

USAF Yearbook 1997 : Article on Groom Lake

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Each year, as a fund-raising effort, the Royal Air Force Benevolent Fund publishes a yearbook; not concerning the RAF as one might expect, but for the USAF (bigger market, perhaps?) The '97 edition just came out, and there are certainly a few items of "skunky" interest. First is a well-researched article on the Groom Lake facility by Chris Pocock, with a useful history of the base, period photos of U-2's, OXCART, and other items flown from Groom, and an annotated satellite view of the base circa 1991. The article speculates a bit about current operations and even Lazar gets a mention. None of this may be new to close followers of the Area 51 legend, but it is a good, no-nonsense summary for newbies.

There is additionally a handy list of USAF units with home bases and aircraft flown; check out Det. 3 and the 413 TS of the 412th OG (Groom and Edwards, respectively), the aircraft for both of which are listed as 'unknown'. Finally there is detailed coverage of the recent 50th Anniversary airshow at Nellis.

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