

LIGHTNING DATA CENTER MINUTES

Denver, CO

January 9, 2026

Monthly Quote: "...the village shaman, or "heaven herder" was tasked with standing on a hill in dark clothing while waving sticks to divert the heavenly flames, a practice that lingers today."

- Walt Lyons, *Weatherwise*, Nov/Dec 2025, p. 50.

Members present: Clark, Yarnell, Gredig, Crow and Stemple. Meeting began at 11:45 AM and ended at 12:25 PM.

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 is maintained detailing the inflow and outflow of monies. The LDC currently has \$1047.00 in cash.
2. The November 2025 edition of *The African Flash* cited an article written in *Weatherwise* magazine by Walt Lyons about the efforts of the African Centres for Lightning Education Network (ACLENet) in promoting lightning safety and protection in Uganda. The article compares and contrasts lightning safety, protection and education in the United States and Uganda. It addresses the significant cultural, linguistic, economic and technical issues that ACLENet must address when educating Ugandans on lightning safety and protecting buildings.
3. Barb Stemple said a surgeon had a friend that had been hit by lightning. She will reach out the surgeon and see if the friend might be interested in presenting their story.
4. The man who was supposed to meet with us last August is making progress with his recovery. He wants to present his story, but right now he does not have the energy to do so.
5. 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 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 requested, 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, February 13, 2026, from 11:45 AM to TBA.

Respectfully Submitted,
Steven E. Clark
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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.

Lyons, W., 2025: Reducing Lightning Mass Casualty Incidents – How one Non-Profit is Saving Lives in Africa Using Lessons from the U.S. Experience. *Weatherwise*. November/December 2025.

Link: https://aclenet.org/file_download/inline/11ab52df-086c-4671-bc5a-cae3c616e234
