THE SPARK

August, 2026 **Home of the Cincinnati Repeater System** **Cincinnati, Ohio**

An ARRL affiliated club

Regular meeting of CFMC on Wednesday, August 5 at 7:30 PM at Mobilcomm at 1211 Sharon Rd.

CFMC General Meeting Minutes

June 3, 2026

Call to order 7:35 PM

Attendance:

KD8GHO	Clifton Powell	KA8LAY	Bill Tittle
W8LTT	Ken Irwin	WA8VBP	Al Gerth
K8FR	Fred Ruzick	KD8BNR	Jason Shatto
WA8FOZ	Bill Klykylo	W8LTT	Ken Irwin
N2HTE	Michael Head	W8SCK	Bob Conrad
W9OBQ	Don Thie	N8PES	Jon Banning
N8HIT	Sean Bentley	N8DHW	Dave Williams - guest
W8MRG	Bob Garfield	guest	Jen Kulak - guest
KA8RTG	Rick Zielasko		

Minutes of previous meeting approved: Unanimous

Treasurer's report approved: WA8VBP/ K8FR Unanimous

Membership K8FR: Approx. 2 recent renewals, 38 members;

Old Business: CFMC is now an ARRL Affiliated Club; we can now use the ARRL Club Commission Program for renewals. Review of operating standards bt N8DHW. Discussion of use of repeater by BSA and Flying Pig Marathon.

New Business: **ELECTION**. Reappointment of all officers for 2026-2027 business year. Al Gerth WA8VBP re-appointed as Director for 2026-2029 business year. **Vice-presidency remains open.**

Jason KD8BNR discussed Channel DISCORD meeting among local repeater leaders – more information on club website.

Motion to adjourn: WA8FOZ/N2HTE. Meeting adjourned 8:35 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Klykylo WA8FOZ, Secretary

CINCINNATI FM CLUB

2026 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 _____

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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 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
3257 Wheatcroft Dr
Cincinnati, OH 45239-6130

(513-741-8873 email k8fr@arrl.net

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**)

On-the-Air meeting

July 1, 2026

Call to order 2100, NC W9OBQ, Don

Sign-ins:

KD8GHO, Clifton, President

WA8FOZ, Bill, Secretary

KD8GHP, Jeff

N2HTE, Mike Treasurer

W8LTT, Ken (Echolink) SPARK editor

N8PES, Jon

Announcements: Website working well.

Jack AB4WS has inquired as to the possibility of linking147.35 the 28/88 repeater in emergencies. To be discussed at the August meeting.

DISCORD setup to be presented at the August meeting.

Net dismissed 2130.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Klykylo, WA8FOZ, Secretary

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 October edition is Friday, September 20, 2026 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, October 7, 2026.

The regular meeting at Mobilcomm is at 7:30 PM on Wednesday, April 1, 2026

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: https://www.pistar.uk/dmr_bm_talkgroups.php				
TS	TG	NAME	CALL	COMMENTS
2	2	CIN-DAY	Group	CFMC, Hamilton, Middletown, Edge-
2	9	LOCAL	Group	CFMC Repeater only
2	3139	OHIO	Group	Static ID, on all the time
1	91	World-Wide	Group	
1	93	N America	Group	
1	3169	Mid West	Group	
1	310	TAC-310	Group	Not call channels. Move to
1	311	TAC-311	Group	here for long conversations
1	9990	Parrot	Private	Repeats your voice

Cincinnati FM Club

Treasurer's Report

For the period May 20, 2026 to July 31, 2026

Balance per May 20, 2026	6,336.20
Dues Deposit 6/5/2026	40.00
Balance per Bank Statement, 4/30/2026	6,376.20

CFMC members

KE8VMK	Colin	Baker
N8PES	Jon	Banning
W8OUU	James	Benson
W8HIT	Sean	Bentely
AD8DM	John	Cadwallader
KN4HCL	Dylan	Chance
W8SCK	Robert C.	Conrad
N8WYK	Jeff	Elam
KF8AWY	Robert	Fletcher
KC8KKC	Barry E	Franz
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W8VW	John	Kuhn
KC8TW	Richard	Kuns
W8AUV	John	Maier
GMRS	Billy	McCord
KD8GHO	Cliffton	Powell
KD8GHP	Jeff	Powell
KE8RTT	Rich	Powell
KF8CCQ	Tom	Ratcliff
N8WGP	Chris	Robertson
K8FR	Fred M.	Ruzick
AB8RGI	Greg	Santaromita
WW8ZZ	Alan	Schauer
KD8BNR	Jason	Shatto
K8OP	Hep	Shockley
KD8JWN	Robert L	Shokler
N8MFM	Dale	Stewart
W9OBQ	Donald R	Thie
KA8LAY	William	Tittle
N8DHW	David	Williams
KA8RTG	Richard	Zielasko

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