The Sam & Jesse Radio Show

Week 14, Episode 2: Static Electricity

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| 00:00 |  | Static Electricity. |
| 00:01 |  | [music] |
| 00:07 | Narrator | [over music] It’s time now for another day in the life of Sam and Jesse. Gum Springs, Arkansas. |
| 00:21 |  | [music fades out, then repeats] |
| 00:30 | Leon | Sam, I-I ain’t never been so shocked as much as lately. |
| 00:34 | Sam | Well, what happened, Leon? |
| 00:35 | Leon | Well-well, nothin’ happened. I mean I-I get shocked every time I touch anything. If I take my coat off too fast or anything. A-a-and then touch anything metal, I get shocked. |
| 00:45 | Sam | Oh, oh, yeah, I see what ya’ mean. Now, that, that happens a lot this time of year. Jesse, why is this so bad this time of year? |
| 00:52 | Jesse | Well, well, i-it’s caused by the cold weather and when the air is real dry. That-that’s static electricity. |
| 00:58 | Leon | Static ‘lectricity? Is that any different from r-regular ‘lectricity? |
| 01:02 | Jesse | I-I don’t reckon so. I think it’s just the same. |
| 01:05 | Leon | W-well, it couldn’t be the same. Th-the other kind needs wires a-a-and this just needs a rug or that slick coat of mine. |
| 01:12 | Jesse | No, no, Leon. Electricity is just electricity. |
| 01:15 | Leon | B-but you said it’s static. What that means? Static electricity? |
| 01:20 | Jesse | Well-well, let me think. Oh, I-I suppose its natural electricity that’s just around and it causes static, I guess. |
| 01:27 | Leon | Like static on the radio? |
| 01:28 | Sam | Oh, now, now, Jesse, I don’t think that’s right. Now I, I think it’s called static electricity ‘cause static causes it. |
| 01:36 | Leon | W-w-well, that- what is static? |
| 01:37 | Jesse | [door closes] Oh, hi there, Mr. Buddy. You-you come just in time. |
| 01:41 | Mr. Buddy | Oh, really? What’s that? |
| 01:42 | Jesse | Well, can you tell Leon what static electricity is and why he gets shocked so much? |
| 01:47 | Mr. Buddy | Yeah, I think I can. Now, first Leon, the term is not static electricity. It’s statical electricity and it simply means electricity of stationary charges as opposed to dynamical electricity which is moving charges. Which gives rise to the phenomina of electrical current. |
| 02:05 | Leon | Oh. |
| 02:06 | Sam | You college teachers. I-I-I swear I – I’m glad I never went to college. Y-y-you fellers have just dedicated yourselves to confusing the world. Statical electricity. |
| 02:17 |  | [music] |
| 02:27 |  | [music fades out, then repeats] |
| 02:37 | Leon | Mr. Buddy, I-I don’t understand none of that. I just want to know how to keep from gettin’ shocked all the time. |
| 02:43 | Mr. Buddy | Well, that’s simple. You just got to be grounded, Leon. |
| 02:46 | Leon | You-you mean gotta be standin’ on the ground? |
| 02:48 | Mr. Buddy | Well, sort of. |
| 02:49 | Leon | But I-I don’t get shocked outside. It’s-it’s just in house. |
| 02:52 | Mr. Buddy | Well, you still have to ground yourself. You remember the ole gasoline trucks that drug a chain from the back axel? Now, that was to keep statical electricity from occurring. |
| 03:01 | Leon | Well, I-I don’t know. That’s a lot of trouble. I-I guess I could drag a chain from my leg. Momma wouldn’t like that, though. She, she got new linoleum in the kitchen and I-I think I’ll just wear gloves in the house. That-that’d take care of it, wouldn’t it? [music overlap] |
| 03:16 |  | [music] |