



THE SPARK

June, 2025

Home of the Cincinnati Repeater System

Cincinnati, Ohio

The semi-monthly meeting of the Cincinnati FM Club will be held on Wednesday, June 4, 2025 at 7:30 PM at Mpbilcomm at 1211 Sharon Rd in Greenhills.



CFMC General Meeting Minutes

April 2, 2025

Attendance:

K8FR, Fred Ruzick	KE8VMK, Colin Baker
W9OBQ, Don Thie	KD8JWN, Bob Shokler
N2HTE, Michael Head	N8DHW, David Williams

Call to order by KD8JWN, 7:34 PM

Minutes of 2/5/2025 meeting approved: OPQ/GHW

Treasurer's report approved: FR/BNR

Membership reports: 31 paid members.

Publicity report: LTT

Old Business: none

New Business:

Discussion of VARA FM capability

Motion to adjourn: GHW/FR

Meeting adjourned 8:04 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Head, N2HTE, Secretary

On-the Air Meeting

The semi-monthly net was held on Wed, 7 May, 2025, 2100 local time.

Check-ins were:

Bob KD8JWN	Bill WA8FOZ
Bob W8SCK,	Fred K8FR
,Ken W8LTT	Al WA8VBP
Don W9OBQ	Sam KF8DSA
Jason KD8BNR,	Jerry KA4STA,
John AD8DM	Brian WD8TYD

Net secured at 2130.

Net control: Don W9OBQ



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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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**)



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The deadline for the August edition is Sunday, July 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, July 2, 2025.

The regular meeting at Mobilcomm is at 7:30 PM on Wednesday, June 4, 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: https://www.pistar.uk/dmr_bm_talkgroups.php				
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	Not call channels. Move to here for long conversations
1	311	TAC-311	Group	
1	9990	Parrot	Private	Repeats your voice

Treasurer's Report

May 10, 2025

Beginning balance	\$5,826.20
Membership dues	40.00
Ending balance	\$5,866.00

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
KF8AWY	Robert	Fletcher
KC8KKC	Barry E	Franz
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GMRS	Billy	McCord
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WW8ZZ	Alan	Schauer
K8OP	Hep	Shockley
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N8MFM	Dale	Stewart
W9OBQ	Donald R	Thie
KA8LAY	William	Tittle
KA8HXR	Richard	Turner
N8DHW	David	Williams
KA8RTG	Richard	Zielasko

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