

LIGHTNING DATA CENTER MINUTES

April 11, 2025
VIA ZOOM, COLORADO

Monthly Quote: “The times, they are a changin’.”

Members present: Crow, Langford, Semple, Yarnell. Meeting began at noon and ended at 12:40PM.

1. The LDC is accepting donations, either as cash or check. If you donate via check, please make your check payable to Steve Clark at 755 S. Clinton Street, #2A; Denver, CO 80247. He will cash the check and keep the cash holdings specifically for the LDC. When the LDC incurs expenses, Steve will pay for services rendered through his bank account using the cash from LDC’s cash holdings. A log will be maintained detailing the inflow and outflow of monies. An example of such expenses would be: when a patient presents their case to the group we often buy the relevant lightning data for the date and place of the incident to gain a better understanding of the circumstances of the injury.
2. On March 25th, 2025 Ken Langford and Steve Clark met for the last time at St. Anthony Hospital in Lakewood, Colorado. The occasion for this meeting was to reclaim library materials that have been stored at the hospital for the benefit of interested physicians. Administration asked us to remove the materials to make way for other uses of the space. This removal has the practical effect of removing our last direct connection to the St Anthony institution. The Lightning Data Center was born into that affiliation when the first meeting of the then Lightning Task Force was convened at St Anthony Hospital in Denver on February 7, 1992. This group was the result of a lunch meeting between our founders Michael Cherington MD, esteemed lightning researcher Ron Holle, and electrical engineer Ronal Larson. Over the 33 year affiliation with St Anthony Hospital that organization provided our group with material support in the form of meeting space, catered lunches, administrative support, and access to interested medical personnel. We owe a debt of gratitude to St Anthony and all who have supported us over the years. A tip of the hat goes to our recent administrative liaison, Kymberlee Morrissey, who we understand will be retiring shortly. Thank you Kym for all your support!
3. What does the separation from St Anthony Hospital mean for the Lightning Data Center? This change has been in process for some years with the changing of hospital administration and ownership. Of course there was the Covid pandemic which shifted our meetings from in-person to virtual. And most of our membership who had direct affiliation with the hospital have either retired or shifted away from St Anthony. Since the end of the pandemic we have continued with virtual meetings, and have found this to be perfectly adequate for our needs. So our immediate plan is to continue virtual meetings as long as there is interest and people feel there is value in participating. We invite all who read these notes to drop in on our meetings on the 2nd Friday of every month. Please see below for information on the next meeting.
4. The April meeting was small as can be seen in the attendance. In the absence of any particularly

big news in the lightning world, this meeting was more of a social gathering. Ken Langford prepared a set of links of recently discovered YouTube examples of lightning strike and impact, and these can be found at the end of these minutes. Personal thanks to all who have forwarded me such links recently and over the years!

5. The LDC welcomes your questions. Please send them via e-mail to Steve Clark at sclarktoto@gmail.com. Your medical questions will be forwarded to Dr. Phil Yarnell for his review and will usually be taken up for discussion in the next month's meeting. Please be advised that any questions posed are for the general consideration by the group and any answers given do not constitute a formal medical opinion. If a formal evaluation is required, arrangements can be made directly with Dr. Yarnell. If you have a medical emergency, please call 911 or your local EMS.
6. Questions, comments, error notifications, and critiques of these minutes are welcome. Please send them to Steve Clark. Please keep the communications professional and respectful. They 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, May 9, 2025, from approximately 11:45 AM to 1:00 PM MST. Please look for an email in the 1st week of May for exact times and instructions.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ken Langford, Mr. Random Enterprises, Inc.

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.

2020-08-09 Lightning Explodes Tree

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Xnyfwbm3Rzg>

Pocahontas, Iowa Surveillance Cam Captures Lightning Strike Exploding Tree

36,587 views Aug 13, 2020 POCAHONTAS

Watch as surveillance video at Pocahontas Elementary school capture the moment a bolt of lightning struck a tree Monday.

Sparks Fly as Lighting Hits Sailboat in Boston Harbor

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lgaRtqKGNKk>

July 2019

Fishermen Impacted By Close Lightning

<https://www.facebook.com/share/r/1XRXzQoasr/?mibextid=wwXIf>

Lightning strikes tree in Alton, New Hampshire

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7b5Zde-tlJw>

Pool fence erupts in sparks as lightning strikes nearby tree: 'I was in shock'

<https://www.foxweather.com/watch/play-7468d7525001457>
