

# Railroad Days at Glidden Homestead

Railroads played a key role in shaping the future of many Illinois communities, including DeKalb. To commemorate Joseph F. Glidden's part in bringing the railroad through DeKalb back in the late 1800s, the Homestead & Historical Center dedicated to preserving Glidden's legacy offered special programming in June and July, 2013.

The programs are among others that will be held throughout the year to celebrate the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Glidden's birth. Railroad enthusiasts, Bill Cummings of DeKalb, and Rich DeMink of Downers Grove, were featured presenters during the Glidden Railroad Days programming.



Bill Cummings talks with visitors about his model train.



Rich DeMink shares his love of trains with museum guests.



Mike and the 3Ds entertain with railroad-themed music. The group features Dave Kolars (guitar), Dale Ludewig (mandolin), Derek Gray (fiddle) and Mike Warfel (bass).



A 30-minute video "Song of the Pioneer" detailed the founding of the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad and its early development building westward from Chicago. The video was produced for the centennial of the CNW in 1948.