

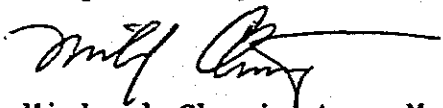
Lightning Data Center Minutes April 9, 1993 Meeting.

Quote of the month: "And Moses stretched forth his rod toward Heaven; the Lord sent forth thunder and hail and the fire ran along the ground." -- Exodus 9:23

1. Meeting commenced at 11:30 am; adjourned 1:15 pm at St. Anthony Central Hospital.
2. Members present: M Boyson, M Cherington, D Clark, S Clark, R Kithil, K Mathis, L Parry, W Simmons, P Yarnell.
3. New members were introduced to the group. The new members are
  - a. Richard Kithil, President, American Lightning Protection Inc.
  - b. Dr Lynn Parry, neurologist.
4. Phil Yarnell demonstrated an electrostatic generator with Leyden jars that he had just purchased. Each of those present had the opportunity to operate this "miniature lightning machine".
5. Rich Kithil presented an review of assessments of the world wide distribution of lightning discharges. He also gave a brief discussion about Benjamin Franklin, scientist, statesman, writer, and inventor. Franklin did not obtain patents on his inventions -- stove, lightning rod. Much of his wealth was achieved from his publications. Rich invited our members to browse through his lightning library in Louisville, Co.
6. Michael Boyson reported that there will be a meeting in September which may be important to our group. The subject of the meeting will be grant applications for health related projects. He also mentioned that CHA publishes a bulletin that is sent to hospital CEOs. This may be an important avenue of communication for our plan to obtain outpatient data on lightning victims. If each Denver Hospital reported their information to us we might obtain the "missing link" data to complement the data now in press that we gathered under the guidance of Raul Lopez and Ron Holle.
7. We shall ask Dr. Peter Vellman and Ms. Debbi Clark to contact the emergency departments of the Denver Metro Hospitals to obtain data on outpatient and emergency room visits during the coming summer season.
8. The Neuroscience Department of St. Anthony Hospital, chaired by Dr. Phil Yarnell has proposed that the Hospital consider establishing a center for the evaluation and treatment of electrical and lightning injuries. This proposal will presented to Dr. Jodi Chambers, chair of the Trauma Section to see if this idea is feasible and if the treatment of electrical burns can be undertaken by our surgeons.
9. Warren Simmons informed us at the last meeting that the 14th Annual U.S. Senior Open Golf Tournament will be held in Colorado in July. We may decide to have a dinner meeting instead of our usual lunch meeting that month.

10. Next meeting: Friday, May 14, 1993 at St. Anthony Central  
Conference Room B.

Respectfully submitted:



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