

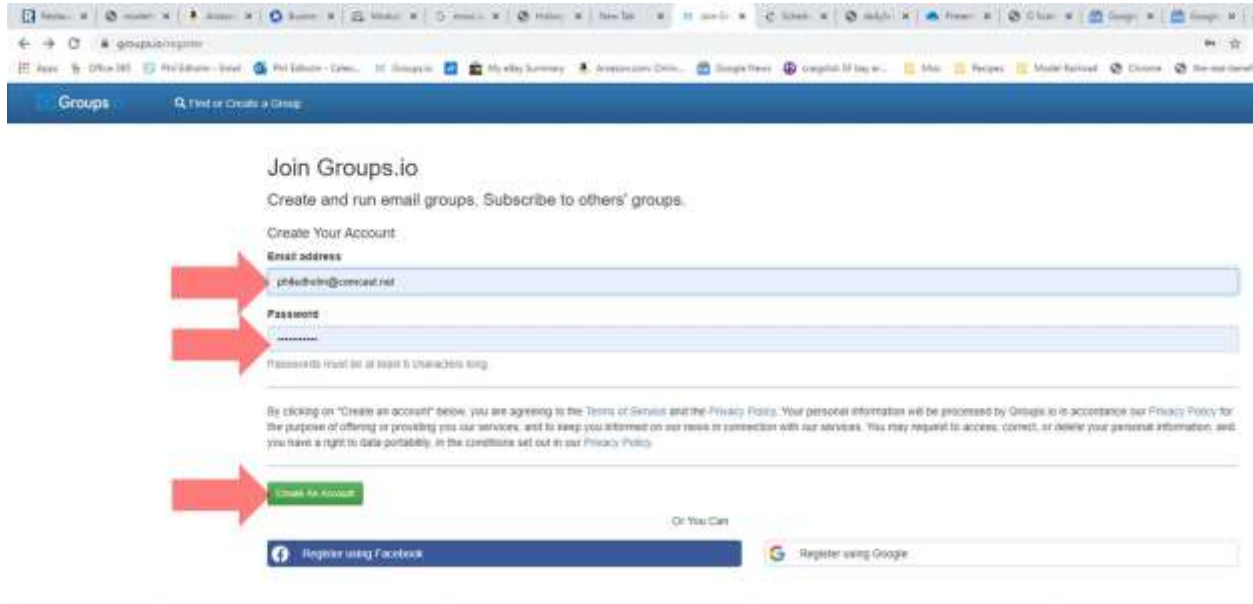
Instructions for Joining the ACCRS groups.io Working Group site.

The following four steps will enable you to join and read/post on the ACCRS Working Group site on the groups.io web page. These instructions seem long as each step has been screen shot for clarity.

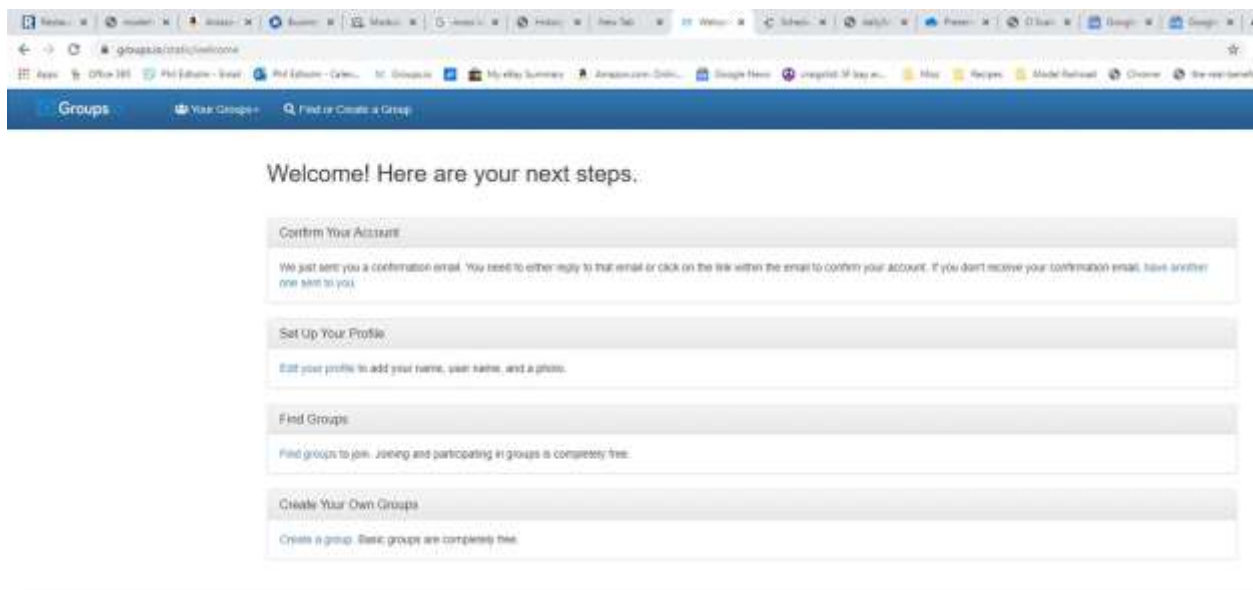
Step 1 – Create a groups.io account

Go to www.groups.io on your browser (PC or phone)

