Huge HostEx show has gadgets galore

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Steady Eddie is determined to put an end to wobbly restaurant tables.

The no-slide rubber table stabilizer - the brainchild of a Beamsville couple - wedges unobtrusively under table legs to solve a long-standing dining annoyance.

"It's so simple, it works," says Dan Brough, who has been distributing Steady Eddies for six months through Danbro Restaurant Equipment Representatives, for \$2.50 each. "And it's a little bit more attractive than matchbooks, ashtrays, napkins or sugar packets."

Steady Eddie was one of 300 new products on display at the International Centre during the recent HostEx hospitality trade show, put on by the Canadian Restaurant and Foodservices Association.

All the latest food and beverage products, equipment technology, industry trends and services were showcased at more than 1,000 booths. There were wine and craft brewery sections, food demos, cooking classes and seminars.

[Illustration]

Caption: PHOTOS BY STEVE RUSSELL/TORONTO STAR STABLE TABLE: At the Steady Eddie booth at the HostEx trade show, Claudia Opdenkelder cheerfully demonstrates placing the device under a table leg.