



# THE SPARK

April, 2025

Home of the Cincinnati Repeater System

Cincinnati, Ohio

## **2025 Membership dues are now payable**

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## CFMC General Meeting Minutes

February 5, 2025

### Attendance:

K8FR, Fred Ruzick	W8LTT, Ken Irwin
WA8FOZ, Bill Klykylo	KD8GHO, Clifton Powell
W9OBQ, Don Thie	KE8VMK, Colin Baker
N2HTE, Michael	KD8JWN, Bob Shokler
N8DHW, David Williams	1 illegible sign in

Call to order by KD8JWN, 7:35 PM

Minutes of December 2024 and January 2025 Meetings approved: FOV/OBQ

Treasurer's report approved: FOZ/FR

Membership reports: 26 paid members. Only 4 non-renewals to date

Publicity report: LTT

Old Business: none

### New Business:

Secretary read statement from treasurer willing to resign because of illness.

Motion to adjourn: HTE/FOZ

Meeting adjourned 7:47 PM

Program from MVP 25 group

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Head, N2HTE, Secretary

**On-the-Air Net**

**March 5, 2025 at 7:30 PM**

**No report**



Please submit your dues NOW  
For your 2025 CFMC membership renewal!

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## CINCINNATI FM CLUB

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### 2025 Membership Renewal/Application

Please support the CFMC. Call Fred Ruzick, Membership Chair, with questions. Contact info below

NAME \_\_\_\_\_  New Member  
CALL \_\_\_\_\_ LICENSE CLASS \_\_\_\_\_  Membership Renewal  
ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  Repeater Code Request  
(number and street) (city, state and zip) PHONE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

OTHER HAMS IN HOUSEHOLD (at same address)

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ CALL \_\_\_\_\_ LICENSE CLASS \_\_\_\_\_

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ CALL \_\_\_\_\_ LICENSE CLASS \_\_\_\_\_

I will follow the "CFMC Repeater Operation Practices" document dated 3/24/2009. It is available on the internet at [http://cfmc.us/CFMC\\_Operating\\_Guide.pdf](http://cfmc.us/CFMC_Operating_Guide.pdf) or by mail. By signing this form, I agree to abide by these practices and understand that adherence to these practices is a condition of continued membership in the CFMC and use of its repeaters.

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to: **Fred Ruzick, K8FR**  
**c/o Cincinnati FM Club**  
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**Cincinnati, OH 45239-6130**  
**(513-741-8873 email k8fr@arrl.net**

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**RENEWALS: \$20** **Memberships lapse after January 1st. SPARK mailings continue through June**

NEW MEMBERS: \$10 Initiation + \$10 Dues = \$20 Total

(Please make check payable to **Cincinnati FM Club**)



The SPARK is the official newsletter of the Cincinnati FM Club and is published bi-monthly in anticipation of the bi-monthly Club Meeting at its normal meeting place: Mobilcomm, 1211 Sharon Rd, Cincinnati, OH 45240-2998. The Editor is Ken Irwin, W8LTT. Articles, suggestions and digital photos may be submitted to Ken via email at W8LTT@arrl.net, or by USPS at 358 Oliver Rd, Cincinnati, OH 45215-2615.

The deadline for the April edition is Thursday, May 20, 2025 for material submitted for publication or copied from other sources. Articles may be edited for clarity and length.

The on-the-air meeting on 146.28/146.88 MHz will be held at 9:00 PM, Wednesday, May 7, 2025.

The regular meeting at Mobilcomm is at 7:30 PM on Wednesday, April 2, 2025

**BE SURE TO MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

Go to <http://cfmc.us> for the latest news and the most recent edition of SPARK!

## The Cincinnati FM Club

Club Station Call: WB8CRS

Monthly Meeting: First Wednesday, Even Months, 7:30 PM

Cincinnati FM Club  
 1211 Sharon Rd  
 Cincinnati, OH 45240-2916

## The Cincinnati Repeater System

**"88" System All transmitters are simulcast.**

Location	GREENHILLS	MT. REPOSE	TAYLOR MILL	ELIZABETHTOWN	GREEN HILLS
Frequency	146.88	146.88	146.88	146.88	443.40
Offset	-0.6	-0.6	-0.6	-0.6	+5.0
Antenna Height	735 ft.	370 ft.	405 ft.	250 ft.	735 ft.
A.M.S.L.	1541 ft.	1243 ft.	1225 ft.	1170 ft.	1501 ft.
H.A.A.T.	825 ft.	558 ft.	496 ft.	177 ft.	725 ft.
Access Tone	PL 123.0 Hz	PL 123.0 Hz	PL 123.0 Hz	PL 123.0 Hz	DMR Color Code 1

**EchoLink Node 809821**

Our connection to the DMR bridge was lost and we reconfigured our DMR repeater to the Brandmeister server. Some of the talk groups use different TG numbers, so your code plug needs to be edited to get connectivity. The table below gives you the information needed for the change.

CFMC typical DMR user configuration using Brandmeister server. BM TG numbers: <a href="https://www.pistar.uk/dmr_bm_talkgroups.php">https://www.pistar.uk/dmr_bm_talkgroups.php</a>				
TS	TG	NAME	CALL	COMMENTS
2	2	CIN-DAY	Group	CFMC, Hamilton, Middletown, Edge-wood CFMC Repeater only Static ID, on all the time
2	9	LOCAL	Group	
2	3139	OHIO	Group	
1	91	World-Wide	Group	
1	93	N America	Group	
1	3169	Mid West	Group	
1	310	TAC-310	Group	
1	311	TAC-311	Group	
1	9990	Parrot	Private	Repeats your voice



### CFMC Treasurer's Report

April, 2025

Beginning checking:                   \$5,586.20

Received:

    Membership dues:                   180.00

Ending checking:                       \$5,826.20

Richard KA8HXR

Treasurer

### CFMC members

N8PES	Jon	Banning
WB8NUT	J. Duffy	Beischel
W8OUU	James	Benson
AD8DM	John	Cadwallader
W8SCK	Robert C.	Conrad
KE8BHC	Leanne	DeForest
WB9CPU	David	DeForest
KC8KKC	Barry E	Franz
WA8VBP	Allen	Gerth
WD8LKO	Ronald	Grote
N2HTE	Michael	Head
KC8EVG	Bryan	Hoffman
W8LTT	Kenneth J.	Irwin
N8JLI	Jamie	Isaacs
KA8YRN	Dennis J.	Jones
WA8FOZ	William M.	Klykylo MD
W8VW	John	Kuhn
KC8TW	Richard	Kuns
W8AUV	John	Maier
GMRS	Billy	McCord
KD8GHO	Clifton	Powell
KE8RTT	Rich	Powell
KF8CCQ	Tom	Ratcliff
N8WGP	Chris	Robertson
K8FR	Fred M.	Ruzick
WW8ZZ	Alan	Schauer
K8OP	Hep	Shockley
KD8JWN	Robert L	Shokler
N8MFM	Dale	Stewart
W9OBQ	Donald R	Thie
KA8LAY	William	Tittle
KA8HXR	Richard	Turner
N8DHW	David	Williams
KA8RTG	Richard	Zielasko

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