



## CCR Facebook Group (Members Only)

### Greetings, CCR Members!

We CCR members now have our very own private Facebook Group. Come join us!

Shortly after I joined the Camera Club of Richmond (or, actually rejoined since I was a member back in the 1970s), I was surprised to discover that the Club has no facility for enabling easy and rapid communication among its members. Such a facility could permit members to share and comment on each other's works, to lend, borrow or buy equipment and supplies from each other, to carry on informal discussions of interest to photographers, and to simply get to know one another better. I believe that the ability for members to easily chat, message, share information and otherwise use the tools of 21<sup>st</sup> century social media will encourage a membership with a stronger sense of belonging and mutual responsibility for the Club.

I shared my thoughts with Communications Director, Karen Davis, and proposed to help set up such a facility. She liked the idea and brought my proposal to the Board for their consideration. With a green light to set up a trial social media platform, Karen and I established a private Facebook Group for CCR Members only. Board members and a handful of other members were invited to join the group so we could try it out, start ironing out any wrinkles, and give the Board a chance to decide if this would be in the Club's best interest. There may be a few more wrinkles yet to be found, but the CCR Members Facebook Group is now open to all CCR Members!

The group is private, which means non-members cannot read the posts nor see the images posted on our page. Membership is by invitation, and all paid CCR members have now been invited to join, as will be new members who join in the future. This new group is secure. It offers a variety of tools that can enhance our abilities to get to know one another, and, frankly, to share our current projects and passions with each other. To ensure that the new members' group works as intended, there will be a few general, reasonable rules and structures.

For now, there are three simple rules:

1. This group is meant for paid CCR Members only.
2. Be kind and courteous.
3. Respect members' intellectual property rights.

To join the group, respond to the invitation from the group's administrators or simply navigate by copying and pasting this URL to your browser: [www.facebook.com/groups/3119011324978577](https://www.facebook.com/groups/3119011324978577)

If the email address that the Club uses to communicate with you is also the address you use with Facebook, you should already have permission to be a member. Otherwise, please join Facebook and then request membership on the Camera Club of Richmond Members Facebook page. If you are presented with a challenge and asked to answer a question before you can become a member, please just answer the question, and allow the admins time to authorize your membership.

We're looking forward to seeing you interacting, sharing, learning, and working together with this great new set of tools. Just remember that the Members' group will thrive if you use it. So please post your latest news, interests, photographs, and accomplishments.



**And remember to play nice!**