

Scheduled air service begins

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BULLHEAD CITY — A crowd was on hand Thursday at Laughlin/Bullhead International Airport to greet the first American Eagle flight from Phoenix, as American Airlines began daily nonstop service to Arizona's capital city.

A spectator in the crowd, surprised by its size, quipped, "You'd think (President Donald) Trump was on board."

The 70-passenger Bombardier CRJ700 landed 10 minutes earlier than its scheduled arrival time of 12:20 p.m.

The first two passengers off the plane were Bullhead City Mayor Tom Brady and Mohave County District 2 Sup. Hildy Angius.

David Lords, Laughlin Ranch developer, was also on that flight.

"That was a very comfortable, easy flight," Lords said. "It's going to be a great, great asset for the community."

The flight was supposed to take an hour, but it took about 45 minutes, Lords said.

"The seats were perfect, service was great. They had a send-off for us in Phoenix. They made a nice announcement telling everybody in the terminal that they were having the inaugural flight to Bullhead City," he said.

As soon as passengers deplaned, American prepared for those who were ready to board the first outbound flight to Phoenix, scheduled for a 1 p.m. departure. One of the passengers was Airport Director Jeremy Keating.

In its advertisements promoting its new service, the airport emphasized the ease of flying out of a smaller airport, "like it used to be," as opposed to a busy metropolitan airport like McCarran International in Las Vegas.

For more information or to book a flight, go to aa.com.