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Vintage Bicycles is Theme of Heritage Center's Free Mini-Tour

The Oberlin community welcomes this month the 51st Annual gathering of The Wheelmen, an organization of antique bicycle enthusiasts. The Oberlin Heritage Center celebrates the arrival of vintage bicycle fans to town by offering free, self-guided tours of the Monroe House on Thursday, July 26 and Friday, July 27 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. All are invited to explore this beautifully preserved Italianate-style house (built in 1866) and enjoy a special display of bicycle-themed photos and artifacts. A highlight of the mini-exhibit is an 1890s lady's Geneva bicycle with a beautiful curved wood fender and a carbide headlamp.

High-wheeled bicyclists from 20 states and Canada are registered to attend The Wheelmen's Meet, from Wednesday through Sunday, July 25-29. Demonstrations and exhibits, free and open to the public, will be held in the community on Friday and Saturday. For more information about these events, visit <http://ohiowheelmen.org/2018.html>.

The Oberlin Heritage Center's Monroe House is located at 73½ South Professor Street, in the back of the Oberlin Conservatory of Music parking lot and just south of the Bertram & Judith Kohl jazz studies building. Free parking for Oberlin Heritage Center visitors is accessible from 20 West Vine Street. For more about the Oberlin Heritage Center, visit www.oberlinheritagecenter.org or call (440) 774-1700.

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