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Monterey Bay is a hub for drone development and activity. This week's *Five in Five* interview is actually *Five in Fifteen*, but worth it! Listen to an informative interview with Josh Metz, Executive Officer at Fort Ord Reuse Authority (FORA) and Co-founder of Monterey Bay Drone, Automation & Robotics Technology (DART). Josh shares history about both organizations, and brings us up to speed on current activities, including plans for DroneCamp 2020, June 22-25, and the 2nd Annual Monterey Bay DART Symposium, October 19-23. Both events will be held online this year.

We have plenty more news to share this week. Scroll down and start reading (or watching).

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Award-winning “disease tracker” Joe DeRisi converts unused lab space into one of America’s most prolific COVID-19 testing centers in eight days. [Read the article.](#)

From virtual programming to mentorship, Digital NEST has found new ways to help the community in the midst of the pandemic. [Read the article.](#)

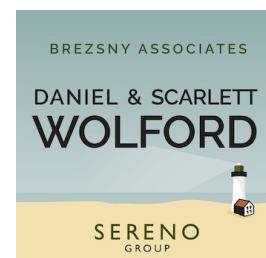
A HUGE congratulation to Digital NEST for being named one of the Bay Area’s “Best Places to Work.” [Read the article.](#)

Engineer Ron Goodman shares how he transformed his experience with RSI pain into a successful, ergonomics software product. Acquired in February, the company is offering six months free use. [Read the article.](#)

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WGCIT launches weekly webinar series to share how technological development continues to advance during the COVID-19 pandemic and beyond. [Read the article.](#)

In the new normal, Looker provides tips on how to keep distributed workforces engaged with data. [Read the article.](#)

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