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History WHBC (AM)¹

WHBC is the oldest radio station in Canton. The license for the station was granted on February 13, 1925 to Father Edward P. Graham and the St. John Catholic Church. WHBC began broadcasting on March 9, 1925 at 1180 kHz with 100 watts. The call letters were randomly assigned from a sequential roster of available call signs. By the middle of 1927 the station had moved to 1270 kHz.

Following the establishment of the Federal Radio Commission (FRC), stations were initially issued a series of temporary authorizations starting on May 3, 1927. In addition, they were informed that if they wanted to continue operating, they needed to file a formal license application by January 15, 1928, as the first step in determining whether they met the new "public interest, convenience, or necessity" standard. On May 25, 1928, the FRC issued General Order 32, which notified 164 stations, including WHBC, that "From an examination of your application for future

1 [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/WHBC_\(AM\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/WHBC_(AM))

license it does not find that public interest, convenience, or necessity would be served by granting it." However, the station successfully convinced the commission that it should remain licensed.

On November 11, 1928, the FRC implemented a major reallocation of station transmitting frequencies, as part of a reorganization resulting from its implementation of General Order 40. WHBC was assigned to 1200 kHz.

In 1936 the station was sold to secular interests, when it was purchased by Brush-Moore Newspapers, then owners of Canton's newspaper, *The Repository*. The station was sold in 1939 to a business group consisting of the Vodrey family of East Liverpool and the Boyd family of Portsmouth. The families organized ownership of the station under the name of the Ohio Broadcasting Company. They obtained approval to increase power to 250 watts daytime, while maintaining 100 watts at night. The station had no network affiliation until 1940 or 1941 when it became a Mutual affiliate. It became an ABC affiliate later in the 1940s.

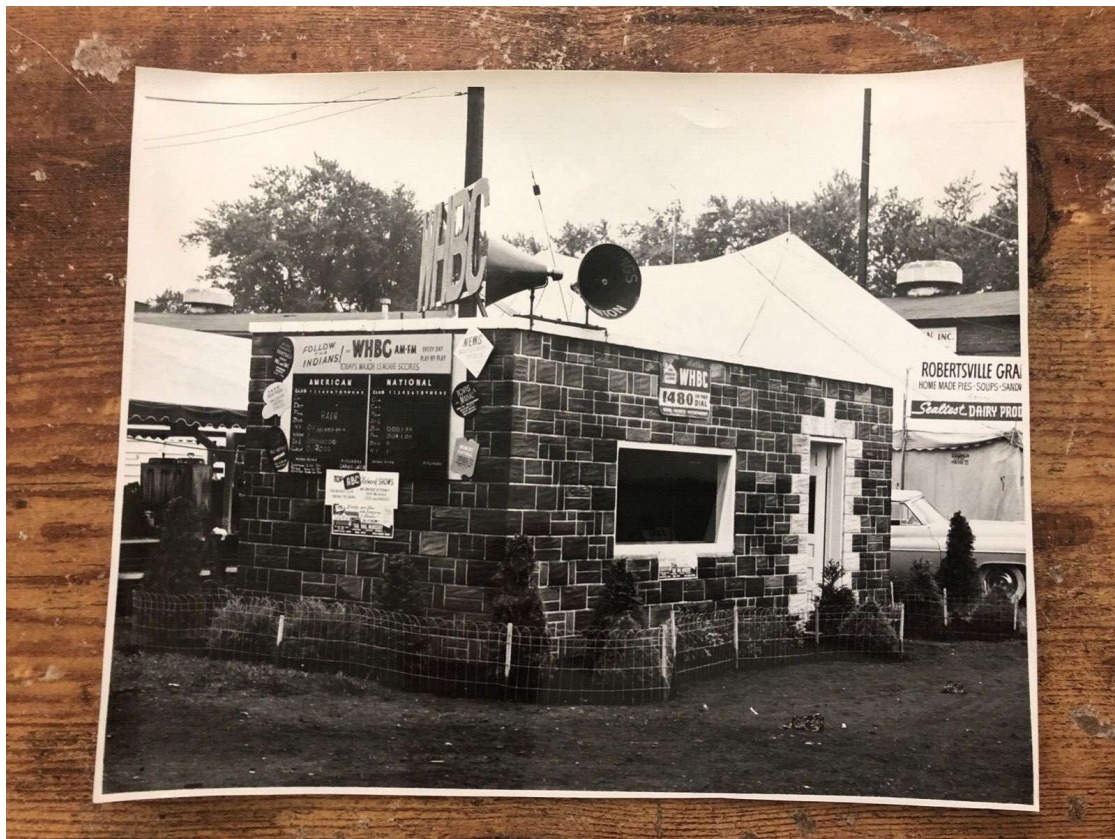
On March 29, 1941, when most stations in the U.S. changed frequencies due to the North American Regional Broadcasting Agreement, WHBC moved from 1200 to 1230 kHz. It moved to its present frequency of 1480 kHz on June 4, 1944, when WGAR AM in Cleveland moved from 1480 to 1220. The station obtained an FM license in 1948 and established WHBC-FM on 94.1 MHz which still operates using those call letters.