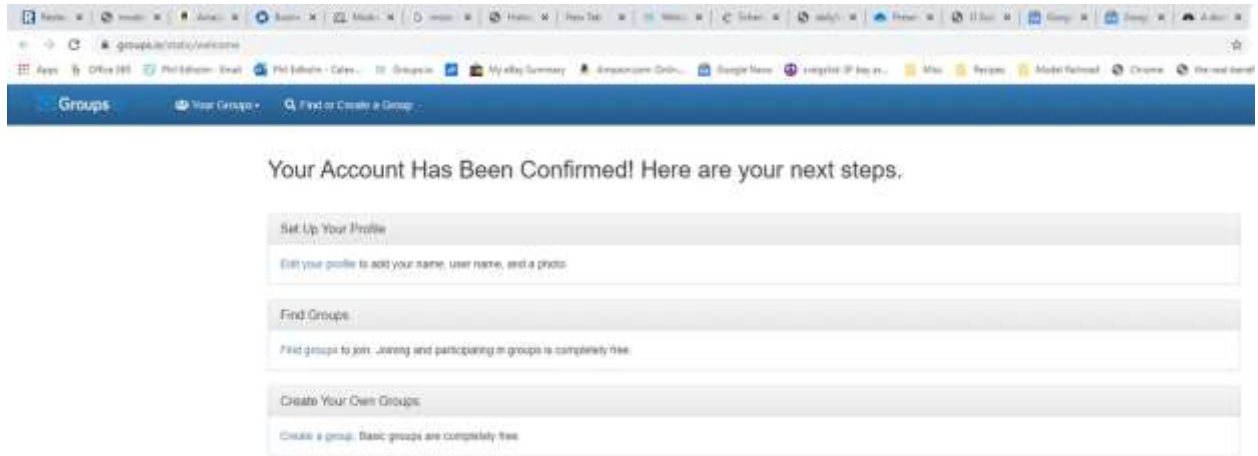
On the PC, you will get this page:



Enter the email address you want to use for emails from the ACCRS site and create a password as indicated. Press the Green CREAT ACCOUNT button to create your account. You will get this screen:



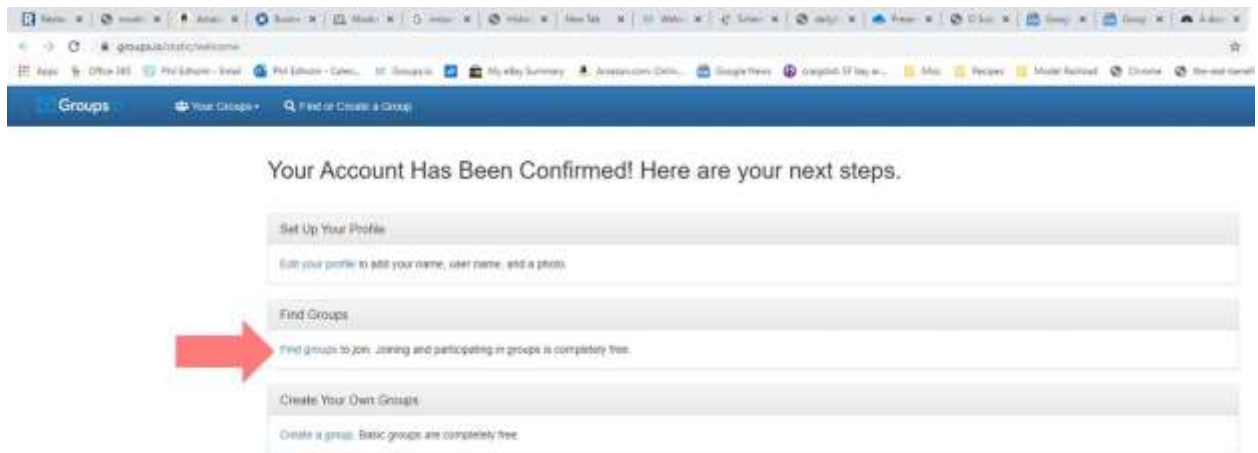
Go to the email account you used and reply to the email confirm at the bottom of the email. This will confirm you account and you will get this page:



If you want to set up your groups.io profile now, click on the SET UP PROFILE link and follow the instruction in Step 4. You can do this later as shown in Step 4 if you would prefer to wait.

