

Plasma is powerful

Lab explosion cancels travel plans of one speaker headed to conference.



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This week Aaron Murakami needed to quickly rearrange the schedule for this month's [Energy Science and Technology Conference \(ESTC\)](#) in Spokane, Washington, USA.



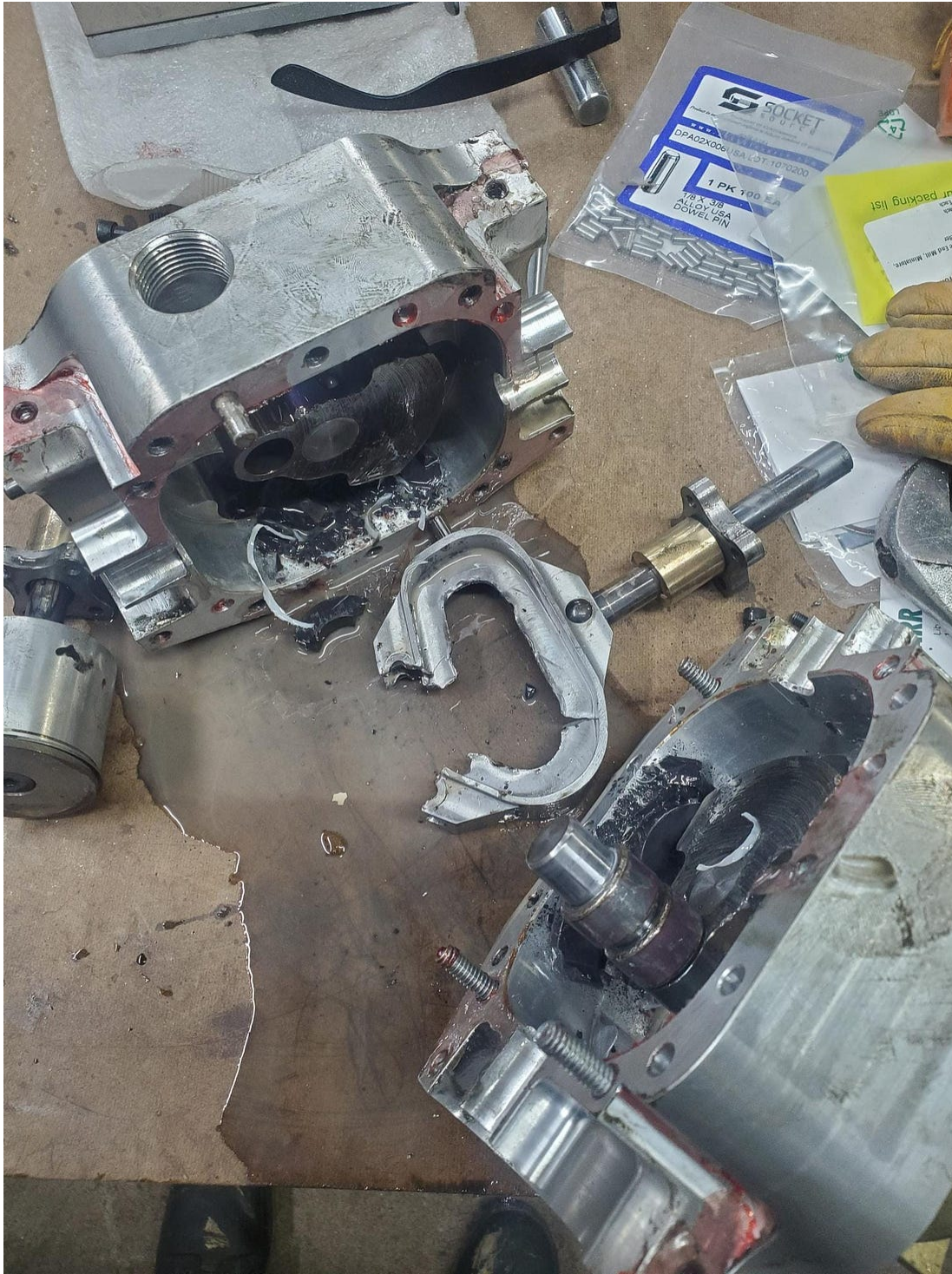
A. Murakami & his Plasma Impulse Motor, 2016 ESTC. Ken Rochon photo.

Yet the June 24-28, 2026, schedule is still packed with working demos and presentations.

The reason that one of the speakers, engineer/entrepreneur **Sky Huddleston**, won't be presenting his findings to the June 24-28 event is "very ESTC."

Aaron explains: "Sky installed my plasma ignition system on his last working Bourke engine, and it produced so much power that it destroyed the engine."

"With no running motor left to demonstrate, he's unable to make it."



Plasma reaction was too much for Sky Huddleston's Bourke engine.

The past week wasn't going well for **Eric P. Dollard** either. He had to make a couple of emergency room visits and will not be at the

conference in person. However, both of Dollard's presentations can be live-streamed from his EPD Laboratories desert location in Nevada, and he'll be able to answer the audience's questions live.

Dollard is known in breakthrough-energy networks around the world. He's a historian of electrical science as well as a respected experimenter. And known for having replicated Nikola Tesla's wireless method for sending electricity long—distance.

Two of the EPD lab volunteers, **Hakasays** and **Justin Miller**, will step into Huddleston's spot on the ESTC schedule.

The audience in Spokane, and those who sign up for the [livestream of ESTC](#), can expect how-to-build details about Dollard's ambitious project involving signals going through earth-based currents.

We can also expect a wealth of insights on a variety of energy-related topics from other ESTC 2026 presenters.

A third change for ESTC schedule.

Murakami reported today that, "**Carmen Miller** let us know at the last minute that she's unable to attend, so her sessions have come off the schedule and the rest of the day has been rearranged."

Personally learning

I've been writing and fussing about and rewriting a Substack post about Carmen's father who was an inventor, and about his life, her own journey, and her vintage motor which seems to be Nikola Tesla's first prototype of it.

But my prose just wasn't jelling. I kept setting it aside and taking notes on online events that would have also been appropriate topics this month.

When I read Aaron Murakami's newsletter today, I knew why I hadn't been able to satisfactorily complete a post about Carmen's presentation—it's because she won't be presenting it.

At the risk of sounding esoteric, here's my conclusion:

If you don't have the in-the-flow feeling about some task you're really trying to finish, maybe it wasn't meant to be.