

LIGHTNING DATA CENTER MINUTES

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Monthly Quote: “All this electromagnetic pollution in the air from the Internet and cell phones, it cuts you off from God.” - Thomm Quackenbush, *Artificial Gods*.

Members present: Clark, Crow, Langford, Terry, Gertling, Stemple. The LDC welcomes two new members: Meeting began at 11:45 AM and ended at 1:15 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 \$1089.00 in cash.
2. First and foremost, thank you Ken Langford, for chairing the August meeting while I was out.
3. There has been some follow-up correspondence regarding Mrs. Taylor’s case that was discussed during the June meeting. She had been diagnosed with bilateral pulmonary embolism. LDC member Tim Olsen e-mailed me with the following questions on pulmonary embolism:
 - “Since these typically arrive through the bloodstream, can the medical folks imagine a mechanism for lightning to induce a clot or air bubble elsewhere in the body?”
 - “If instead the mechanism might be barotrauma, could the sonic or electrical impulse somehow be sufficient to cause alveolar-to-pulmonary-vein air entry?”
 - “Can the diagnostics distinguish between thrombo- and air embolism?”
4. Tim also mentioned his sister’s dog wears a “snug-fitting thundervest” which helps with the anxiety. He wonders if a human equivalent would help people with their anxiety.
5. The International Conference on Lightning and Static Electricity (ICOLSE) will be held this October in Charleston, South Carolina. For more information, visit their website via this link: https://icolse2026.com/?utm_campaign=ICOLSE%202026%20-%20Book%20at%20the%20Francis%20Marion%20and%20Register%20for%20ICOLSE%21&utm_medium=email&utm_source=newsletter
6. The African Centres for Lightning Education Network (ACLENet) has been busy. They have partnered with COPE Disaster Champions, a United Nations Initiative, to publish a free online book about lightning safety, aimed at children 6-12 years old. This book is one of several which address disaster preparedness for landslides, tsunamis, extreme heat and other hazards. All books are free to use, with no copyright issues. Links can be found below in the Lightning Links section below. The lightning book is available in English, Spanish and Portuguese.

7. We met with a lady whose father had been hit by lightning approximately 50 years ago. At the time, he was walking on a street in a heavily urbanized area. A storm was in progress when lightning hit a puddle and went up his left leg. He was able to get up and walk away. About ten years later, he suffered an electric shock and was thrown back from whatever he was working on. He had been an English professor, but was forced to retire due to back pain. Approximately 15 years ago, he got an I-Pad. Prior to that he had never owned any personal electronic devices. Shortly after acquiring the I-Pad, he started feeling bad, with nausea, pain in his ears and teeth, achy pain in his hands and degenerative back pain. He was taking pain meds for the back pain. He saw a pain specialist, who correlated his nerve pain to the lightning strike.

Now, he is sensitive to cellphones, the I-Pad, the household microwave oven and Wi-fi signals. Because of these sensitivities, he cannot be present in the kitchen when the microwave oven is used; cellphones are not allowed in his house or in his presence, and his house has an Internet connection via Ethernet, rather than Wi-fi. He uses a grounding pad which helps with his ear pain and hand tremors. He has pain when thunderstorms approach. When he steps outside of his house, he starts feeling worse. He also felt an effect when cellphones went from 4G to 5G.

He feels badly for his wife. Since cellphones cannot be in his presence, he feels like he is placing undue restrictions on his wife because she cannot communicate in real time with her friends and others. When she does use her cellphone, it has to be some distance away from him.

His reaction to cellphones is fast. One day, his daughter went to give him a hug and forgot she had a cellphone in her back pants pocket and right away he started not feeling good.

He spends most of his time at home in a room where he watches TV and listens to music. His stereo is a 2000s vintage component system. His TV is a newer flat-screen TV, most likely a smart TV. There are one or two video formats that he cannot watch because they cause him problems.

Barb Stemple encouraged him to join the upcoming conference with the Lightning Strike & Electric Shock Survivors International group coming up in October. Ken Langford has a friend who painted his house with a black paint that reduces the penetration of EMF signals into the house. He will find the brand of paint. Ken and Steve Clark suggested the TV set be examined to see if the Wi-Fi settings on it could be disabled, since programming is received via an Ethernet cable. Even though the TV is receiving signals via Ethernet, if the Wi-fi is not disabled, the TV will still attempt to connect with other Wi-fi devices in the vicinity and emit EMF radiation.

8. 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.

9. 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.
10. 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.
11. Next meeting: Friday, October 9, 2026, from 11:45 AM to TBA. Meeting topic: TBA.

Respectfully Submitted,
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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.

Lightning Strike & Electric Shock Survivors International.
Link: <https://www.lightning-strike.org/>

COPE Disaster Champions website and books.
Link: <https://cope-disaster-champions.com/>

Trailer about the lightning book.
Link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?>
