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Janet Parking Lot Counts

The parking lot at 5400 Haven Ave. (corner of Haven and Hacienda) serves employees at both Groom Lake and Tonopah Test Range (as well as a handful of people going to Edwards AFB and other destinations on Kingairs). Parking sections are marked by signs, in the colors above, numbering the rows. [See diagram](#). The parking lot has spaces for **1565** cars, arranged as follows (added up by row from Haven to back):

- **North Fence: 122** spaces
- **Red Section:** $9+(1*9*2)+(1*13*2)+(3*14*2)+14 = 151$ spaces
- **Yellow Section:** $42+(38+38)+(39+38)+(36+35)+(32+31)+(28+27)+24 = 408$ spaces
- **Green Section:** $35+(18+18)+(38+39)+(42+43)+(46+47)+50+54+42(\text{side}) = 472$ spaces
- **Orange Section:** $(7*14*2)+14+15+(2*15*2)+15 = 300$ spaces (plus motorcycles)
- **Blue Section:** $(21+19)+(16+15)+(8+7)+4+22(\text{diag}) = 112$ spaces

Parking counts...

Date	Day	Time	Condition	Count:	Fen	Red	Yel	Gre	Org	Blu	bik
TOTAL	%cap										
9/ 2/95			Total Spaces	EXACT	122	151	408	472	300	112	- 1565
9/ 2/95	Sat	3:00p	Labor Day Shutdown	EXACT	14	6	11	9	28	14	0 82 5%
9/ 5/95	Tue	10:00p	Normal weekday eve	EXACT	15	7	26	45	65	36	6 200 13%
9/ 6/95	Wed	12:30p	Weekday peak	EstA	100	60%	70%	50%	98%	75	12?
1094	70%										
12/27/95	Wed	midday	Xmas recess	(see below)							
1/10/96	Wed	10:00p	Nighttime	EXACT	257					257	16%
1/25/96	Wed	10:00p	Nighttime	EXACT	287					287	18%

Inventory Notes

The vast majority of vehicles entering the lot have only a single occupant. Walk-ins and drop-offs by others are rare. Thus, number of vehicles closely matches number of workers.

"Bik" above refers to total motorcycles and bicycles parked on lot or bike rack.

EstA = exact count where number given; estimate where % given. Number followed by "?" indicates a guess.

Space count (9/2/95). Orange section includes 15 spaces where cars park in one motorcycle row during peak periods (Count amended 9/6). Count does not include other motorcycle section.

Inventory 9/2/95. This was the middle of a 4-day Labor Day weekend. (Workers had both Friday and Monday off.) The population of the parking lot was presumably at one of its lowest ebbs of the year. About 10-20 cars in the parking lot had government plates; many of those appear to be permanently parked there and may not represent active personnel. In

addition to vehicle count of **82** vehicles in parking lot, 2 pickup trucks were seen parked on tarmac. Only Gate #2 was manned, as is usual in the off-hours. This equipment was parked on tarmac all weekend:

- Kingair: N27RA, N20RA, N662BA, N654BA.
- Boeing 737s: N4529W, N5294M, N5175U, N5294E, N5177C, N5176Y.

Inventory 9/5/95. Conducted after last evening flight. 6 jets on tarmac. 3 Kingair planes. Semi truck (cab only) parked in Green section--U.S. Government stenciled plates: 91829.

Inventory 9/6/95. Conducted in middle of work day when all 8-hour "day-trippers" ought to be at work. No jets or Kingairs on tarmac.

Christmas "Recess" 12/95. Although no formal counts were taken, the parking lot appeared only about half full for the four business days between Christmas and New Years Day. This also happened to coincide with the partial Federal government shutdown, which had been going on for several weeks, but I noticed no change in other weeks. Without taking counts, my glance observations suggest that the shut-down had no significant effect on Groom and TTR operations, while many workers had a week-long holiday as a usual perk.

Nighttime Count 1/10/96. An unusually full parking lot at night prompted me to take a count. I have refined the counting procedure to the point where it is now highly accurate at night. Count system is by column, not sector, so no broken up this way on list. Motorcycles are included in count. Six 737s and two T-tails on tarmac. Turns out to be about 60 more cars than usual. During the day, parking lot appears unusually full, with even the most distant parking spaces beginning to fill up. High activity could due to an special project or to the transition to knew contractor Bechtel.

Holidays. Area 51 workers get *all* the holidays. There are no 737 flights on Martin Luther King Day, Thanksgiving and day after, Memorial Day and Friday before. Beech aircraft may continue to run on these days. During week between Christmas and New Years, 1995, 737s ran, but parking lot was only half full.

January 1996 Things sure seem busy these days. The parking lot is fuller than I have ever seen it. 1/25 nighttime count showed 287 cars, vs 200 on 9/5/95 -- more than a 40% increase.

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