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!!Con West (pronounced "bang bang con"), a conference held over the leap year weekend, featured lightning talks on the "joy excitement and surprise of computing." The conference, co-founded by engineering professor Lindsey Kuper, had a successful sold-out second year. Find out what you missed.

Joby Aviation continues to make an impact on Marina. The air taxi service startup is in review for a new 580,000 square-foot aviation manufacturing building at the Marina airport.

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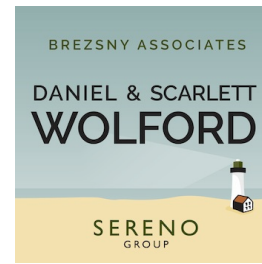
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Events

Note: Dates, times, and locations are all subject to change. Be sure to check the event's website, just in case!

- Tue Mar 10, 6pm: [Startup Monterey Bay Tech Meetup](#), Springhill Suites, 215 10th St, Marina.
- Wed Mar 11, 5 pm: [Diverse Voices 2020](#) with speaker Tara Hernandez “Data-Driven Diversity: High-Tech Industry’s Best Return on Investment” at Baskin Events Center E2 180, UCSC.
- Thu Mar 12, 6-7:30pm: [An Evening with Electric Vehicle Advocates: What’s on the Horizon for EV’s](#), 877 Cedar St #240, Santa Cruz.
- Thu Mar 12, 6-8pm: [freeCodeCamp Santa Cruz : Study Group](#), Idea Fab Labs Santa Cruz, 2801 Mission St #204, Santa Cruz.
- Tue Mar 17 – Wed Mar 18: [7th Annual Salinas Valley Agricultural Technology Summit](#), Hartnell College, 411 Central Ave, Salinas.
- Tue Mar 17, 5:55pm: [Santa Cruz WordPress Meetup](#) at Cruzio.
- Wed Mar 18, 6:30pm: [Santa Cruz Bitcoin and Cryptocurrency](#)



[Meetup](#) at NextSpace.

- Thu Mar 19, 5-8pm: [Drone, Automation and Robotics Technology \(DART\) Meetup](#) at UCMBEST, 3180 Imjin Rd, Marina.
- Thu Mar 19, 6-8pm, [TRIDESIGN.1, Design Santa Cruz](#) at ProductOps, 110 Cooper Street, Suite 201, Santa Cruz.

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