



# THE SPARK

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December 2025

Home of the Cincinnati Repeater System

Cincinnati, Ohio

Regular meeting of CFMC on Wednesday, December 3, at Mobilcomm at 7:30 PM.

Holiday parties are being scheduled by various radio clubs.

Last year many of us attended the party hosted by Queen City Emergency Net, QCEN. Information on page 5.

This year SWOH GMRC also offered us an invitation, shown on page 4.

**Time to renew for 2026 membership dues**



## **Cincinnati FM Club General Meeting**

**October 1, 2025**

KD8GHO, Clifton Powell

W8SCK, Bob Conrad

WA8FOZ, Bill Klykylo

N8HIT Sean Bentley

KD8JWN, Bob Shokler

AB8RG Greg Santaromita

K8FR, Fred Rusick

KD8BNR, Jason Shatto

W8LTT, Ken Irwin

K8FR, Fred Ruzick

W9OBQ, Don Thie

KA8RTG, Rick Zielasko

WA8VBP, Al Gerth

N2HTE, Mike Head

Call to order and Pledge of allegiance led by President, Clifton KD8GHO

### Reports

Secretary, Bill WA8FOZ: New VP pending. Accepted (HTE/VBP)

Treasurer, Mike N2HTE: Records pending from bank. Accepted (JWN/VBP)

Membership, Fred K8FR: 35 regular members, plus 3 comp. members for Mobilcom; Renewals for 2026 to begin in December 2025. Accepted ((FOZ/JWN)

SPARK, Ken, W8LTT: Copy is always welcome (HTE/JWM)

### Old Business

- 1) VP election deferred to December – no volunteers at this time
- 2) Motion for selection of President KD8GHO, Clifton Powell and Treasurer N2HTE, Mike Head as authorized signers for CFMC bank checks, by Bill Klykylo, seconded by Greg Santamarito; passed unanimously. Documentation for the bank will be provided by the Secretary.
- 3) Condolence to the wife of Richard Turner, KA8HXR.

### New Business

Discussion of holding a Holiday party with another radio club; to be investigated by membership.

Motion to Adjourn (JWN/SCK), 7:55 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Klykylo, WA8FOZ, Secretary

## **Cincinnati FM Club On the Air Meeting**

**November 5, 2025**

Call to order 2100, NC W9OBQ, Don

Sign-ins:

KD8GHO, Clifton, President	KD8GHP, Jeff
WA8FOZ, Bill, Secretary	N8HIT, Sean
K8FR, Fred, Membership Chair	KA8RTG, Rick
WA8VBP, Al, Director	W8LTT (via Echolink), Ken, SPARK Editor
KA8LAY, Bill	KA8RTT, Rick
AD8DM, John	

Announcement: SWOH GMRS Holiday Party, 12/6/2025  
Warp Wing Brewing Co., Mason OH, 6-10 PM

Respectfully submitted,  
Bill Klykylo, WA8FOZ, Secretary



### **CFMC Treasurer's Report**

**November 20, 2025**

Last report May 10, 2025

Balance	\$5,866.20
Transactions Through 11/20/2025	0.00
Balance November 20, 2025	\$5,886.20

We are in the process of recovering access to the on-line  
Banking account. We can make deposits and pay bills.

Michael Head N2HTE

Treasurer

Holiday party hosted by Southwest Ohio GRMS inviting us.

It is hard to believe that the holiday season is now upon us once again. We are excited to announce that we will be hosting another annual holiday event this year. The event is an opportunity for our members to bring guests or family members for a memorable evening of fun and laughter. That's right, no programming, just a bunch of folks who like to talk radio having an awesome evening.

The event will be held in the private area of Warped Wing Brewpub in Mason, Ohio on Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at 7:00pm. Festive attire is suggested (Including Ugly Sweaters). Per person admission is \$25 each which includes hot sandwich bar (chicken & brisket), sides, appetizers and one complimentary adult beverage. Bring one or the whole family, the more the merrier! Warped Wing is a very nice venue and is family friendly. There is also an elevator that can assist with getting up to the second floor party room.

Please use the link below to RSVP. **All attendees must RSVP**. The venue has asked for a head count by Friday 11/28, Please submit your RSVP. If you are unable to attend, we are sad that you can't make it, maybe next year (No need to complete the form or send anything). **Again to be clear, we must have a reservation for you and your guest(s)**

This will be a very fun event for all who attend, we are working on securing some entertainment but usually everyone catching up and chatting is entertainment for sure! **YES** we will also have a radio give away drawing for those in attendance. we are looking forward to seeing everyone!

RSVP Link:

<https://swohgmrs2025holidayparty.rsvpify.com>

Scan to RSVP



## QCEN December Holiday Party Event

We invite all Hams and family member to attend. We are offering a special invite to Cincinnati FM Club and GCARA to join us, others are always welcome too.

Our December meeting and holiday party will be on the second Thursday of the month, December 11<sup>th</sup> at the Red Cross Building, 2111 Dana Avenue, Cincinnati, OH 45207. Doors open at 5:00pm and Dinner starts at 6:00p.m.

We will have a short business meeting which will include calling for nominations from the floor. We ask that all other new business be held until the January meeting.

Please bring a favorite food item to share (appetizers, snacks, deserts, etc.). The Net will provide coffee, tea and soft drinks.

As in previous years, we will be collecting food for donation to a local food bank. Please bring a sack of non-perishable food items.

Please forward to other Hams and Friends of QCEN. All are Welcome.

RENEW NOW

## CINNINNATI 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](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)**

**Time to renew!**

**Renew now. Membership chairman will not be  
at December meeting. Give form and check to  
Treasurer at meeting, or mail to Fred**

**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 Tuesday, January 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, January 7, 2026.

The regular meeting at Mobilcomm is at 7:30 PM on Wednesday, December 3, 2025

**BE SURE TO MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

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

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## 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

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## The Cincinnati Repeater System

	<b>"88" System    All transmitters are simulcast.</b>				
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
<b>EchoLink Node 809821</b>					

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- 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





### 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
WA8VBP	Allen	Geth
WD8LKO	Ron	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
KD8GHW	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

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE — CINCINNATI FM CLUB 2022-2025

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