

Inventors COUNCIL

OF MID-MICHIGAN

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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, July 11, 2019 - 7:00 pm

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July Itinerary

- Report on E-team meeting
- Questions on MIC Expo – August 29th
- Advanced Manufacturing Expo – August 20th in Novi Robotics Keynote Speaker Brad Waid
- Advanced Manufacturing Expo - August 22nd in Grand Rapids (keynote speaker Brad Waid)
- Update & Discussion on proposed venues for meetings
- Educational Webinar Series for IGA members - Target Funding with Kedma Ough
- Handout outline for last month's podcast on "Creating a Business selling your invention"
- Networking

Upcoming Events:

- Factory Two July events - www.info@factorytwo.org
- Michigan Inventors Coalition Expo – August 29th Kellogg Center
.... <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/7th-annual-michigan-inventors-expo-tickets-55925008205>
- Advanced Manufacturing Expo 2019 – August 20th in Novi.
. August 22nd in Grand Rapids
<http://www.advancedmanufacturingexpo.com/exhibit-at-ame>
- MiQuest July Calendar of Events: www.MiQuest.org
- SBDC Business Workshops: www.sbdcmichigan.org
- USPTO hosting free event on space innovation, technology from the Apollo mission at Headquarters Alexandria Virginia July 23, 2 – 4 pm. RSVP at bit.ly/USPTOapollo50

June Minutes:

- Report on E-team meeting
- Outline of Inventor Groups of America
- Questions on MIC Expo – August 29th
- Update & Discussion on proposed venues for meeting. August meeting will be held at MIC Expo in East Lansing
- Using a Manufacturing Representative
- Podcast on "Creating a Business selling your Invention"
- Networking

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 Group 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:

Obviously this month's newsletter will feature a strong pitch for our MIC Expo in East Lansing on August 29th. There is no better function in the State of Michigan to meet the pushers and shakers for getting a product to market. Our event this year has several co-sponsors including Grand Valley State University and Loomis Patent Attorneys at Law.

Also co-hosting is the Inventors Groups of America and you will meet co-founder Stephen Key. He is our Keynote speaker as lunch is being served. I have talked about Stephen many times and his desire to help inventors from across America to get their products before the proper customers, and his connections to make that happen.

Also co-hosting and Speaking on Trademarks and More will be registered patent attorney Jacob Ward from Ward Law Office. I know and recommended Jacob to many inventors since he specializes in the individual inventor.

Make sure you are in attendance to hear Ken Johnson, inventor of the "Phase 10" card game. Phase 10 is the second most sold card game in the world only topped by the card game "UNO". I'm interested to hear if Phase 10 has moved into first place. Ken has invented and sold many games and I'm sure he will tell us about some of them.

Joe Finkler, president of the Michigan Inventors Coalition will speak about the successes and updates of our organization.

Joe and Meghan Johnson will tell us about their business VADE Nutrition

Finally, Kedma Ough will speak about her new book "Target Funding" and give unique insight into getting the funding for your invention. Her book will be released just before our Expo and copies will be available. There is talk of a possible drawing for a few copies for attendees.

I always get excited about our Expo since it is such a great place to meet the people who have succeeded in their product development the right way. With all the scam companies out there who promise the millions and only take your money, this is such a breath of fresh air for the novice or developing inventor.

Remember, have fun with your invention!