

# Airport now at full tenant occupancy

*On Tuesday night the Mt. Vernon Airport Authority approved a lease to Two Girls Cheesecakes and Bakery*

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MT. VERNON — After the leasing of Suite 110 of the Kozaria Terminal to Two Girls Cheesecakes and Bakery, the Mt. Vernon Outland Airport has reached full tenant capacity.

On Tuesday night, Airport Director Chris Collins explained to the Mt. Vernon Airport Authority full board, "They've been with us for about two years, kind of moonlighting in the

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**GETTING READY** — Airport Director Chris Collins speaks to the Mt. Vernon Airport Authority during their full board meeting on Tuesday night. Collins and the board are currently preparing for the AirVenture Cup race this weekend.

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kitchen during Donny [Wilkey's] off hours, they came to me and they said they'd like to have more of a presence here at the airport. So we had a lease agreement that we would like to approve with you."

Debbie Wuebbles addressed the board on behalf of the bakery, expanding on her business. She said, "King City Books, we supply their baked goods: scones and cookies and muffins and things like that. We've supplied them ever since they opened. We met them at the Taste of Mt. Vernon ... We bake for individuals as well and have a menu on our Facebook page."

The board approved the lease unanimously.

"With that I want to say that this building is 100 percent occupied," stated Collins, "for the first time since the late 1970s. The building was much smaller then. That's a historic

achievement based on when we all started here."

Among other tenants in the airport are Hertz Rent-a-Car, the Epilepsy Foundation of Greater Southern Illinois, Arista Cuts hair salon, and Wilkey's Cafe.

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- The airport is gearing up for the AirVenture Cup race on Sunday with aviation events open to the public on Friday and Saturday. Collins informed the board that he anticipates approximately 80 airplanes flying in from across the country and Canada to participate in the cross country race. Planes will begin to arrive to the airport on Thursday night.

To accommodate the planes, Collins has looked toward an alternate parking method. "We are getting out the alternative parking plans that we came up with in the early years of the Light Sport Expo," he said. "We're putting airplanes around the ... tee hangars all out on the grass, and then if we have to we'll use the old ramp on the southwest side to shuttle people back and forth. We're on it, it's going to be fun."

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