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FAI Virtual Gliding and Thrustmaster Forge Dynamic Partnership to Elevate Virtual Sailplane Racing

Paris, 18/08/2023 - A groundbreaking collaboration has taken flight in the world of eSports and flight simulation as FAI Virtual Gliding, the organizer of the official virtual gliding competitions, teams up with Thrustmaster, the esteemed manufacturer of gaming peripherals and simulation hardware. This exciting partnership sets the stage for innovation and excellence in the realm of virtual aviation experiences.

FAI Virtual Gliding, renowned for its simulation-based competitions that emulate the exhilarating sensation of gliding, is proud to announce its alliance with Thrustmaster, a name synonymous with precision and innovation in the gaming world. This collaboration is poised to bring a new dimension to virtual aviation, with the focus on the upcoming 2nd Virtual Sailplane Grand Prix event.

The Virtual Sailplane Grand Prix, inspired by its real-world counterpart, the Sailplane Grand Prix, redefines virtual gliding competitions. Pilots from around the globe will participate in thrilling races that mirror the strategies and challenges of actual gliding competitions. Contestants will navigate virtual sailplanes through predetermined turnpoints, utilizing lifelike weather conditions and dynamic thermals to propel themselves to victory.

Thrustmaster's sponsorship of the 2nd Virtual Sailplane Grand Prix exemplifies their commitment to pushing the boundaries of gaming hardware and supporting innovation in virtual aviation. The partnership brings together the expertise of FAI Virtual Gliding in organizing high-quality virtual competitions and Thrustmaster's legacy of delivering top-tier gaming peripherals and simulation hardware.

"It's a milestone moment for the virtual gliding community," said Antoine Havet, Director at FAI Virtual Gliding. "Our collaboration with Thrustmaster not only signifies the growth of virtual gliding but also highlights the potential of our group to reach more users worldwide. This long-term partnership will help us promote gliding worldwide, and help the convergence of gaming and simulation in creating authentic and immersive experiences".

This partnership resonates with the global gaming and aviation communities, inviting participants to explore the world of virtual sailplane racing while relishing the authenticity and realism that both organizations are known for. It bridges the gap between virtual and real-world aviation, providing enthusiasts with an accessible platform to experience the thrill of gliding competitions from the comfort of their own environments.

Stay tuned for more updates and exciting developments as FAI Virtual Gliding and Thrustmaster embark on this journey to redefine virtual aviation. For more information about the 2nd Virtual Sailplane Grand Prix and this partnership, please visit virtualgliding.fai.org and thrustmaster.com.

About FAI Virtual Gliding

FAI Virtual Gliding organizes virtual gliding competitions in collaboration with the Fédération Aéronautique Internationale (FAI), delivering cutting-edge simulations that capture the essence of gliding and aviation in a virtual environment. These events offer enthusiasts a platform to showcase their skills and compete on a global stage.

About Thrustmaster

Thrustmaster is a leading manufacturer of gaming peripherals and simulation hardware, recognized worldwide for its dedication to quality, precision, and innovation. With a legacy spanning several years, Thrustmaster has consistently pushed the boundaries of gaming hardware to offer gamers exceptional tools for immersive experiences.

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