

TRAIN WATCHING AT ASHLAND, VIRGINIA WITH GRAYSON

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Even though my Granddaughter Grayson is now 13 years old, she will still on rare occasions railfan with Grandpa. For her 2018 Fall Break, Mary Ann and I took Grayson to Virginia Beach. We did a little rail fanning both going and coming. Our first night on the road found us at Ashland, Virginia. Even though it was after 7:00 PM by the time we finished our evening meal Grayson consent to going with me to the Ashland Amtrak Depot to train watch. Grayson has for the pass year been entertaining one and all with her ukulele. Her singing and playing will not get her a Grammy, but it is entertaining.

Upon reaching the Ashland Amtrak Depot I got out of our car with my camera, however Grayson got out of the car not only with her camera but with her ukulele. Sitting at one of the tables outside the depot Grayson began to play her ukulele and sing various songs as we waited for a train to appear. The words and notes of the songs Grayson sang were gotten from a music site via her smart phone. While her singing and playing was not loud she did attract a few of the waiting passengers to her table. She even had one person put a dollar in her hat.

During our hour stay at the depot we saw no CSXT trains but did see two Amtrak trains, #93 and #97. Having forgotten to load my tripod into the car when we left home all our photos had to be taken free handed. We returned to the motel by 9:00 PM per orders of Mary Ann.



Grayson as a troubadour of old entertains passengers waiting for Amtrak Train #93. Note dollar bill in hat.



Amtrak Train #93 approaches Ashland Depot (Grayson)



Amtrak Train #93 at Ashland Depot



Amtrak Train #93 leaving Ashland (Grayson)



Grayson shooting Amtrak Train #97



Amtrak Train #97 running by Ashland Depot

