

Inventors COUNCIL

OF MID-MICHIGAN

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The Inventors Council is an independent, non-profit 501-c-3 corporation formed to help inventors pursue their dreams of bringing new and innovative products to market. Our goal is to help fellow inventors succeed in the most efficient and least costly manner by providing education and business networking.

Founded by Robert (Bob) Ross in 1995

We meet on the second Thursday of every month at:
Venues in the Flint area

As a non-profit, Our Meetings are Open to the Public
We appreciate a donation of \$5.00 at the Door

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Next Meeting: **Thursday, Sept 12, 2019 - 7:00 pm**

Venue: **MCC FAB Lab**

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September Itinerary

- Field trip to Mott Community College Fab Lab. You can get easy access off Robert T. Longway Blvd; south off the Blvd at the light at Minnesota Avenue. Follow the curve around to the Regional Technology Center. Thomas Herold will tell us about the changes at the Lab and their direction to help inventors and small businesses. Then he will conduct a tour of the facility.
- Anyone who did not receive the hand-outs at the Expo - I will have the remaining copies
- Feedback and sharing information on the Expo
- Reimbursement for members who attended the Expo
- Quick update on e-team meeting
- Networking as time permits

Upcoming Events:

- Small Business Workshop at Factory Two, includes lunch – Sept 12th 11am-1pm
- Other Factory Two Sept events - www.info@factorytwo.org
- MiQuest September Calendar of Events: www.MiQuest.org
- SBDC Business Workshops: www.sbdcmichigan.org
- Veterans – “Meet the Lenders” – Mott Community College – Sept 5th. Sponsored by VetBizCentral - http://vetbizcentral.org/form_lenders-flint.php
- “Inventors Meet & Greet”. Sept 14th at Detroit Public Library. 10:30-12:30
RSVP at <https://www.eventbrite.com/d/mi--detroit/genius-has-no-color/>
- SCORE of Southeast Michigan - Helping small businesses get off the ground. Look for times and dates for their events www.scorevolunteer.org

August Minutes:

- “Meet & Greet” at the Detroit Public Library. Mary Kordyban
- Sign in at our 7th Annual Expo for reimbursement
- What to see at our Michigan Inventors Coalition Expo – August 29th
- Advanced Manufacturing Expo – in Novi and Grand Rapids
- Update & Discussion on proposed venues for meetings
- Webinar Series for IGA members - Target Funding with Kedma Ough
- Networking with everyone in attendance

Inventor Resources

Michigan Inventor Clubs

- Grand Rapids Inventors Network
www.grinventors.com
- Inventors Council of Mid-Michigan
www.inventorscouncil.org
- Jackson Inventors Network
www.jacksoninventors.org
- MidMichigan Innovation Center
www.mmic.us
- Muskegon Inventors Network
www.muskegoninventorsnetwork.org
- Inventors Association of Metro Detroit
www.inventoriamd.org
- Lansing Inventors Network
www.facebook.com/LansingInventorsNetwork

Affiliations

- Inventor Groups of America
www.inventleader.org
- United Inventors Association of America
www.uiausa.org
- Michigan Inventors Coalition
www.michiganinventorscoalition.com

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Invention Review Panel

For an objective evaluation and priceless feedback, present your invention ideas to an educated group of inventors, business owners, engineers, and authors. Our Panel will sign a non-disclosure agreement to guarantee your ideas are kept secret while we provide input you need to make decisions during the stages of getting your product to market.

We ask for a \$25.00 donation for non-members. The Panel meets at 6:00 pm prior to each meeting. You must e-mail our Panel Chairman Marty Sovis to request a Pre-evaluation form and return it at least one week prior to a meeting to schedule a time.

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President's Note:

The MIC EXPO was a tremendous success. We could not have had a better array of speakers to cover every aspect of the invention process. I especially want to thank Joe Finkler, President of the Michigan Inventors Coalition, for his successful effort at getting people in from across the country. They came from Ohio, Florida, Nevada, Portland Oregon, and our own Detroit. Michigan has one of largest number of individual inventors in the nation and bringing these top name speakers in certainly put us in the national lime-light. We already have businesses and a university requesting sponsorship and hosting for next year. If you were unable to make it this year, you better save the date and clear your calendar for next year (we'll let you know the date early enough).

Our expo proved again what I always tell members: Attend these type of events and network with the professionals and those developing their own ideas. There is so much you can learn and so many connections you can make so that your develop your product the right way.

One request I have to members who attended: Please share a couple of the best things you encountered at the expo in case others missed them. This way we all can benefit from all that was available at the show.

Remember, have fun with your invention!