"Dear PGC Members,

The simulator VR headset died, and has been replaced with the newest Oculus Quest 2 headset. Beside the fact that it is now white, you'll notice a few major differences:

- 1- The display clarity is much improved
- 2- There's only one USB-C cable (PC Link) that connects it to the PC
- 3- The external sensors that were located on either side of the screen are gone

The Quest 2 is wireless, but needs to be connected to the PC for certain power hungry applications such as Condor 2 and MS 2020, which are resident on the PC. That's the purpose of the PC Link cable. The headset is battery operated and is, in principle, charged automatically through the PC Link (When the PC is ON). I'm not sure yet if it stays charged through the session. But there's a stand alone charger, and to stay on the safe side, please disconnect the PC link cable from the headset when finished, and connect the headset to the charger.

Also a couple of additional instructions:

If asked act whether loading files or not in the headset, reply DENY If asked using the Link, answer YES

A note about the TRIM. In short it has been crappy from Day One, and it's getting worse as the potentiometer itself is loose internally. And it's difficult to find a replacement pot. So, until I find a permanent fix, I plan to assign the flaps UP/DN buttons to adjust the trim. Until then set the trim to the correct position, and don't sneeze, it is very sensitive and subject to the forces of gravity.

In the meantime, whether you are a newbie and want to practice landings, or you are planning to do a task, the simulator is a great tool, endorsed by Jack and the SSA. After I fixed the headset, I flew to Alexandria and landed at Van Sant for practice, without looking at the map. The real thing replicates very accurately the simulator flight...

Enjoy, and call me at 610-745-7341 if you have any problem.

And don't forget, it's breakable, so treat it with respect.

Thank you.

Alain Steven"