



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

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We meet on the second Thursday of every month at:
Walli's Restaurant, 1341 S. Center Rd Burton, Michigan
Two blocks south of I-69 at Exit 139

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Next Meeting Thursday, June 8, 2017 - 7:00 pm

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Inventor Resources

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www.grinventorsnetwork.org

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

Upcoming Events:

- MiQuest May Calendar of Events: www.MiQuest.org
- SBDC workshops available:
<https://clients.sbdcmichigan.org/events.aspx>
- National source for Inventor Education www.uiausa.org
- Michigan Inventors Network Expo – scheduled for Sept 15th & 16th

June Agenda:

- E-team update: Results of Jumpstart
- Board meeting report
- Financial Report
- Update on Michigan Inventors Coalition Expo – Sept 15, 16
- Initial introduction to Factory Two in Flint
- Discussion on Pitch Presentation and awards
- Guest Speaker – David Ollila, President, Chief Innovation Officer at Skypoint Ventures

Minutes of May Meeting:

- Discussion on Jumpstart 2017, Keynote Speaker, Break-outs
- Update on Michigan Inventors Coalition Expo – Sept 15, 16
- Report on CMURC
- Shark Tank discussion
- Sharing information on Genesee Career Institute

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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 Rick Mason to request a Pre-evaluation form and schedule a time. xyzmason@aol.com

President's Note

For the next three months we will have speakers at our meetings right here from the Flint area who represent arenas that help inventors develop their product and present it to the market place. This month, especially, we will here what a Flint based organization can do to eliminate that burden of building a business around your idea so you can sell it. I'm sure you will find what they are offering will not only be exciting but comforting to know they can guide you through the process of developing and marketing your idea. Often novice inventors will hesitate to get help developing an idea because they fear someone will steal it and reap the profits of their intellectual property. But, let's face it, the majority of us are inventors. We are not sales people, manufacturers, marketer, packagers, etc. Since you need expertise in all these arenas to get that product on the shelf, we need to admit that, though we are good at one thing, we are not good at everything. The old adage of "Jack of all trades; Master of Nothing" applies very directly for us. So the next 3 months will introduce us to areas where we can get help to move our idea from a thought in our mind to a packaged product. Even if we can develop our idea ourselves, we may need the tools and equipment to make a mock-up, proto-type, working model, and then a product that could be put on the shelf. Anywhere along the way, when we realize we need help, there are places to go. For over a century, Flint has been a leader in engineering, design, and skilled trades in the automotive industry. That knowledge base, coupled with the marketing skills developed in our local universities, gives inventors a most unique environment. So don't search out the invention submission scam companies who will take your money and give you a "boilerplate" book of worthlessness; let our hometown experience take you to success.

Remember to have fun with your invention!