Two Inducted Into FSR Hall of Fame

By Adam Barbee

Two supporters of agriculture and the Farm Science Review will be inducted into the Farm Science Review Hall of Fame the first day of the event. Harold Bauman and Ed Johnson are to be honored for their dedication to the success of the Review and agriculture.

Bauman, assistant dean of fiscal affairs until 1988, for what was then called the College of Agriculture, provided guidance for the Review from 1966 until his retirement. He even “sat his butt in the tractor seat to help out,” said Craig Fendrick, FSR manager.

Bauman said he has seen the Review change over the years, and said it has gone beyond chopping rows and toting bales. “The Farm Science Review is a well-run affair,” Bauman said. “You have to feel proud about them, they make their own way. If they want to spend a buck, they have to make a buck.”

Johnson’s work with the Agri Broadcasting Network (ABN) has earned him national recognition. He has been broadcasting from the Farm Science Review for 30 years, and has “qualified as the greatest promoter of the Farm Science Review, and is the Review’s number one fan,” according to Fendrick. “With his promotion of the Review, Ed has opened to us an avenue we never thought possible.”

As president of ABN, Johnson hosts a syndicated radio program, produces a television show, “Agri Country,” and publishes “Ohio’s Country Journal” a monthly agricultural magazine.

In all his years of broadcasting, Johnson has never missed a day of the Review. “It (the Review) is the showcase of Ohio’s agriculture. It allows farmers to see the latest research, technology and farm machinery all in one location.”

Bauman and Johnson have been top supporters of the Review; whether it’s sitting on a tractor seat or promoting it for 30 years on the radio. For their important contributions to making the Farm Science Review what it is today, Bauman and Johnson will join the ranks of past inductees: Jim Caldwell, Naurine