

You face on your espresso? Highlights from tech show

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In this Wednesday, June 24, 2015, photo, the Ionic Proclean toothbrush is demonstrated during the CE Week show, in New York. The device generates negative ions by completing a circuit formed with the toothbrush, some water and a person's palm or finger. According to the company, the ions polarize plaque fluid to loosen and remove plaque. (AP Photo/Richard Drew)

Imagine staring deep into the foam of your favorite espresso drink and seeing a face looking back at you. Or how about using the charge in your

fingers to clean your teeth?

At the CE Week gadget show in New York this week, there were several standouts amid the sea of smartphone chargers and 3-D printers. Some are set to hit stores near you in the not-too-distant future.

Here's a look at some of the more fun and fabulous items on display:

LUFTHANSA LATTES

Ripples combines 3-D and ink-jet printer technologies to paint a picture on top of any foam-covered drink using coffee extract. Baristas can choose a pre-loaded design or upload their own over Wi-Fi, such as a picture of the person receiving the drink, corporate logos or even jokes.

The Israeli company behind it, Stream CC, says it has a deal to introduce the machines in Lufthansa's first and business-class lounges this year.

The \$999 machine will be available to commercial establishments that serve coffee. Service plans start at \$75 per month.

BEER FIZZICS

For the beer aficionado who wants to experience the frothy head of a properly poured draft beer at home, there is Fizzics.

The personal beer dispenser takes beer from any store-bought can, bottle or growler and applies some magic to give it the bubbles and taste of something straight from the tap.



In this Wednesday, June 24, 2015, photo, an Ozobot is demonstrated during the CE Week show, in New York. By drawing lines in shapes in various colors, kids as young as seven can tell a pingpong ball-sized robot to do things like go forward, backward, or spin around. In a new updated version geared at older children, kids program their Ozobot on a computer. (AP Photo/Richard Drew)

All styles of beer from pilsners to stouts work with the machine.

The invention was funded by an Indiegogo campaign that raised about \$148,000, nearly triple its goal. Commercial sales are expected to start in September, with the machines retailing for nearly \$200.

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A T-REX THAT PLAYS FETCH

If you think a puppy is too much responsibility for your child, how about a mini robot Tyrannosaurus Rex?



In this Wednesday, June 24, 2015, photo, a Fizzics personal beer dispenser is demonstrated during the CE Week show, in New York. The device, funded by an Indiegogo campaign, takes beer from any store-bought can, bottle or growler and enhances it with a patent-pending fluid and gas technology to give it the bubbles and taste of something straight from the tap. (AP Photo/Richard Drew)

Using location technology, the MiPosaur can chase after a matching ball, go for a walk with its owner and even dance and make happy sounds. The exceptionally cute robots will go on sale in August at major retailers such as Target, Wal-Mart and Toys R Us. The combination of a MiPosaur and a ball will cost about \$120.

WowWee, the MiPosaur's parent company, also showed off its REV

battle cars. For \$100 you can get a pair of race cars controlled by a smartphone or tablet app. Players use the cars to chase and shoot at each other. Lights and sounds signal a hit. Those who can't find a partner can choose a computerized bad guy to play against.

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CODING FOR KIDS

Given the job possibilities down the road, it's never too early to start teaching your kids how to code.



In this Wednesday, June 24, 2015, photo, the MiPosaur, from Wowwee, go through their paces during the CE Week show, in New York. Through the use of a form of GPS technology, the mini robots can chase after a matching ball, go for a walk with its owner and even dance and make happy sounds. (AP Photo/Richard Drew)

Ozobot aims to do just that. By drawing lines in various colors, kids as young as 7 can tell the pingpong-ball-sized robot to do things like go forward, backward or spin around.

While the original Ozobot has been around for a while, an updated version is geared at older children. Rather than draw colored lines, kids program their Ozobot on a computer.

The new Ozobots sell for \$60 on Amazon. Older models, which sell for about \$50, can be upgraded to add the coding software for \$10.

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BATTERY BOOSTER



In this June 24, 2015, photo, Israel-based Steam CC demonstrates its \$999 Ripples machines during the CE Week show, in New York. The machines

combine 3D and ink-jet printer technologies to paint a picture on top of any foam-covered drink using coffee extract. Ripples has inked a deal with Lufthansa to introduce the machines in the airline's first and business-class lounges later this year. (AP Photo/Richard Drew)

There's a lot of power in your little finger.

The Ionic ProClean toothbrush generates millions of ions negative by creating a circuit involving the moistened toothbrush and a person's palm or finger. According to the company, the completion of the circuit gets the ions flowing. The ions then polarize plaque fluid, causing a person's tooth enamel to repel it. This loosens and removes the plaque.

A small light on the brush indicates when this is happening. The brushes sell for about \$10.

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