

**LIGHTNING DATA CENTER MINUTES**  
**August 8, 2014**  
**ST. ANTHONY HOSPITAL WEST, LAKEWOOD, CO**

Monthly Quote: "It went down my whole side of my right body, and my calves sort of locked up, and I fell over." Survivor's description of the sensation of a lightning strike at Venice Beach, CA. Source: KABC-TV via The Los Angeles Times. On the web at: <http://www.latimes.com/local/lanow/la-me-ln-lightning-strike-survivors-recall-jolt-20140728-story.html>

1. Meeting began at 11:45 AM and adjourned at 1:05 PM: Members Present: Clark, Langford, Swanson, Claus, Collier, Elder, Gift, Wachtel, Yarnell, Stewart. Clark moderated the meeting.
2. The group had a rather spirited discussion of the t-wave and its relation to the electrically vulnerable period of the cardiac cycle. Phil arranged for Dr. Tom Svinarich to come to the meeting to help address the issue, but he could not attend due to more pressing matters. Hopefully, he can come to a future meeting.
3. Lightning caused a 45-minute delay of the Thursday night preseason football game between the Denver Broncos and Seattle Seahawks. A lightning warning was posted on the Jumbotron video board advising fans to move underneath the rotunda, if they were not comfortable. Some felt the safety message was still not getting through because of the number of people still in their seats, but most agreed the officials did the right thing in delaying the game when they did.
4. Carl Swanson wants to collect lightning fatality and injury data from North Metro EMS. Phil suggested he contact them and ask for monthly data. Carl says he corresponded with Ron Holle regarding the underreporting of lightning deaths and injuries. Ron acknowledges there still is a gap in the reporting.
5. Ken Langford has had two of his photos published in two books: "Fried!: When Lightning Strikes. Extreme!", a childrens book about lightning, authored by Kay Barnham, and John Gookins' book "Lightning" on outdoor lightning safety. Congratulations, Ken.
6. Questions, comments, notification of errors, and critiques of these minutes are welcome. Please forward those to Steve Clark at: [sclarktoto@gmail.com](mailto:sclarktoto@gmail.com). Please keep your communications professional and respectful. Communications will be forwarded to the appropriate author(s) of the minutes and addressed accordingly.

7. LDC Disclaimer: These minutes do not represent official positions of the LDC or its members. They simply reflect the comments made at the meeting. Furthermore, the LDC does not implicitly or explicitly recommend or endorse any product or service. Any service or product presented in these minutes is done so for purposes of discussion and analysis. The merit (or lack thereof) is open for the consideration and review by the entire membership.
8. Next meeting: Friday, September 12, 2014 at 11:45 AM at St. Anthony Hospital West. Conference Room TBA.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Steven E. Clark, Consulting Meteorologist

## **In Case You Missed It...Lightning Links**

This is a monthly listing of periodicals, websites, and videos about lightning and allied areas as reported in the media. A headline or description is listed, followed by the link. Please note that some of the links are perishable, which means you'll need to go to the source for the information. Enjoy!

**Venice Beach lightning storm victim was electrocuted, coroner says**

<http://www.latimes.com/local/lanow/la-me-ln-beach-lightning-storm-victim-electrocuted-20140730-story.html>

**Witnesses horrified by deadly lightning strike at L.A. beach**

<http://www.latimes.com/local/lanow/la-me-ln-witnesses-horrified-by-deadly-lightning-strike-at-la-beach-20140727-story.html>

**Fatal beach lightning strike: Surfer still in critical condition**

<http://www.latimes.com/local/lanow/la-me-ln-lightning-strikes-southern-california-beaches-20140728-story.html>

**Beach lightning-strike survivors recall shock, sensation of jolt**

<http://www.latimes.com/local/lanow/la-me-ln-lightning-strike-survivors-recall-jolt-20140728-story.html>

**More than 1,400 lightning strikes hit Southern California over weekend**

<http://www.latimes.com/local/lanow/la-me-ln-lightning-strikes-southern-california-map-20140729-story.html>

**Rare lightning storm at Venice Beach kills 1, injures 13 (Print & Video)**

<http://www.latimes.com/local/westside/la-me-lightning-strikes-20140728-story.html>

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**Victims Identified in Fatal Lightning Strike on Fort Myers Beach**

<http://www.news-press.com/story/news/local/fort-myers/2014/07/22/lightning-strikes-three-at-the-lani-kai-fort-myers-beach/13001951/>

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**Lightning Delays Broncos-Seahawks Game Late in First Quarter**

<http://blogs.denverpost.com/broncos/2014/08/07/lightning-delays-nfl-rules-broncos-seahawks-game-1st-quarter-postponement/28608/>

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**What Happened While a Man Was Filming a Blue Sky Sent Shock Waves Through His Body**

<http://www.theblaze.com/stories/2014/08/05/what-happened-while-a-man-was-filming-a-blue-sky-sent-shock-waves-through-his-body/>

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