

# Inventors COUNCIL

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## OF MID-MICHIGAN

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[www.inventorscouncil.org](http://www.inventorscouncil.org)

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:  
Capitol Coney Island, 4021 Van Slyke Road, Flint, MI 48507

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, May 9, 2019 - 7:00 pm

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### May Itinerary

- E-team meeting cancelled
- List of Venues investigated
- All About STEM at Detroit Public Library – Mary Kordyban
- Discussion on benefits of Flint New Tech at Factory Two
- Jacob Ward at Ferris Wheel – Q&A will be a good time to ease your mind
- Speakers at Michigan Inventors Coalition Expo – information on tables & entry
- Advanced Manufacturing Expo 2019 – Novi & Grand Rapids
- Video and Networking

### Upcoming Events:

- Flint New Tech at Factory Two – Monday 13<sup>th</sup> 5:30-7:30
- Patent Attorney Jacob Ward Speaking at the Ferris Wheel 16<sup>th</sup>, 12 – 1:30  
[www.go.umflint.edu/inip](http://www.go.umflint.edu/inip)
- Michigan Inventors Coalition Expo – August 29<sup>th</sup> Kellogg Center  
.... <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/7th-annual-michigan-inventors-expo-tickets-55925008205>
- Advanced Manufacturing Expo 2019 – August 20<sup>th</sup> in Novi.  
. August 22<sup>nd</sup> in Grand Rapids  
<http://www.advancedmanufacturingexpo.com/exhibit-at-ame>
- Start Garden Grand Rapids <https://www.100.startgarden.com>
- All about STEM – Detroit Public Library. Saturday 11<sup>th</sup>  
<https://www.uspto.gov/about-us/uspto-locations/detroit-mi/all-about-stem>
- MiQuest May Calendar of Events: [www.MiQuest.org](http://www.MiQuest.org)
- SBDC Business Workshops: [www.sbdcmichigan.org](http://www.sbdcmichigan.org)

### April Minutes:

- Correspondence
- e-team meeting
- “Inventor’s Notes” Book to review
- Venue considerations
- Update on our dossier of companies looking for inventions
- Introduction to the Inventor Groups of America
- Podcast
- Networking

### ***Inventor Resources***

#### Michigan Inventor Clubs

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

#### Affiliations

- Inventor Group of America  
[www.inventleader.org](http://www.inventleader.org)
- United Inventors Association of America  
[www.uiausa.org](http://www.uiausa.org)
- Michigan Inventors Coalition  
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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:**

**We talked last month about the companies that are interested in licensing or buying your idea and how we are fortunate to be affiliated with the Inventor Groups of America. Having said that I would like to announce that Stephen Key, originator of IGA will be at, and co-hosting our Michigan Inventors Expo this August in East Lansing. I keep reminding you of the great opportunity we have to network with the professionals, pick their brain, and make the connections needed to get our products on the market. Stephen is the man. I am particularly excited about the connections we get every year at our Expo because I, too, was scammed years ago. Had I known where to get good advice I wouldn't have wasted time and money on worthless information. I didn't lose the great amount that some people have, but, just the same, it gives me a good feeling to know who you can trust. I can't put into writing the groups that will scam you, but if you catch me off to the side and make sure Echo, Alexa, and your cell phone are turned off, I can share some information with you. There are also a couple of good websites that name these scam companies outright. But enough on the negative.**

**Whenever conversations lead to where an inventor should get advice and what they should do, the Inventor Groups of America, United Inventors Association, and other national groups suggest you find your local inventors group. Talk about cutting to the chase; if you need some guidance on what steps to take, the local groups have the connections. You need to sit in on a meeting or two with the local inventors and pick their brain so you start off on the right foot.**

**No matter where you are in your invention process, make plans to be in East Lansing on the 29<sup>th</sup> of August; time well spent!**

Remember, have fun with your invention!