

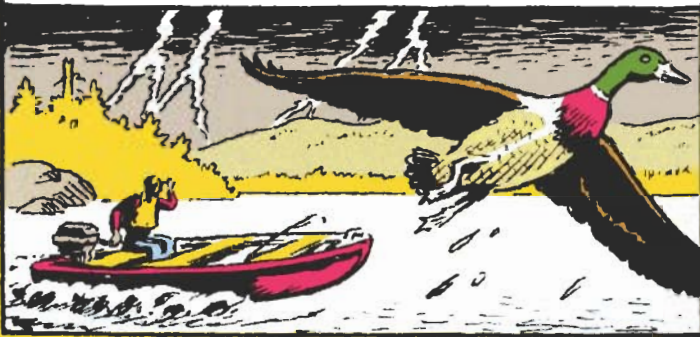
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NEARLY 1,800 THUNDERSTORMS OCCUR AT ANY MOMENT AROUND THE WORLD...OF THE ESTIMATED 100,000 THUNDERSTORMS THAT OCCUR EACH YEAR IN THE U.S., ONLY ABOUT 10 PERCENT ARE CLASSIFIED AS SERIOUS

WHATEVER THEIR SIZE, ALL THUNDERSTORMS ARE DANGEROUS

LIGHTNING MYTHS AND FACTS...MYTH: IF IT IS NOT RAINING, THERE IS NO DANGER FROM LIGHTNING...**FACT:** LIGHTNING MAY OCCUR AS FAR AWAY AS 10 MILES FROM ANY RAINFALL

MYTH: RUBBER SOLES OF SHOES OR RUBBER TIRES ON A CAR CAN PROTECT YOU...**FACT:** THEY PROVIDE **NO** PROTECTION...



HOWEVER, YOU ARE MUCH SAFER IN A VEHICLE THAN OUTSIDE... IT ADDS INCREASED PROTECTION AS LONG AS YOU AREN'T TOUCHING METAL

MYTH: PEOPLE STRUCK BY LIGHTNING CARRY AN ELECTRICAL CHARGE AND SHOULDN'T BE TOUCHED...**FACT:** LIGHTNING VICTIMS CARRY NO CHARGE AND SHOULD BE ATTENDED TO IMMEDIATELY

FACT: WHAT IS REFERRED TO AS HEAT LIGHTNING IS ACTUALLY LIGHTNING TOO FAR AWAY FOR THUNDER TO BE HEARD- BUT IT MAY BE MOVING IN YOUR DIRECTION

MYTH: "HEAT LIGHTNING" OCCURS AFTER A HOT SUMMER DAY AND POSES NO THREAT

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