Step 2 – Join the ACCRS Working Group

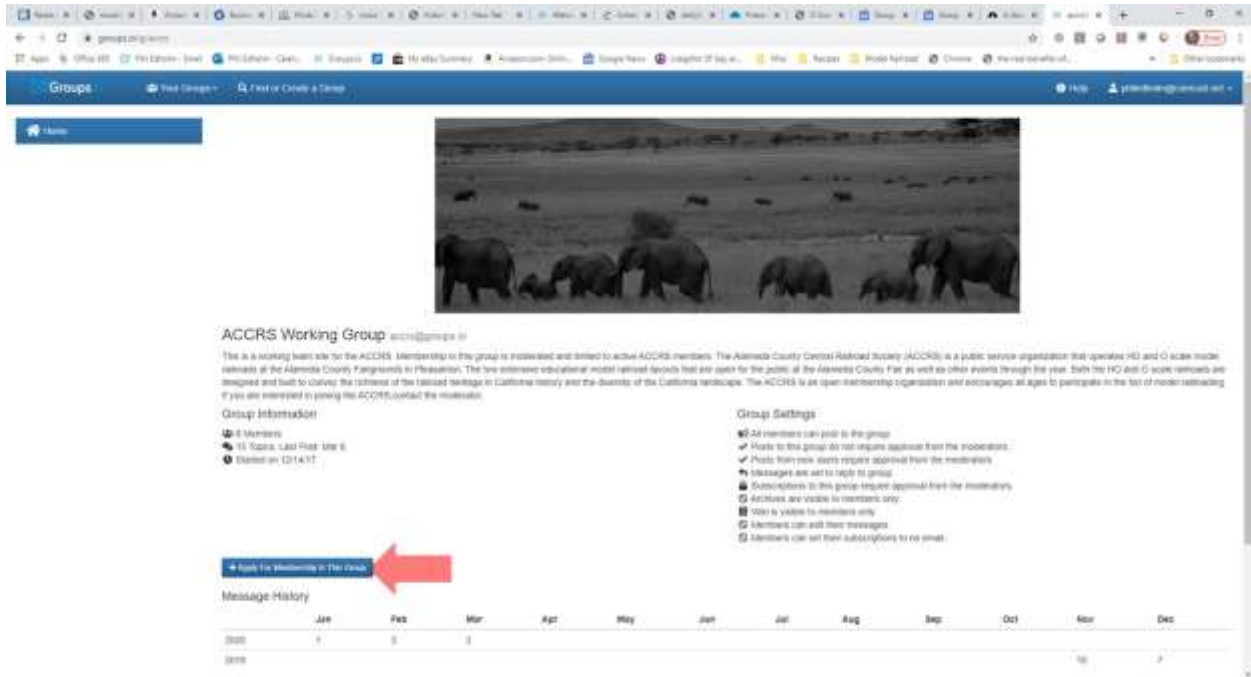
Next you need to find and join the ACCRS Working Group. The first step is to click the FIND GROUP link on this page.



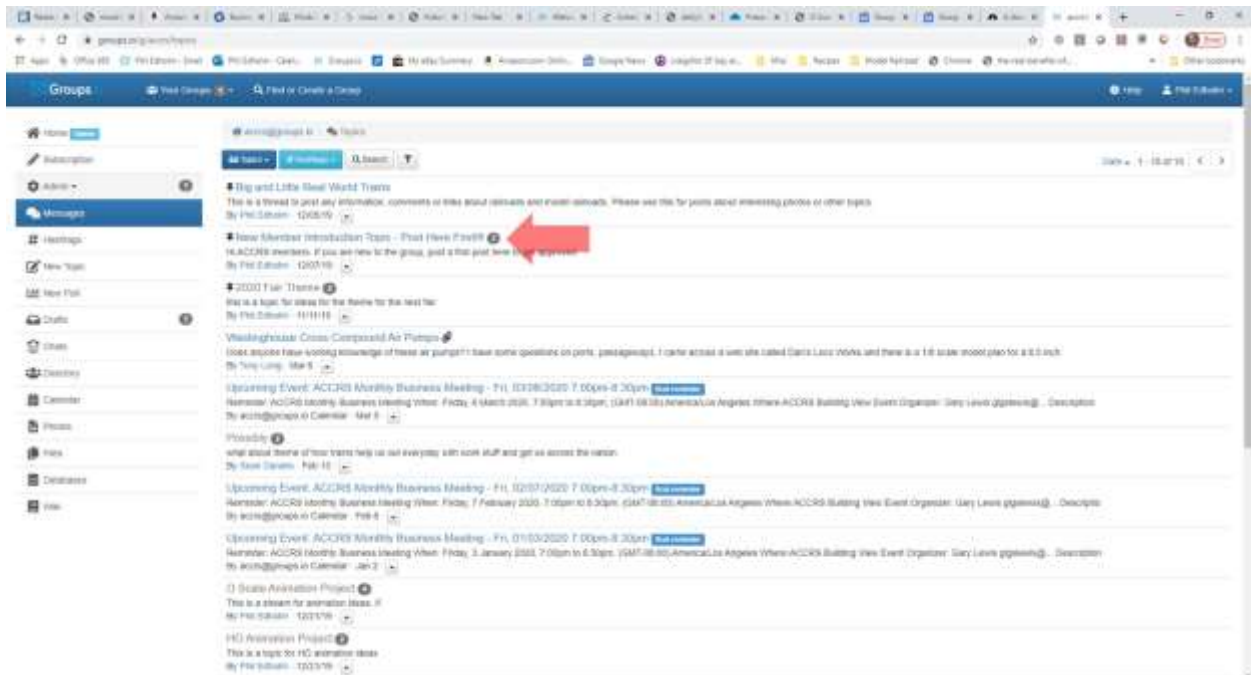
Enter ACCRS into the search engine. This will return the link to the ACCRS Working Group:



