

Quote of the Month:

“No one, not even the Weather Service, knows for sure what a storm’s going to do...Unfortunately for mariners, the total amount of wave energy in a storm doesn’t rise linearly with wind speed, but to its fourth power. The seas generated by a forty-knot wind aren’t twice as violent as those from a twenty-knot wind, they’re seventeen times as violent.”

Sebastian Junger in The Perfect Storm, 1997

1. Meeting began at 11:30 am and adjourned at 1:20 pm.
2. Members present: Breed, Cherington, Everett, Glancy, Gustafson, Kamin, Keen, Kithil, Lines, Moo-Young, Olson, Sanidas, Sellen, Swanson, Toler, H Wachtel, Yarnell.
3. Our guest lecturer was Dr. Elisabeth Gourbiere of Paris, France. She gave an excellent talk entitled: Lightning Injuries in France. Her presentation was followed by a question and answer period. Dr. Gourbiere is a research physician with the Medical Studies Service of the French national utility company, Electricite de France. Her visit was sponsored by the National Lightning Safety Institute.

The presentation was outstanding. Merci beaucoup, thank you very much, Dr. Gourbiere.
4. We were also honored to have the Honorary French Consul, Mrs. Frieda Sanidas, attend this meeting.
5. These minutes reflect the comments of the members present and do not represent official positions of the LDC.
6. Next meeting: Friday, July 9, 1999 at 11:30 am in the Main Auditorium of St. Anthony Central Hospital.

Respectfully submitted,

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