The Sam & Jesse Radio Show

Week 10, Episode 5: My Granddaddy Flew Before Orville

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| 00:00 |  | My granddaddy flew before Orville. |
| 00:01 |  | [music] |
| 00:08 | Narrator | [over music] It’s time now for another day in the life of Sam and Jesse. Gum Springs, Arkansas. |
| 00:22 |  | [music fades out, then repeats] |
| 00:31 | Sam | Jesse, what’s the olie-o-zone? |
| 00:34 | Jesse | The what? |
| 00:35 | Sam | The olie-o-zone. A-a man down at the parts store told me. We-well, I wanted a can of carburetor deicer, and they didn’t have ‘em in the spray cans anymore because he said it hurt the olie-o-zone. |
| 00:47 | Jesse | Oh! I know what you’re talking about, b-but that ain’t what it’s called. It’s a- let’s see, now. It’s a- It’s a somethin’ or other zone but-but not olie-o.  |
| 00:56 | Sam | Well, what’s he talkin’ ‘bout there? Wha-what’s it got to do with spray cans? |
| 00:59 | Jesse | Well, it’s-it’s-it’s some kind of- some kind of layer way up th-that’s around the whole earth you see. |
| 01:04 | Sam | A layer of what? |
| 01:06 | Jesse | Well, I don’t know what. I-It’s just a layer. |
| 01:09 | Sam | Well, it ain’t never been up there before. Who put it up there? |
| 01:12 | Jesse | What?! Nobody put it up. It’s always been up there. |
| 01:15 | Sam | No, it ain’t. Wasn’t nothin’ up there when I was a kid. It’s in the space shots. They done it. Left a bunch of exhaust fumes up there. |
| 01:23 | Jesse | Now, Sam, it ain’t pollution. I-It’s natural like- |
| 01:26 | Sam | It’s the Russians. They gonna try to smother us. |
| 01:29 | Jesse | It’s natural. I tell ya’ there’s- [interrupted] |
| 01:30 | Sam | Ain’t nothin’ natural in the sky but air. I-I remember back when I could see airplanes. Now all I can see is the-the white smoke behind it. |
| 01:39 | Jesse | Well, Sam, they fly higher than they used to. |
| 01:42 | Sam | Well, sure they fly high. They got to get up there where they can breathe. |
| 01:45 | Jesse | Mmmm. I wish I could remember what they call that zone. |
| 01:48 |  | [music] |
| 01:58 |  | [music fades out, then repeats] |
| 02:06 | Sam | Leon, d-did you hear all that goofy stuff that Jesse was tellin’ me? |
| 02:10 | Leon | Well, n-nah, I didn’t. I- [interrupted] |
| 02:11 | Sam | That there was a layer or somethin’ around the Earth. He said- [interrupted] |
| 02:14 | Leon | Lay-layer of what? |
| 02:15 | Sam | And that planes fly higher than they used to. |
| 02:18 | Leon | They do? |
| 02:19 | Sam | I don’t know where Jesse comes up with all this stuff. |
| 02:21 | Leon | You know, my granddaddy flew before them Wright brothers. |
| 02:24 | Sam | It’s them college courses he took. Your grandfather did what? |
| 02:28 | Leon | My granddaddy was the first person to fly. |
| 02:30 | Sam | Ah, Leon! |
| 02:31 | Leon | He really was. H-he just a boy, a-and he got up there at the bluff--ya’ know up there just north the college. And he Scotch taped twenty-three crows to each arm a-and jumped off the bluff. |
| 02:41 | Sam | Well, did he fly? |
| 02:42 | Leon | Well, he done real good ‘til he got across the river there a-a-and them crows seen that corn patch. Uh- they almost killed him when they went down after that corn. |
| 02:50 | Sam | [stutters] Was he hurt bad? What happened? |
| 02:52 | Leon | Well, wasn’t hurt much until he hit that cultivator. Grandma said he limped for years. [music overlaps] Never did get his kneecaps back on just right. |
| 02:57 |  | [music] |