Click on the ACCRS WORKING GROUP link in blue as shown. This will take you to the ACCRS public listing page:



Click on APPLY FOR MEMBERSHIP in this group. You will go into the ACCRS group page:

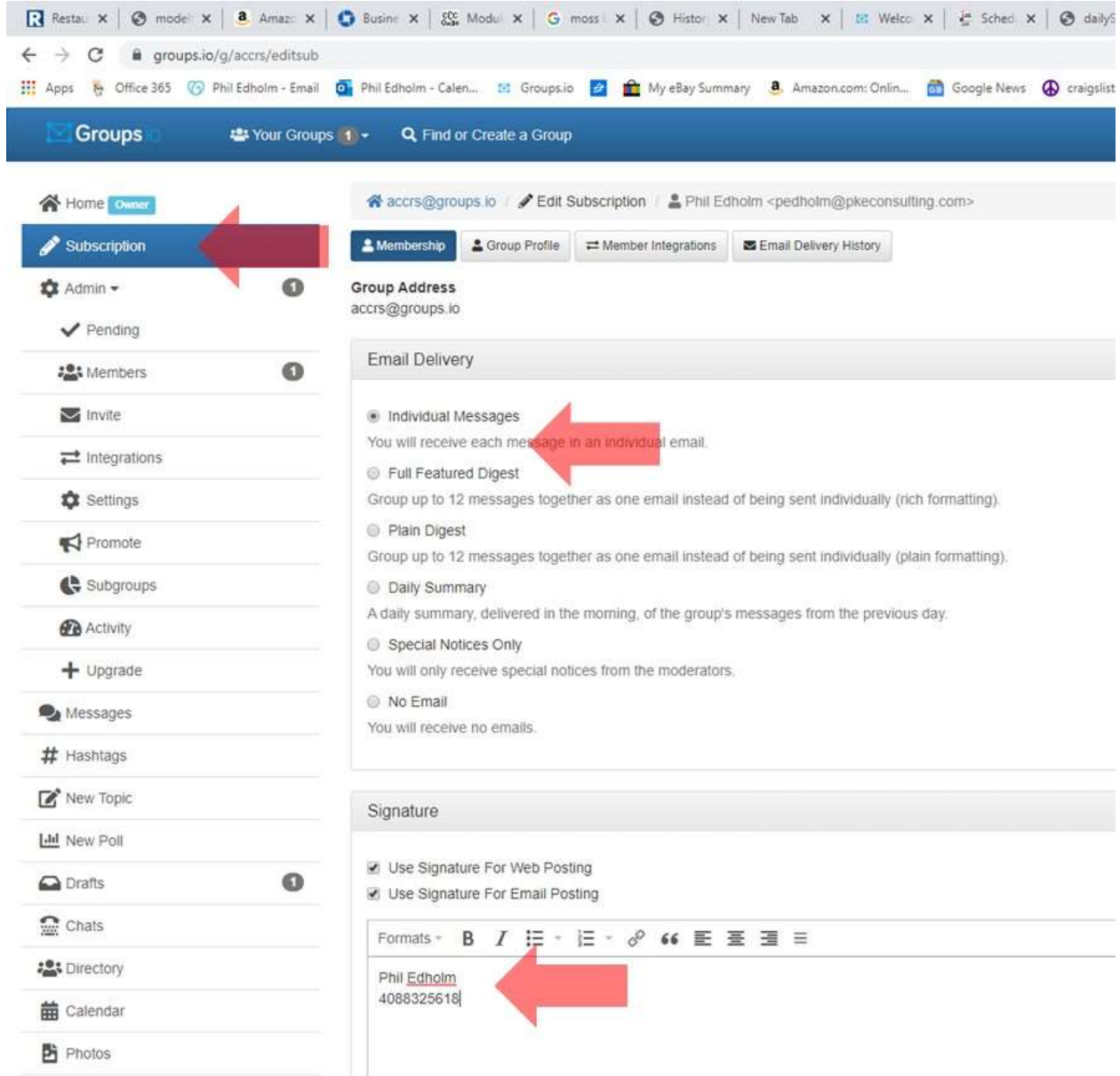


This is the topic page and shows all the topics currently in the group. Even though you can see the group you cannot post until I approve you. This is to keep the group exclusive to ACCRS members as this is an internal discussion area. However, there is a topic to use to introduce yourself to the group. It is the second Topic above, NEW MEMBER INTRODUCTION TOPIC, highlighted with the red pointer. Click on

this and write a brief intro post to the group “Hi, this is Bob Smith”. This creates a topic post that I can moderate and approve you for full access to the group site. Note, if you do not use the email address listed in the ACCRS member list, I can only approve you for the group if I know who you are. When you post to the new member topic, please let me know your full name if you are using an alternative email account or complete your identity profile before applying so I can see name/picture.

