**DISPATCHES**

**Coolest Cooler** $450
A 55-quart, battery-powered behemoth with a wireless speaker, a USB charger, internal lighting, a bottle opener, a cutting board, and—no joke—a full-size blender? Damn right. Because Lord knows you’re not going back inside for any of those things.

- **a. Celluon PicoBit projector** $429
  Screen movies on any surface. The five-inch HD PicoBit syncs with your phone and has enough battery power to accommodate indulgent CGI fests.

- **b. BioLite SiteLight Mini string lights** $20
  You want enough illumination to see without achieving a floodlight effect. For the perfect balance, daisy-chain several ten-foot SiteLights together and control the intensity from your phone.

- **c. Bose SoundLink Revolve speaker** $200
  Bose’s latest Bluetooth box radiates your tunes 360 degrees. It’s also a good listener: a built-in mic lets you talk to Siri and other voice-activated software on your phone.

- **d. GrowlerWerks UKeg 128** $257
  This bit of steampunk ingenuity is a handheld version of the commercial keg at your favorite bar. Vacuum sealed and pressurized, the 128-ounce copper UKeg keeps your IPA carbonated and fresh for weeks.

- **e. Primus Kamoto OpenFire Pit** $164
  This 21-inch-tall steel grate folds flat and lets you set up a campfire anywhere. Wind guards and air vents make getting the fire roaring quick and easy.

**Lynx SmartGrill barbecue** $10,359
The Tesla of barbecues. With enough real estate to satiate a block party and an honest-to-God rotisserie, this propane-fueled wonder can be run from your smartphone or via voice commands.

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**Rise of the Machines**

**Tech**

**with Advanced Gadgets and Connectivity. The Backyard Barbecue Has Entered the 21st Century**

by David Ferry

**Used to Be** grilling was a dark art. The coals had to be just so, the sauce made from a recipe handed down through the generations. It made for good eats, but it was time-consuming and, frankly, a little intimidating. Like most everything else, however, tech is making it easier. “Nowadays,” says Max Good, owner of Black Swan, which produces a line of premium sauces, “you can throw some meat on the grill and check the temp with your phone.” Indeed, a host of new devices—not to mention Bluetooth everything—allow you to orchestrate an entire Fourth of July cookout from your deck chair: set the lighting, mix the tunes, light up a cozy firepit, even operate the ‘cue. Here’s a look at what’s outfitting this summer’s high-tech patio parties.