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Subject: Let the smoke out, did you?!!

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It's pretty spectacular when an electrolytic capacitor blows. The electrolyte boils, building pressure in the can. When it's high enough, the can bursts, spraying electrolyte and bits of metal from the can everywhere. It kind of looks like confetti but the metal shrapnel can actually do some damage.