Step 3 – Set your parameters for the ACCRS group

Click on the SUBSCRIPTION tab on the left side of the page.

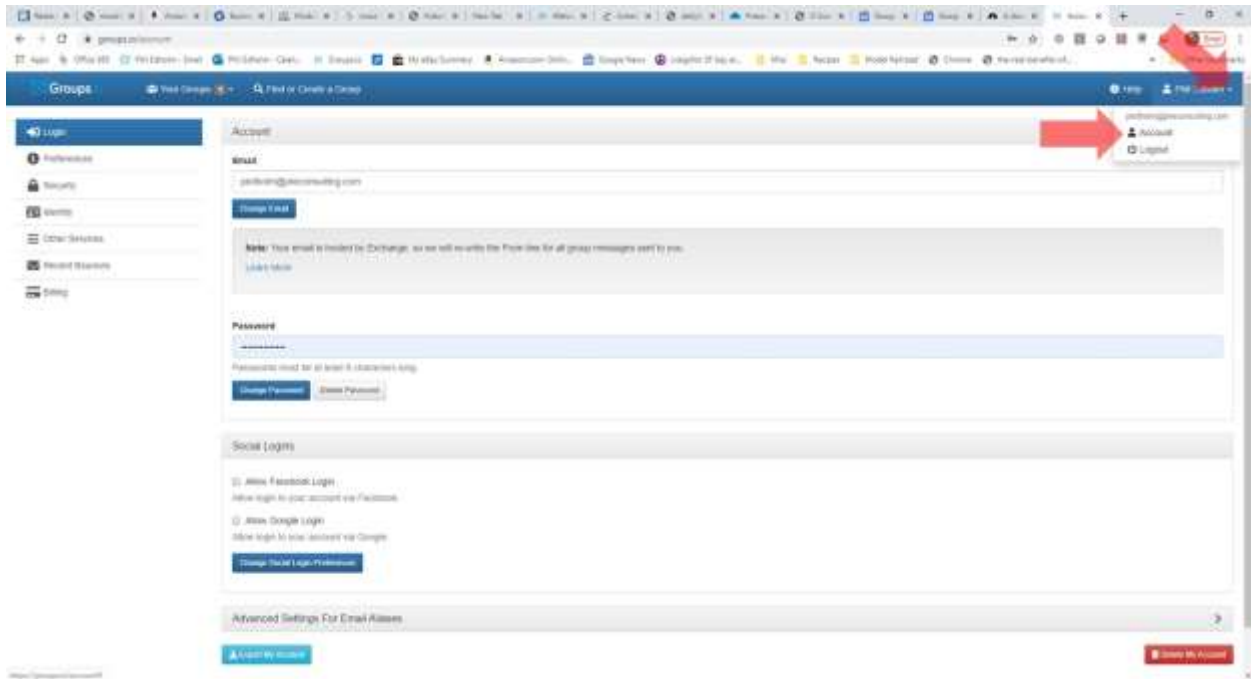


Set up you post signature and how you receive emails. The first will work just like the current email reflector. You will receive an email every time someone posts to the group. This works well for smaller/less active group like ACCRS todays. For some larger groups, the second option groups post

