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Janet Air Control Frequencies

See also: [Las Vegas Aircraft Frequency Spectrum](#)

"Gold Coast" McCarran Operations: 118.7 MHz

Frequency used only by Janet flights and their terminal. Control is called "Gold Coast." On this frequency...

- Janet jets approaching terminal request a terminal slot (1-7).
- Weight of cargo reported at terminal before taxi.
- Janet jets outbound from McCarran report take-off time (in minutes past hour) as soon as airborne.

FAA McCarran Clearance Delivery: 118.0 MHz

While still at terminal about 5-15 minutes before taxi, outbound pilots radio here for flight plan clearance. Janet flights usually request "Tonopah Test" or "Silver Bow" for Tonopah Test Range, or "Desert Rock" for Groom Lake/Area 51. (Freq. not used by incoming flights.) Clearance delivery is active from about 5:45 am. Earlier than this, clearance is performed by tower at 121.9 (echoed on 118.0).

FAA McCarran Ground Control: 121.9 MHz

Controls movement of Janet jets between terminal and active runway. Before about 5:45 am, this frequency also controls landing/take-off and clearance delivery (echoed on 118.0 and 119.9). During day, this is the primary ground freq.; secondary freq is 121.9 (when instructed). Otherwise...

- Outbound Janet jets contact this frequency as soon as taxi begins from terminal.
- Inbound Janet jets contact this frequency as soon as on the ground and instructed from tower (119.9).

FAA McCarran Tower: 119.9 MHz

Controls movement of Janet jets between terminal and exit/entrance to active runway. Before about 5:45 am, this frequency also controls landing/take-off and clearance delivery, with repeat on 118.0 and 119.9. During the day...

- Outbound Janet jets contact this frequency upon arrival at runway queue.
- Inbound Janet jets contact this frequency when instructed by Departure/Arrival (133.95) on final approach.

FAA Las Vegas Departure/Approach (West): 133.95 MHz

Controls movement of airborne jets in Las Vegas area except for immediate take-offs and landings. In early morning hours, this freq controls arrivals and departures in all directions. During the day, this freq covers only arrivals/departures west of McCarran (including all Janet jets). (Other departure arrival freqs are 118.4 and ?.)

- Outbound Janet jets contact this frequency just after take-off when instructed by tower (119.9).
- Inbound Janet jets contact this frequency when instructed by Nellis Control (119.35) upon exiting the Nellis Range complex.

Nellis Control: 119.35 MHz

Controls movement of airborne jets entering and exiting Nellis Range complex.

- Janet jets from Las Vegas contact this frequency when instructed by Las Vegas Departure/Arrival (133.95).
- Janet jets to Las Vegas contact this frequency when instructed by Dreamland Approach/Departure (?).

Dreamland Approach/Departure: *unpublished*

Controls movement of airborne jets in approaching or departing Area 51 and Dreamland airspace (R-4808).

- Janet jets from Las Vegas contact this frequency when instructed by Nellis Control (119.35): "Frequency change approved."
- Janet jets to Las Vegas contact this frequency when instructed by Dreamland Tower (?).

Note on Unpublished Frequencies: Unpublished frequencies are not given here because they have changed in the past when published. They are in the regular VHF aircraft band, however. To find them, you probably need to be within line of sight of a Janet aircraft during the hand-off from Nellis Control (119.35). Hint: Search in .01 Mhz steps instead of usual .05 MHz. Broadcasts tend to be brief on these frequencies and callsign may change.

Dreamland Tower: *unpublished*

Controls movement of jets landing and taking off at Groom Lake/Area 51.

- Janet jets from Las Vegas contact this frequency when instructed by Dreamland Arrival/Departure: "Contact Tower."
- Janet jets to Las Vegas contact this frequency upon taxi or when instructed by Dreamland Ground (unconfirmed).

Dreamland Ground: *unpublished*

Controls movement of jets on ground at Groom Lake/Area 51 (occasional use).

- Janet jets from Las Vegas monitor (but need not contact) this frequency after landing at Groom when instructed by Dreamland Tower (occasional).
- Janet jets to Las Vegas monitor this frequency upon taxi (unconfirmed).

FAA Los Angeles Center

Controls enroute movement of flights from Las Vegas to Edwards Air Force base or other southern California

destinations. Handoff when instructed by Las Vegas Departure (133.95).

FAA Salt Lake Center

Controls enroute movement of flights from Las Vegas to Hill Air Force Base or other northern and eastern destinations. Handoff when instructed by Las Vegas Departure.

Groom Lake VOR: 117.5 MHz

VORTAC navigation beacon from vicinity of Groom Lake. Code: MCY. (Not to be confused with Desert Rock airstrip, which has no VOR.)

Dreamland Control: 261.1 MHz

A military air control frequency, identified clearly as "Dreamland." Not verified recently.

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