

Hot and Cold Relationship

I come home one day from work to my first “starter home.” It wasn’t much of a start. Typical littler rancher with baseboard electric heat and window air conditioners for the summer’s heat.

I walk through the front door and something seems amiss. I look around and the first thing I notice is that the window air conditioners are on, but the windows are open, thus defying the laws of physics which state that for the air conditioner to cool the house, the windows have to be closed. You know rocket-science stuff. Well, upon further inspection, I find that the base board electric heaters are also on. Now I am truly puzzled, Sherlock!

I locate my *wife*, and I use the term wife loosely. Technically, she is, but wifely she is not ... but that’s a story for another day.

“Hi, Honey”, I say. “What’s going on with the temperature?”

I know she is going to give me a rational explanation; I just know it.

She says “What do you mean, what’s going on with the temperature?”

So I state the obvious ... that the heater and air conditioning were on full blast, and the windows were open.

“Oh” she said. “Well, when I got up, it was a little cold so I turned on the base board electric heater.”

By the way, she thinks that if you turn on the heater and set it at 90 degrees, it will heat up the house faster than if you set it at 75 degrees. I understand physics! Her, not so much!

She continues, “Then it got too hot so I turned on the air conditioning units.”

Now I am thinking: “Okay, that explains it – the heater is on full blast, never shutting off because it could never reach the 90 degrees that it is set on, and the air conditioning units are working full-time to cool the house down to a respectable 72 degrees. So, we’ve got the base board heaters AND the air conditioning units running FULL BLAST!

Now I ask her, “What about the windows being open?”

She replies, “It got a little stuffy in the house so I wanted to air it out.”

Thank God, she opened the windows because with all of the hot and cold temperatures mixing together, it could have created a dangerous storm front in my living room!

I will never figure her out. You know, like rocket-science stuff.

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