

LIGHTNING DATA CENTER MINUTES

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“There is nothing wrong with electricity; nothing except that modern man is not a god who holds the thunderbolts but a savage who is struck by lightning.” G.K. Chesterton

1. Members Present: Clark, Swanson, Wachtel, Claus, Elder, Nibbe and Wells. Meeting began at 11:55 AM and ended at 1:10 PM.
2. The website has been fixed so that the first link found from an Internet search should take the user to the current website, after being clicked. I am still working on getting content into the dead spaces on the website.
3. Carl Swanson performed a site inspection for the survivor who told us of her experience in the November 2016 meeting. He was unable to locate any visible or physical evidence of a lightning strike, either on the survivor's property or at the vicinity of the radio antenna across the street at a neighbor's house. The survivor was asked to contact the neighbor and ask about any damage to his radio equipment and he did not report any damage to his radio equipment. The survivor was still unable to recall a date of the strike. She did recall the grass was wet. Carl found a water pipe over the fence about six feet away from where she was standing. He speculated a current could have traveled to her via the water pipe and through the wet grass.
4. Howard Wachtel brought to our attention that the LDC has been in existence for 25 years. He thought we should hold a meeting to commemorate the Silver Anniversary of the LDC.
5. Steve Clark solicited ideas for the LDC meeting which will address the care of the lightning patient in the ER. He thought it might be better to have a panel discussion among ER physicians, rather than a lecture or presentation. Howard recommended having ER physicians who have treated electrically shocked patients be included. Karen Wells thought it might be productive to ask the physicians what their single biggest question was, after having treated the patient. She said this approach would be most fruitful in addressing private practitioners.
6. 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.
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 product or service 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, April 14, 2017, from 11:45 to 1:00 PM at St. Anthony Hospital West. Room: Conference Rooms E & F. The May meeting will be the Colorado statewide EMS/First Responder meeting on the 12th in Conference Rooms C & D. An announcement will be broadcast for that meeting soon.

Respectfully Submitted,
Steven E. Clark, Consulting Meteorologist

Lightning Links

This is a monthly listing of periodicals, websites, and videos about lightning and allied areas from a variety of sources. 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.

No links this month.