In September 1947, WHBC's power increased from 1 kW to 5 kW. At that time, it was affiliated with both the ABC and Mutual networks.

On November 22, 1963, WHBC's afternoon talk show "Bee Line" was interrupted at 1:41pm for a bulletin from ABC news concerning the assassination of John F. Kennedy. The program was preserved on audio tape and can be found on the internet.

On September 26, 1967, the ownership was reorganized as WHBC, Inc., which changed its name to Beaverkettle Company on September 13, 1972. The Vodreys purchased WFIR in Roanoke, Virginia in 1969; they sold the

station eight years later. In June 2000, the family-owned Beaverkettle Company sold WHBC and WHBC-FM to NextMedia for more than 42 million dollars.[9] ending 61 years of Vodrey family ownership of the stations.





Early Radio in Canton Ohio 1922/1923

November 20, 1922: The George Keith Orchestra broadcast a Thanksgiving program from AQ-6 government broadcast station in the George D. Harter Bank building.

December 27, 1922: According to Radio Sargent N. L. Urban, station operator, the range of radiophone broadcasting station AQ-6 of the 135th Field Artillery located in the George D Harter bank building was expected to increase within the next 30 days.

March 2, 1923: The Old Time Dance Orchestra presented a program this evening that was broadcast from radio station AQ-6 of the headquarters battery, 135th Field Artillery, in the George D. Harter bank building.



Newsletter Articles

The newsletter needs a few authors to write a short article to be included in the quarterly newsletters. The article should relate to amateur radio either completely or tangentially. Pictures are encouraged. Email them to N8PZL@arrl.net. Grab that keyboard or pen and write away.

Upcoming Event

Martha and Mel Vye boat tour of the Portage Lakes and lunch at The Ramp Restaurant, 3719 S Main St., Akron, OH 44319 [234 678-6370]. For those wanting to boat over to the restaurant, meet at the Vye's home by 11:30 AM on 12

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August. There is limited space so RSVP as soon as possible. Those wanting only to go to lunch should arrive at the restaurant by 12 Noon.

Time: Aug 12, 12:00 AM (Noon)

Place: The Vye's Home at 71 Whitefriars Drive, Akron, OH 44319
The Ramp Restaurant, 3719 South Main Street, Akron, OH 44319

Please RSVP by 9 August via email to virginislesun@yahoo.com, Tom Price Hope to see you on the 12th.



Ragchew

Don't forget the monthly ragchew at Tim's Tavern at Noon on the last Wednesday of the month. The address is 3323 Parkway Street NW, Canton Ohio 44708. All are invited. For you information that is Jul 26, Aug 30, Sep 27, Oct 25, Nov 29. Add these dates to your calendar.

Local Dues

The first of August 2023 was the beginning of the QCWA Chapter 21 fiscal year. If you have not already done so, please pay your local dues at the next meeting or rag-chew. National dues are collected via the QCWA.org web site.



Treasurer's Report

The cash balance is \$1,017.35 as of 7/26/2023 2:03 AM – Huntington Bank.

06/26/2023 – John Demuth Donation – Check 5052 - \$25.00

Some Local Hamfests

07/20/2023 – WACOM Hamfest

Location: Washington, PA

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Washington Amateur Communications

Website: <http://wa3com.com>

08/05/2023 - 2023 Columbus Hamfest

Location: Grove City, OH

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Aladdin Shrine Audio Unit

Website: <http://www.columbushamfest.com/>

08/12/2023 - Uniontown Amateur Radio Club 73rd Annual Gabfest

Location: Uniontown, PA

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Uniontown A.R.C.

Website: <http://www.w8vtd.com/hamfest/>

08/20/2013 m- WARA Tailgate Swap Meet

Location: Cortland, OH

Type ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Warren Amatuer Radio Association

Website: <http://www.w8vtd.com/hamfest/>

08/27/2023 - Skyview Radio Society Swap N Shop

Location: New Kensington, PA

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Skyview Radio Society

Website: <http://www.skyviewradio.net>

09/10/2023 - Radio, Computer, Electronics Swapfest

Location: Butler, PA

Type: ARRL Hamfest

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Sponsor: Butler County Amateur Radio Association

Website: <http://w3udx.org/swapfest.html>

9/24/2023 – Cleveland Hamfest

Location: Berea, OH

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor Hamfest Association of Cleveland

Website: <http://www.hac.org>

09/30/2023 – HATFest 2023

Location: Chester, WV

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Hancock Auxcomm Team

Website: <http://wv8hat.org>

10/29/2023 – [Massillon \(OH\) Hamfest \(& Auction\)](#)

Location: North Canton, OH

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Massillon Amateur Radio Club

Website: <http://www.w8np.net>

12/03/2023 – LCARC Amateur Radio Swap/Hamfest

Location: Troy, MI

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: L’Nse Creuse Amateur Radio Club

Website: <http://www.n8lc.org>