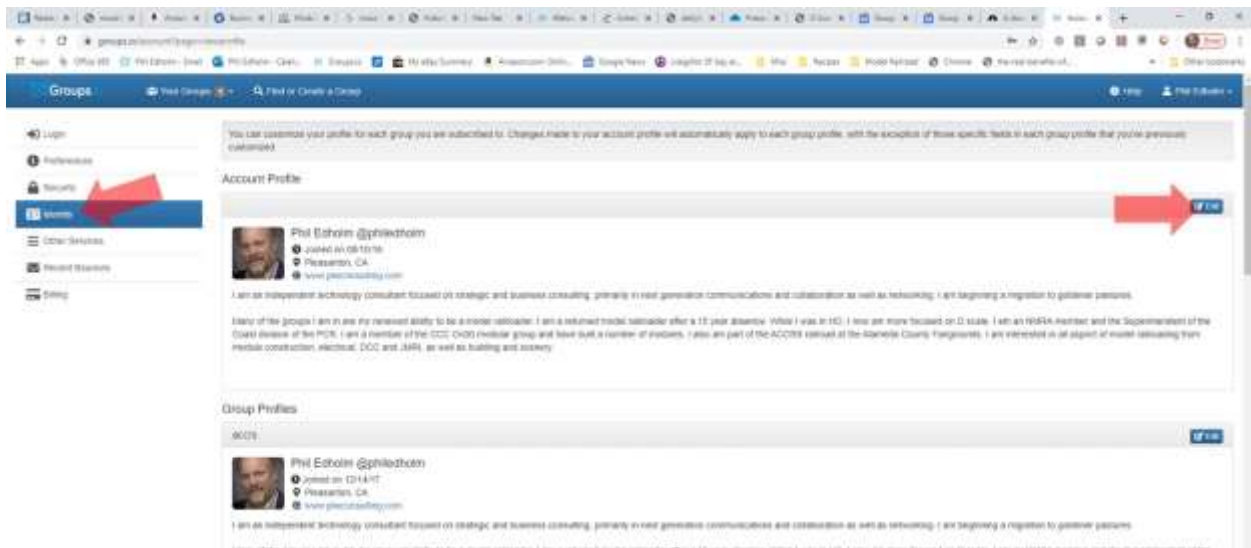
together into a single email (plain or rich email format options), while the Daily Summary will send one email a day with all posts from the previous day. As you can see for ACCRS I use the individual message per post. Note that you can have different setting for different groups

Step 4 – Complete your Personal Profile

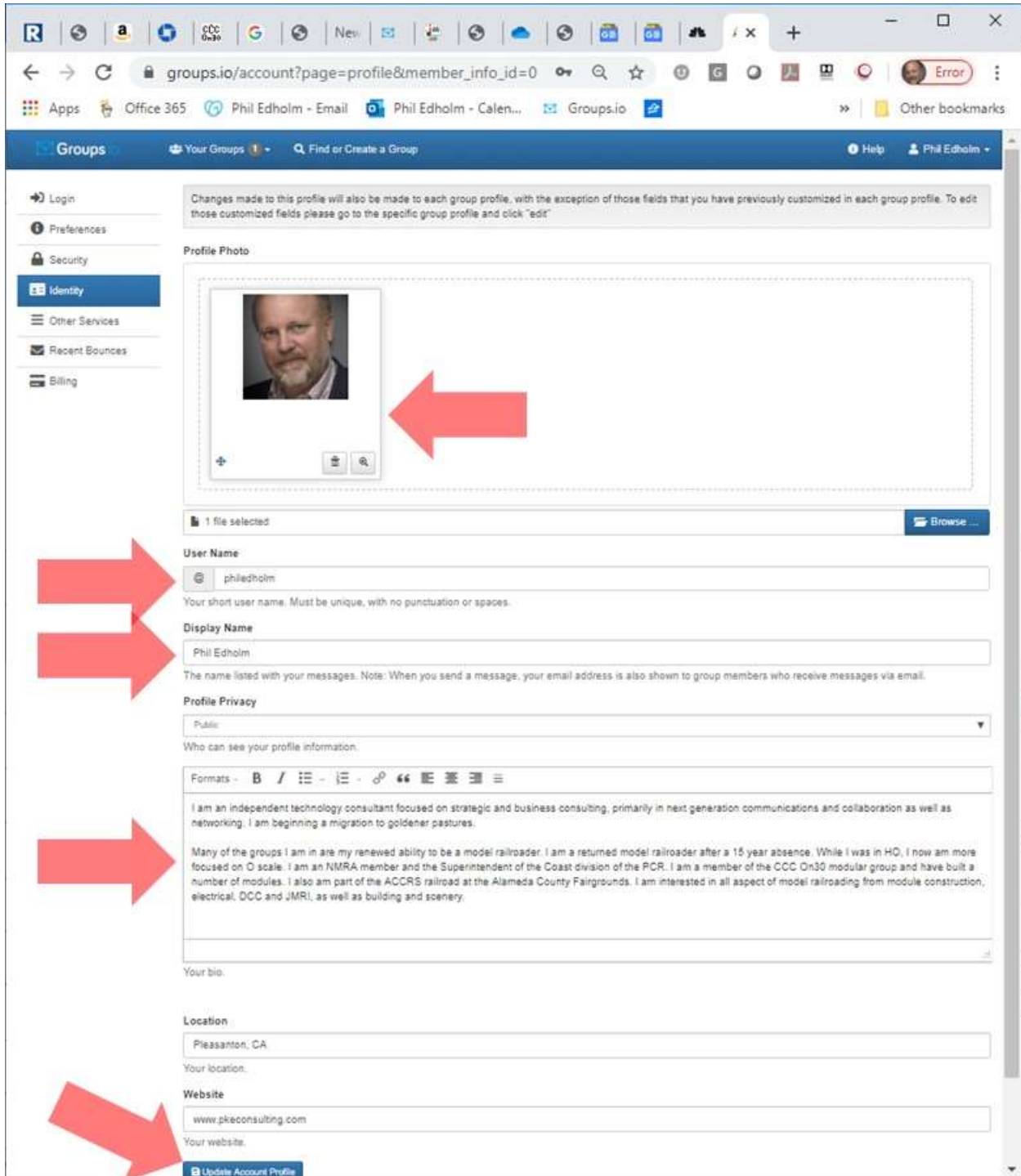
To complete the information for your profile, click on the little triangle next to your name in the upper right on the page to get the drop-down list shown. Click on ACCOUNT to manage your account.



