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Air service representatives to visit city

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MT. VERNON — The King City will take center stage today as representatives of Point2Point Airways fly in to tour the community as well as begin discussions of the possibility of providing air travel services to the region.

According to Mt. Vernon Outland Airport director Chris Collins, Point2Point Chief Executive Officer John Boehle Sr., Vice President of Sales Robert "Bobby" Crumpton and two Point2Point pilots will visit Mt. Vernon today "to secure future service to our region by one of the pioneering companies on the cutting edge of technology."

Point2Point offers a personal airline concept to serve the business and personal traveler and provide an alternative to roadway traveling as well as the "frustrating, time-consuming and customer-unfriendly airline mod-

el."

Known as "on-demand travel," flying with a company such as Point2Point eliminates the traditional airline and terminal processes.

According to information provided by the company, "Gone are the advance-arrival requirements, parking problems, long lines, luggage hassles, security probes, and unnecessary connecting flights."

The company estimates a time savings of three to 12 hours in comparison with commercial flights.

The company describes the process in three steps: park next to the door; check in on the plane; and take off.

"The whole process only takes about 10 minutes," the company states in its Web site. "With a Point2Point reservation, you simply show up at one of our convenient community

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PERSONAL AIRCRAFT — The Diamond Aircraft D-JET is one of several planes in the Point2Point Airways fleet. The D-JET accommodates three to four passengers in leather-seated comfort, with a cruise speed of 362 mph and a range of 1,533 miles at an altitude of up to 25,000 feet.

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airports 10 minutes before your flight. Park next to the door. Check in on the plane with your pilot (who will stow your luggage and get you comfortable). And ... takeoff!"

In addition, on-demand travel allows for personal delays and changes in schedule through the use of any cell phone.

"Your cell phone is your remote control for your Point2Point flight. It's your direct connection to your pilot. Need more time, running late, want to head home early? Just call. After all, you are in charge of the plane," the site states.

Point2Point is able to utilize smaller airports through the implementation of all-digital flight control systems that enable the aircraft to make precision, instrument landings and takeoffs at airports without ground radar or con-

trol towers.

According to information from the company, included in the available aircraft in the Point2Point fleet are:

• Diamond Aircraft DA42

Twin Star.

The DA42 Twin Star is a propeller-driven aircraft with a capacity of up to three passengers, leather seats, a cruise speed of 290 mph and a range of 1,300 miles.

• Diamond Aircraft D-JET.

The D-JET is Diamond's next-generation personal light jet (PLJ). It accommodates three to four passengers in leather-seated comfort, with a cruise speed of 362 mph and a range of 1,533 miles at an altitude of up to 25,000 feet.

• Cirrus Design SR22. The SR-22 is a comfortable three-passenger prop plane that accommodates up to three passengers in leather seats and has a cruise speed of 210 mph and an effective range of 600 miles.

• Eclipse Aviation E500 Jet. The E500 is a new very light jet (VLJ) capable of accommodating four to five passengers in executive-class, leather

comfort, with a cruise speed of 425 mph and a range of 1,294 miles at an altitude of up to 41,000 feet.

The public is invited to welcome Point2Point representatives at 1:30 p.m. today to the airport and will be allowed to view the aircraft and speak to the company representatives. lwilliams@morning sentinel.com