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To: COMO Kirkwood, DCOS McFarren, D11NR Board and Staff Members

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Highlights

- ◇ D11 SECSF/SECHB Exercise
- ◇ Transitioning to Winter HF Conditions
- ◇ Radio Nets Continuing

Details

- ◆ A comms-swapping exercise planned for November 12 between SECHB and SECSF is scheduled. SECHB will take control of SECSF's Rescue 21 comms resources as part of a COOP exercise and vice-versa. During the exercise, the AUX repeater on Mt. Diablo is to be activated on Channel 16 for the Gold Side's needs. More information after the conclusion.
- ◆ Winter brings the change in HF medium to long distance propagation. This usually necessitates using lower frequencies than summer conditions. The current lack of sunspots also makes propagation worse. VHF conditions are not affected as the ionosphere has minimal to no effect at these frequencies.
- ◆ VHF nets on Monday nights and HF nets on Tuesday nights are continuing and all TCOs with approved radio facilities are invited to participate.
- ◆ I'm recommending a push to get our repeaters in top operating condition and improved coverage.

Future Events

- ❖ PCA Fair coming in January.
- ❖ I am stepping aside as DSO-CM at the end of the year. This will be my last report.

Respectfully Submitted,

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