You can manage your login and can set preferences for page display and items using those tabs. However, setting up your profile will enable everyone to see you in your posts. Click on the Identity tab on the left and go to this page to manage identities:



Click to edit your general profile (this will automatically populate the ACCRS profile as well, though you can have different profiles for different groups). This is the edit page:

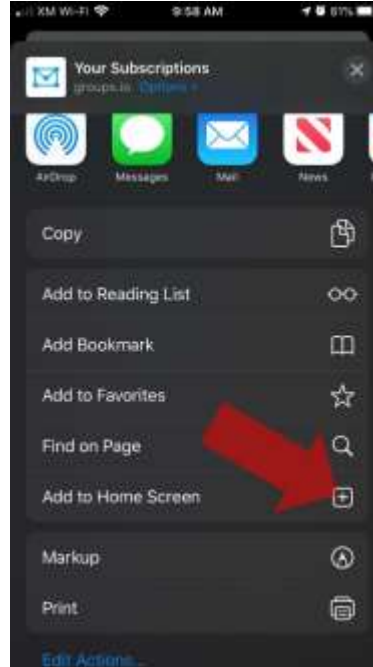


Please edit your User and Display Name (what shows for your posts) at a minimum. A picture and a short intro would be good, especially if you are going to join other groups. Click UPDAT ACCOUNT PROFILE to save your results.

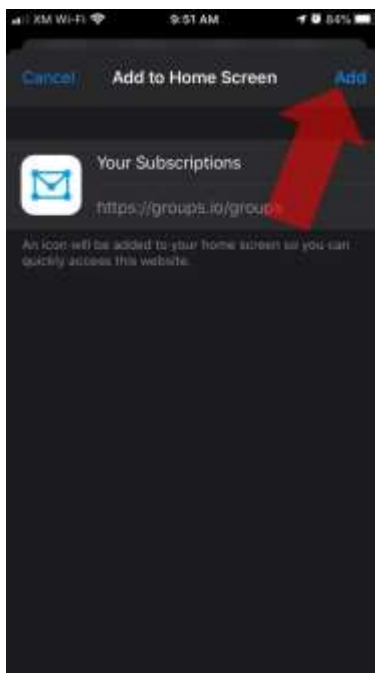
Smart Phone Access – Creating an icon for ACCRS on your phone

I did this for the iPhone, but the same capability is on Android.

Go to the groups.io page using Safari on the iPhone. This what my page looks like:



Click on the send button on the bottom center. This will give you the page to the left. Click on ADD TO HOME SCREEN and confirm. This will give you an icon to click and open the “app” as shown to the right by the arrow

