We have developed an RSS Feed (RSS = Really Simple Syndicating) for certain areas of the RCC website. The idea came from Boris Hardouin-Deleuze who believed that an RSS Feed may increase the utility of the bulletin board. An RSS feed limits the need for the user to keep poking at a website page to see if anything new is there. The RSS Feed will inform you when something has changed on that page and can simplify your life. Right now we have three items in the feed; the bulletin board, the classified sale page and the classified buy page. I am sure more will be added in the future

If you already use RSS Feeds there is no need to read further than this paragraph. You simply have to add the URL http://www.ridgewoodcameraclub.org/rss_feed.xml to your feed list and you are all set.

Now for the members who do not currently use feeds. There are two basic ways to view feeds but I will discuss what I think is the easiest for the novice that is to view the feeds with an RSS reader in the browser. Now never let it be said that this industry likes to make things standard, it limits their creativity.   To start three of the most used browsers, the Internet Explorer, Firefox and Safari have built in RSS feed readers. The other one, Chrome, that is now the most popular browser, do not but one can add one very easily as a browser extension. From here I will separate the instruction to the browser because they are all a little different.

Internet Explorer

If a panel showing Favorites, Feeds and History tabs does not appear in your browser view click on the star icon in the upper right hand corner. Open the Feeds tab. Then paste the link http://www.ridgewoodcameraclub.org/rss_feed.xml into the URL address bar in the browser and hit enter. The RCC RSS Feed should now be showing in the browser. At the top of that feed you will see a link labeled Subscribe to this feed, click on it. A new panel will pop up with the name field filled in with Ridgewood Camera Club Information and a Create in field filled in with Feeds.   Just click on subscribe and you are done. Pretty easy setup.

Safari

Looks even easier. In the URL address bar paste the following URL feed://www.ridgewoodcameraclub.org/rss_feed.xml
To the left of the URL address field you will find a + just click on that and a new panel will popup. Just leave the default feeds as they are and click Add. You will find the new feed in the All RSS Feeds in the Collections area. You are done.

Chrome

You will need to first get an RSS Reader for Chrome because Chrome comes without one. It is easy, safe and harmless.   Go to https://chrome.google.com/webstore/detail/rss-feed-reader/pnjaodmkngahhkoihejjehlcdlnohgmp and click the + Free button. Confirm the New Extension by clicking on the Add button. It might take a little while to download and configure the reader but just be patient. The RSS Reader is now installed and you can see the normal RSS Feed orange icon in the upper right hand corner of the browser. Type on the following in the URL address field http://www.ridgewoodcameralub.org/rss_feed.xml

Click on the RSS Feed icon and in the new panel that appears click on the + sign in the upper right corner of that new panel. You will now see the URL for the RCC website displayed. Just click the +Follow button and you are done. The RCC feed can be seen by clicking on the orange RSS Feed icon. That icon will also display a counter of any feeds that have been updated after the original feed. To view the feeds just click on the orange feed icon and select the middle item in the panel that comes up which is a Read All button.

Firefox

Firefox comes with the capability to read RSS Feeds using something called Live Bookmarks. You can set that up to read the RCC feed by placing the following URL address in the browser's address bar and using it to find the RCC RSS Feed by hitting enter
 http://www.ridgewoodcameraclub.org/rss_feed.xml
When you get the RCC RSS Feed go to the top section of the page and subscribe to the feed using Live Bookmarks. You can then find the feed in the Bookmarks section.

There is another interesting option in Firefox that I found no other place including the Internet Explorer. Use the same procedure above but when you go to subscribe, subscribe using Microsoft Outlook and you will get the feed in your email providing of course that you are using MS Outlook. Even if you normally do not use Firefox as your browser but do use MS Outlook you can install Firefox to subscribe to the feeds using MS Outlook and continue to use your current browser. I have no idea why the MS Internet Explorer will not let you subscribe to feeds using MS Outlook.

Feed Delivery via Outlook Email

In order to have the RSS Feed show up in Outlook email follow the directions on
http://office.microsoft.com/en-us/outlook-help/subscribe-to-an-rss-feed-HA010355679.aspx#_Toc288635729

Feed Delivery via any email client

If you do not use Outlook as your email client but still want your feed to show up in your email inbox go to http://blogtrottr.com/ and in the Getting started section enter http://www.ridgewoodcameraclub.org/rss_feed.xml in the first field, your email address in the second field and leave the third field set to Realtime and click on the Feed Me button and you are done. You will have to confirm the submission through an email that arrives in your inbox. Yes it is that easy.

Etc.
There are a number of options that can be set in each of the RSS Feed readers such as how often it automatically goes to the website to look for a new version of the feed. They all show the presence of a new version of the feed differently and I leave you to discover that.

Once you setup the feed for RCC you can add any other feeds that you like. There are a bundle out there on all sorts of topics.