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You know how things generally go quiet over the holidays and then January wakes us up again. Here we go. It's 2020.

On Joby + Uber = Flying Taxi Service:

Uber said it would "join forces with Joby Aviation, a California-based aerospace company that has been working on electric aviation for over a decade. Joby is the first company to commit to Uber's aggressive timetable to launch its flying taxi service by 2023."

On Fullpower + OPOS = Opioid Compliance Solution:

"Leveraging AI-innovation and Fullpower's Sleep technology leadership, OPOS and Fullpower are delivering life-changing experiences that help manage one of the most challenging epidemics of the 2020 decade," says Fullpower CEO, Philippe Kahn.

There's more, so scroll down and see what's up.

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Uber's ambitious plan to launch an air taxi service in 2023 just got a big boost from Joby Aviation. [Read this article](#) .

Fullpower and OPOS announce a partnership to create "the first 24/7 opioid compliance solution." [Read this article](#) .

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amazing things students, faculty, and researchers at Baskin School of Engineering achieved in 2019.

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Design Santa Cruz has a vision for 2020, and Ted Holladay invites local designers to participate. [Read this article](#) .

Chuck Peddle, the engineer and entrepreneur who helped launch the age of the PC after designing a microprocessor that sold for a mere \$25, died at his home in Santa Cruz. He was 82. [Read this article](#) .

Snap Ring is now in production, and the company has launched its first retail location in a boutique tech store in London. [Read this article](#) .

Blix is shifting to a consumer direct business model, taking a unique approach by creating showrooms with local bike shops. [Read this article](#) .

From monogamy to promiscuity, a new model explains the evolution of



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- Tue Jan 14, 6pm: [Startup Monterey Bay Tech Meetup](#), 656 Broadway, Seaside.
- Wed Jan 15, 6:30pm: [Santa Cruz Bitcoin and Cryptocurrency Meetup](#) at NextSpace.
- Thu Jan 16, 5-8pm: [Drone, Automation and Robotics Technology \(DART\) Meetup](#) at UCMBEST, 3180 Imjin Rd,



Marina.

- Fri Jan 17 – Sun Jan 19: [CruzHacks 2020](#) at Stevenson Event Center, UCSC.
- Tue Jan 21, 3-6pm: [Ace Social Media Marketing in 2020 — Top Trends and How to Leverage Them](#) at Police Community Room, 155 Center Street, Santa Cruz.
- Tue Jan 21, 5:55pm: [Santa Cruz WordPress Meetup](#) at Cruzio.
- Fri Jan 24, 4pm – Sun Jan 26, 9pm: [Startup Weekend Monterey Bay](#) at CSUMB University Center, Seaside.



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