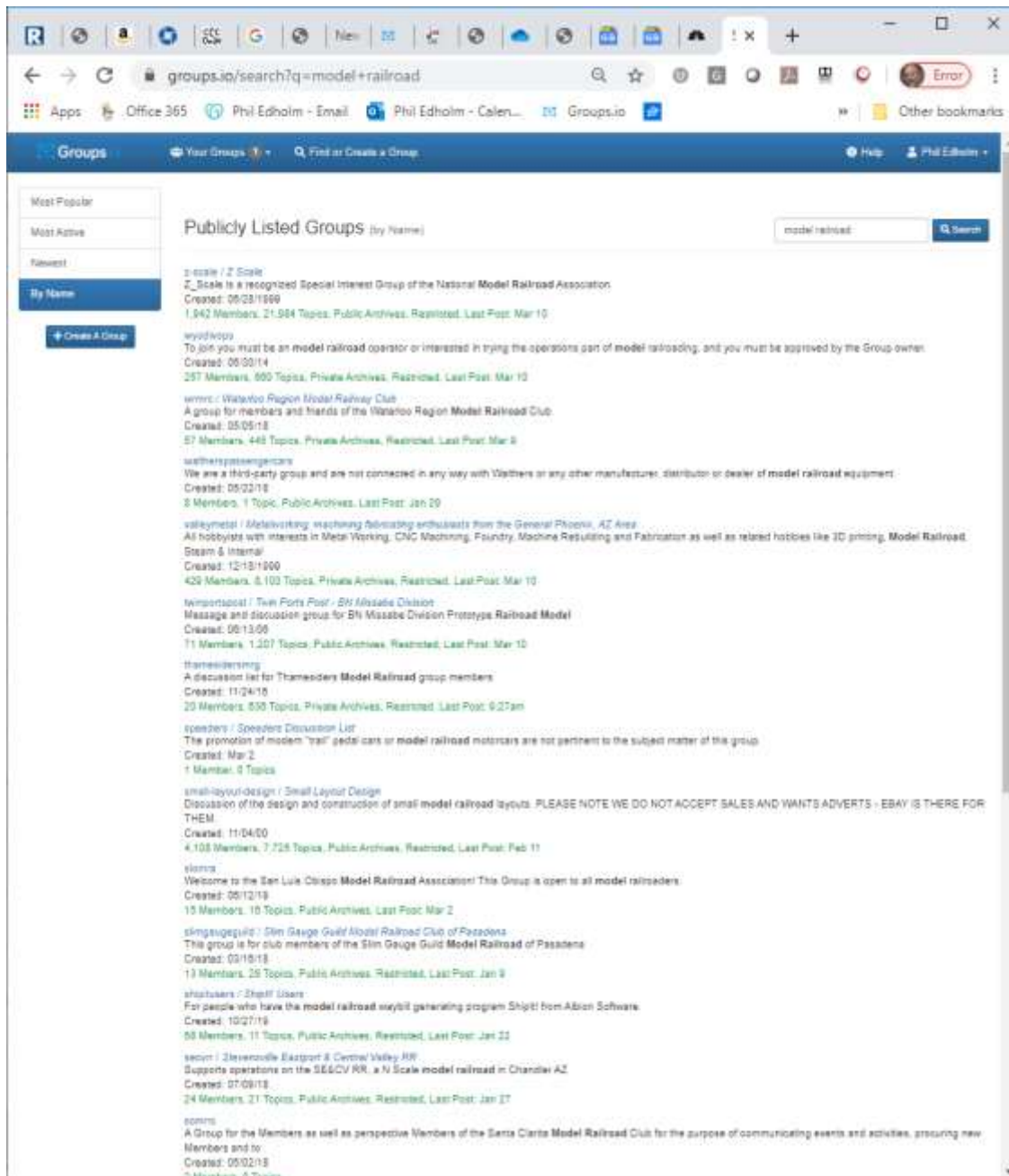


Other Interesting Railroad Groups

There are a number of interesting railroad groups on groups.io. Here are a few:

- PCR-NMRA – the PCR region group
- Ry-ops-industrialSIG – the unofficial but recognized group for operations and realistic layout design
- small-layout-design – A group for design around smaller layouts

A search for groups with model railroad returns 180 groups that have model railroad in their descriptions. Here is the beginning of that list:



The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL `groups.io/search?q=model+railroad`. The page title is "Publicly Listed Groups (by Name)" and the search term "model railroad" is entered in the search bar. The results are sorted by "By Name". The following table summarizes the visible group entries:

Group Name	Description	Created	Members	Topics
Z_Scale	is a recognized Special Interest Group of the National Model Railroad Association	05/23/1999	1,942	21,984
zyddvpp	To join you must be an model railroad operator or interested in trying the operations part of model railroading, and you must be approved by the Group owner	09/30/14	257	500
wmrc	Waterloo Region Model Railway Club A group for members and friends of the Waterloo Region Model Railroad Club	05/05/18	57	448
wetherspassengers	We are a third-party group and are not connected in any way with Wethers or any other manufacturer, distributor or dealer of model railroad equipment	05/02/18	8	1
valleymetal	Metalworking, machining, hobbying enthusiasts from the Greater Phoenix, AZ Area All hobbyists with interests in Metal Working, CNC Machining, Foundry, Machine Repairing and Fabrication as well as related hobbies like 3D printing, Model Railroad	12/18/1900	429	8,103
winportsocal	Two Ports Port - SW Mississ Division Message and discussion group for SW Mississ Division Prototype Railroad Model	08/13/06	11	1,207
thamesrail	A discussion list for Thamesden Model Railroad group members	11/24/10	20	550
speeders	Speeders Discussion List The promotion of modern "real" model cars or model railroad motorcars are not pertinent to the subject matter of this group	Mar 2	1	0
small-layout-design	Small Layout Design Discussion of the design and construction of small model railroad layouts. PLEASE NOTE WE DO NOT ACCEPT SALES AND WANTS ADVERTS - EBAY IS THERE FOR THEM	11/04/00	4,108	7,725
slmra	Welcome to the San Luis Obispo Model Railroad Association! This Group is open to all model railroaders	05/12/19	13	10
slmgsguide	Slim Gauge Guild Alameda Railroad Club of Pasadena This group is for club members of the Slim Gauge Guild Model Railroad of Pasadena	03/18/18	13	25
shiptalkers	Shiptalkers - Shiptalk Users For people who have the model railroad waybill generating program Shiptalk from Abion Software	10/27/19	55	11
seccm	Stevensonville Eastport & Central Valley RR Supports operations on the SE&CV RR, a N Scale model railroad in Chandler AZ	07/09/18	24	21
scmra	A Group for the Members as well as perspective Members of the Santa Clara Model Railroad Club for the purpose of communicating events and activities, securing new Members and so	05/02/19	2	0