

LIGHTNING DATA CENTER MINUTES
January 9, 2015
ST. ANTHONY HOSPITAL WEST, LAKEWOOD, CO

Monthly Quote: "They say marriages are made in Heaven. But so is lightning and thunder." Clint Eastwood

1. Meeting began at 11:55 AM and adjourned at 1:05 PM: Members Present: Clark, Swanson, Yarnell, Patrick, and Elder. Clark moderated the meeting.
2. From our colleagues at the Yahoo Lightning Safety Group: A helicopter was struck by lightning over the North Sea while transporting oil workers to an offshore platform. No injuries were reported and the helicopter returned safely to land. Rich Kithil noted there are other documented cases of helicopters being struck by lightning while in flight. He further noted the blades of the helicopter and the turbine engines create a very large static charge buildup.
3. The lightning strike survivor who gave her account of a lightning strike during last November's meeting called with some updated information. She has been seeing another doctor on the west coast. She thinks this doctor will be able to help with brain and heart issues occurring from her lightning strike. A new MRI of her brain and heart and other major organs was taken to compare with past MRIs.

She went into a crystal healing store to see if this alternate type of healing for some people, was possibly a route she wanted to pursue (VERIFY). As she went into the store farther and farther and where the crystals are more dense towards the back of the store, she said she felt like she was shaking inside herself and became very uncomfortable and overwhelmed so she had to leave the store, Once outside, she saw that she was not shaking visibly, but she still felt she was shaking inside her body and she felt overwhelmed. It took her 30 minutes to calm down and stop shaking on the inside. She feels like the energy from the crystals caused these feelings of being overwhelmed and shaking on the inside. Mel Patrick commented there may be a genuine issue if there were large numbers of quartz-family crystals, due to the piezoelectric properties of quartz. Steve Clark suggested the area where the crystals are should be checked for electrical issues (faulty wiring, large transformers, etc.). A suggestion was made to revisit the store to see if the sensation returns.

Carl Swanson asked if she still feels the approach of thunderstorms and she said yes. She also stated after she was struck, her dog, which would usually sleep on her bed with her, would not sleep with her any more until just recently.

She also said she met a woman near the area where she lives who was struck by lightning six years ago and is still having physical problems. She has told this other individual about the LDC and the other person expressed interest in coming to a future meeting.

4. Questions, comments, notification of errors, and critiques of these minutes are welcome. Please forward those to Steve Clark at: 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.
5. 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.
6. Next meeting: Friday, February 13, 2015 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!

“Electrifying Photo: Lightning and the Gleaming Eye of Cyclone Bansi from the International Space Station” <http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/capital-weather-gang/wp/2015/01/18/electrifying-photo-lightning-and-the-gleaming-eye-of-cyclone-bansi-from-the-international-space-station/>

“Lightning Strike Injures Several After Bucs Game at Raymond James Stadium” <http://www.tampabay.com/news/publicsafety/lightning-strike-multiple-injuries-reported-at-raymond-james-stadium/2211069>

“North Sea Helicopter Struck by Lightning While On Its Way To Oil Platform” <http://www.dailyrecord.co.uk/news/scottish-news/north-sea-helicopter-struck-lightning-4907195>