836.87	Ken Sorenson (US / R10)	Soaring Club of Houston	43,985.70	132
7	41,291.83	Karsten Petzold (DE / BY) ☺	AC Rothenburg ob der Tauber	39,777.97	55
8	39,657.17	Jan Paepke (DE / SK)	Prievidza	37,889.20	77
9	39,397.99	Mark Bland (AU / VIC)	Alpine Soaring Mount Beauty	30,380.72	150
10	35,884.97	Elmar Erik Fischer (DE / HE)	LSC Bad Homburg	33,148.23	66

Statistic: Best Flight Speed-OLC 2026 (Worldwide)

#	Points	name	km	km/h	date	Airfield	Club
1	248.01	Gordon Boettger (US / R11)	566.71	283.36	11.04	Minden-Tahoe (US / 11)	Minden Soaring Club	Arcus J
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2	236.91	Jean-Marc Perrin (CH)	520.01	260.01	12.12	El Maiten (AR)	AAA Bordeaux	DG 808/15m
3	223.06	Chester Fitchett (CA / BC/A)	509.69	254.85	13.11	Black Diamond... (CA / BC/A)	Cu Nim Gliding Club	Arcus M
4	214.18	Jim Payne (US / R11)	489.40	244.70	06.09	Minden-Tahoe (US / 11)	Minden Soaring Club	Arcus M
5	211.39	Chris Dowell (US / R12)	467.16	233.58	21.12	Mountain Vall... (US / 12)	Tehachapi Southern Sierra	ASW 27
6	200.41	Brad Jackson (US / R11)	466.95	233.47	23.03	Minden-Tahoe (US / 11)	Minden Soaring Club	JS 3 TJ 18m
7	189.59	Patrick Grady (US / R8)	387.72	193.86	15.04	Minden-Tahoe (US / 11)	Evergreen Soaring	miniLAK-FES
8	188.52	Gary Ittner (US / R11)	399.65	199.83	15.04	Minden-Tahoe (US / 11)	Minden Soaring Club	Discus 2a
9	185.91	James Lee (US / R11)	399.70	199.85	27.06	Minden-Tahoe (US / 11)	Minden Soaring Club	Duo Discus
10	185.23	David Greenhill (US / R11) ☺	431.58	215.79	27.06	Minden-Tahoe (US / 11)	Minden Soaring Club	AS 33 18m

Champion OLC-Plus 2026 (Worldwide)

#	name	Points
1	Gordon Boettger (US / R11) Minden Soaring Club	10,126.71
2	Tobias Welsch (DE / HE) LSC Bad Homburg	8,429.08
3	Keith Essex (NZ) Minden Soaring Club	8,424.26
4	Jean-Marc Perrin (CH) AAA Bordeaux	8,353.76
5	Bernd Goretzki (DE / NI) LSV Rinteln	7,926.59
6	Bostjan Pristavec (SI) ALC Lesce/Bled	7,892.91
7	Ramy Yanetz (US / R11) Northern California Soaring Ass.	7,742.71
8	Josef Bostik (US / R11) Minden Soaring Club	7,675.72
9	Jürgen Schwendtfeger (DE / NI) AC Hodenhagen	7,421.67
10	Johannes Kammerer (DE / BW) LG Hotzenwald	7,411.45

Champion Speed-OLC 2026 (Worldwide)

#	name	Points
1	Gordon Boettger (US / R11) Minden Soaring Club	1,252.16
2	Jim Payne (US / R11) Minden Soaring Club	1,191.33
3	Keith Essex (NZ) Minden Soaring Club	1,026.56
4	Brad Jackson (US / R11) Minden Soaring Club	1,015.46
5	Nicolas Bennet (US / R11) Minden Soaring Club	1,004.76
6	Jean-Marc Perrin (CH) AAA Bordeaux	982.12
7	James Lee (US / R11) Minden Soaring Club	979.17
8	Tobias Welsch (DE / HE) LSC Bad Homburg	947.15
9	Reinhard Schramme (DE / NI) LSV Rinteln	943.86
10	Ramy Yanetz (US / R11) Northern California Soaring Ass.	939.38

WeGlide Global Free Championship

#		Name	Points
1		Gordon Boettger Minden Soaring Club, Nevada	8,545
2		Tobias Welsch LSC Bad Homburg, Hesse	6,669
3		Guy Bechtold CLVV Useldange, Luxembourg	6,548
4		Maximilian Schäfer LSF Dahlemer Binz, North Rhine-Westphalia	6,494
5		Keith Essex Minden Soaring Club, Nevada	6,447

WeGlide Global Sprint Championship

#		Name	Points
1		Gordon Boettger Minden Soaring Club, Nevada	666
2		Jim Payne Minden Soaring Club, Nevada	608
3		Luca MacGregor Buckminster Gliding Club, United Kingdom	545
4		Alejandro Pettenazza Club de Planeadores Tandil, Argentina	530
5		John Smith Omarama Gliding Club, South Island	521
6		Brad Jackson Minden Soaring Club, Nevada	517
7		Chris Dowell Sierra Soaring Club, California	515
8		Andreas Spielmann SG Lägern, Switzerland	514
9		Roland Schmitt AC Bonn-Hangelar, North Rhine-Westphalia	511
10		Nicolas Bennet Minden Soaring Club, Nevada	511
11		Keith Essex Minden Soaring Club, Nevada	510

DAGR (De-centralizd American Glider Race)

