



THE SPARK

December, 2024

Home of the Cincinnati Repeater System

Cincinnati, Ohio

QCEN Friends:

We will have our Holiday Party on Thursday December 12th, 2024 starting at 6:00 pm in lieu of our regular business meeting. It is a pot-luck supper so folks are encouraged to bring some food to share. (We will also take nominations from the floor for the election of officers for 2025).

We're always happy to welcome members of the GCARA Club and The Cincinnati FM Club and other Hams, and their families to our Holiday Party. Again the date is Thursday, Dec. 12th at 6 p.m. in the Red Cross building, 2111 Dana Ave., Cincinnati, OH 45207.

We'd like to get an idea of how many are coming. Please ask your members to fill out the survey form, if joining us, on the QCEN website under the "news" tab. The address is <http://www.qcen.org>.

We're asking our members to do the same. Then we'll have an approximate number, and the food situation.

Thanks. Looking forward to seeing you.

Bob Garfield, W8MRG

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CFMC General Meeting Minutes

October 3, 2024

Attendance: 15 members, 8 guests

Call to order by Bob Shokler, 7:33 PM

Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes of August 2024 and September 2024 Meetings approved: WBP/FOZ

Treasurer's report approved: FR/FXR

Old Business: No old business

New Business: No new business presented

Meeting Adjourned to move to program

Program:

Presentation by Jamie Isaacs - Detailed DMR presentation

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Head, N2HTE, Secretary



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

CINCINNATI FM CLUB

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 _____

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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**
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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 February edition is Wednesday, January 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, January 1, 2025.

The regular meeting at Mobilcomm is at 7:30 PM on Wednesday, December 4, 2024.

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, Edgewood 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

November, 2024

Beginning checking balance	\$5,346.20
Received membership dues	240.00
Ending checking balance	\$5,586.20

Respectfully submitted,
Richard Turner KA8HXR

CFMC members

N8PES	Jon	Banning
WB8NUT	J. Duffy	Beischel
W8OUU	James	Benson
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

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE — CINCINNATI FM CLUB 2022-2025

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On-the-Air Meeting

November 6, 2024

Net control Don W9ODB opened net at 2100 hours

Check-ins:

Bob KD8JWN (President)	Richard KA8HXR (Treasurer)
Bill WA8FOZ (Vice-President)	Fred K8FR (Membership)
Ken W8LTT (Editor/Publisher Spark)	Al WA8DHW
Rick KA8RTG	Bill KA8LAY
Rich KE8RTT	Don W9OBQ (Net Control)

Business:

Due to low number of attendees, the CFMC Christmas party will not be held. As in previous years, the Queen City Emergency Net has reached out to invite members and guests to their party on December 12.

Details published in December Spark.

Net closed at 2124 hours