

Quote of the Month:

"I left the meeting with an enormous sense of enthusiasm for our purposes and our group."

Cherington (from the minutes of our first meeting on February 7, 1992.) The idea for the Lightning Data Center was actually born shortly before that when Ron Larson, Rod Perala, and I congregated at a Wendy's Restaurant in Lakewood, Colorado to discuss our mutual interests in the phenomenon of lightning.

1. Meeting began at 11:30 am and adjourned at 1:15 pm.
2. Members present: Breed, Cherington, Collier, Fischer, Foley, Keen, Kithil, Simmons, Yarnell.
3. Introduction of new member, Michael J. Foley, President, Technical Consultants Group, LTD. Michael specializes in the investigation of electrical problems and product liability with particular emphasis on utility, industrial, commercial and residential systems and code interpretation. He has been a forensic investigator for nearly 20 years.
4. Rich Kithil proposed several changes in the organization of LDS. His proposals are:
  - a. We form a Board of Directors consisting of all current local members.
  - b. All out of state members be given the designation, Ex-officio members.
  - c. We elect officers: President, VP, Secretary, Treasurer for a specified term, perhaps 2 years.
  - d. He and Warren Simmons will present proposed by-laws at our next meeting.

All present voted unanimously to accept these proposals and that we discuss and perhaps ratify these changes at our next meeting.

Rich also reported that he has subscribed to a computer database service entitled, Newshound for \$40 per year. He will make this monthly information available to our members.

Rich presented an issue of Natural Hazards Observer which is published in Boulder. He believes future issues can be mailed to interested parties by calling 492-6818. He also distributed copies of Worldwide Lightning Protection Standards and Codes.

5. Phil Yarnell brought to our attention two articles:
  - a. Science News vol 47. A review from the American Journal of

Epidemiology by Savitz and Loomis from University of North Carolina on the subject of exposure to electromagnetic fields (EMF) and brain tumors in people who work on power lines and for electric companies. Of 20,000 deaths, 144 had brain tumors.

b. An article by G H Engelslatter from LS&ESVI on The Psychological sequelae to Lightning and Electric Shock.

6. Richard Keen reported that he has been pondering a project that we have discussed here in the past, namely producing a book on the Many Aspects of Lightning with contributions by our members. With the diverse talent in the LDS, such a publication may be of interest to a wide audience. Rich will pursue this idea with potential publishers. In the meantime, he requests that any and all of our members send to him in the next month two items:
- a. A short paragraph describing your particular chapter.
  - b. A resume or CV.

Additionally, Richard will provide a slide show at our March meeting.

7. Warren Simmons announced that a Golf Expo will be held for a 3 day period. He will report to us if lightning subjects are presented. Warren has just been appointed to the Rules Committee of the 1995 Masters Golf Assn. Congratulations!

8. Dick Fischer reported on a lightning strike to a West Virginia mine in May 1994. There were no injuries. He believes that the last lightning related mine accident with casualties occurred in West Virginia 2 years ago.

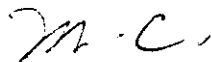
9. I reported that several of our members attended the American Meteorological Association Meeting in Boulder last month. The speaker was Walter Lyons of Fort Collins. His excellent presentation dealt with Red Sprites and Blue Jets.

10. Dan Breed announced that on February 22, the American Meteorological Meeting in Boulder will deal with the subject of forecasting forest fires and, perhaps, the Storm King fire of last summer.

Dan showed to us the last part of the videotape on Electric Skies.

11. Our next meeting: Friday, March 10, 1995, 11:30 am, in Conference Room B, at St. Anthony Hospital Central.

Respectfully submitted,



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Chairman, LDC