1		Gordon Boettger Minden Soaring Club, Nevada	7,520
2		Clemens S Ceipek Soaring Society of Boulder, Colorado	6,688
3		Ramy Yanetz Northern California Soaring Association, California	6,462
4		Zach Yamauchi Soaring Society of Boulder, Colorado	6,398
5		Keith Essex Minden Soaring Club, Nevada	5,900
6		Josef Bostik Minden Soaring Club, Nevada	5,873
7		Uwe Kleinhempel Minden Soaring Club, Nevada	5,583
8		Russ Owens Sky Sailing Warner Springs, California	5,231
9		James G Lee Minden Soaring Club, Nevada	5,029
10		Andre Sosinski Northern California Soaring Association, California	4,950

Records

• Gordo/Bruce	Multiplace Free Distance	1,053.2 sm
	Multiplace Distance To A Goal	1,034.3 sm
• Josef Bostik	UT Open Out & Return Distance	703.9 miles
	UT Free Out & Return Distance	705.1 miles
	UT Free Triangle Distance	833.2 miles
	UT Triangle Distance	780.8 miles
	UT Triangle Speed 1,250 km	86.89 mph
	UT Distance up to 3 Turnpoints	833.6 miles
• Hannariina/Jim P.	NV Multiplace Speed Around a 200 km Triangle	78.9 mph

Stowers 200 km Triangle

- Hannariina/Jim P. 127.04 khp (78.9 mph)

NEVADA STATE SOARING RECORD

The SOARING SOCIETY of AMERICA, Inc. certifies that

Hannariina Laukkanen

Crew: James Payne

has qualified for a State Soaring Record as follows:

The flight was made from **Minden-Tahoe, NV**

On **May 11, 2026** in a **Arcus M** with details as follows:

General, Open Multiplace, Triangle 200 Speed, 78.9 mph

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SSA Contests

- Seniors — Gary 7th, Jim P. 19th
- 20 Meter Nats — Jim P. 6th
- Avenal — Thomas ? David ?
- 15 Meter Nats — Gary 5th
- Siskiyou Reg 18m — Gary 1st
- Siskiyou Reg FAI — Mike S 6th
- Truckee Reg — Jim P. 1st, John C. 3rd
- 18 Meter Nats — Gary 4th, Keith B. 9th, Josef 21st
- Club Nats — Gary 2nd

Thank Yous for Making MSC the Best

Thank You! MSC Leadership

- Jim L.
- Stacy aka Sky Goddess

Thank You! Tow Pilots

- Dan
- Dana
- Eric
- Jim L.
- Tim

Thank You! Instructors

- August
- David
- Elizabeth aka ET
- Jim L.
- Ruth Ann

Thank You! Line Crew

- Stacy
- Adriano
- Brad
- David M.
- Don
- Hannariina
- Marju
- Mark S.
- Nick
- Sabrina
- Silas

Thank You! Ride Pilots

- Dana
- David H.
- Elizabeth
- Jim L.

Thank You! Maintainers

- Tim

Bob
Brad
Dan F.
Dave O.
Don A.
Elizabeth
Eric
Jim L.
Linda Mae
Tom S.

Thank You, Steve & Nancy!
For hosting this party!

Print Your Certificates (after Sep 21st)

- Click on Name
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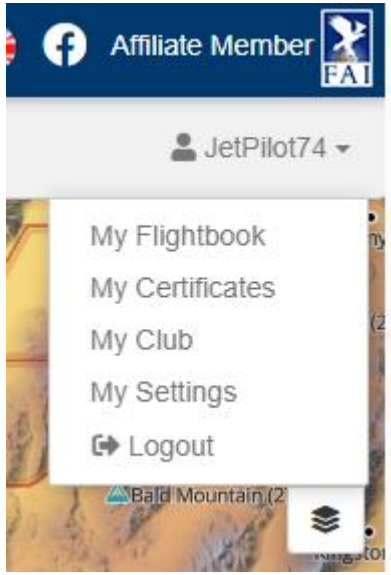

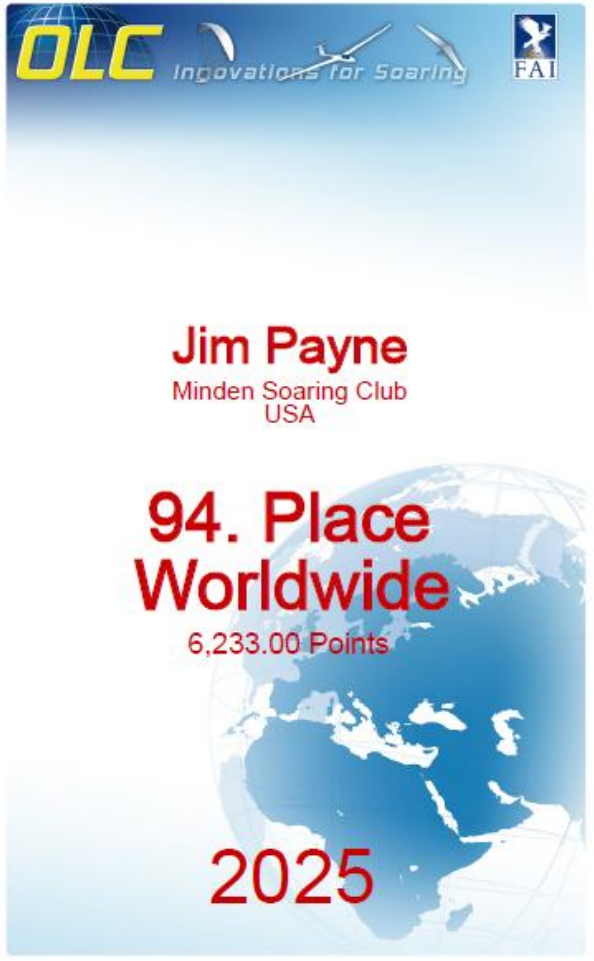

2027 = “Eight-peat”

- OLC is still alive for another year
- Be Safe and Enjoy the Wave Season