By Adam Cahill

Managing, exhibiting at or planning an event like the Farm Science Review is a lot of work, but to Craig Fendrick, William Hanusik and Sam Huber, it is more like having fun on the farm.

Together they have contributed over 90 years of service and have been instrumental in making the Review the success it is today. “Sam and William were involved from the very beginning helping to get the Review off the ground, and Craig kept it progressing for 23 years as manager,” said Chuck Gamble, manager of the Review. Their dedication and endless commitment make them 2004’s inductees into the Farm Science Review Hall of Fame.

Craig Fendrick of Sunbury started his Farm Science Review experience 38 years ago as an undergraduate, shoveling manure and moving equipment. He liked it so much he stayed involved with the Review and later served as assistant manager for 11 years and then as manager for 23 years. He now puts his time into serving as Executive Coordinator for the North American Farm Show Council.

While Craig retired this summer, he still is involved in the Review. “Craig was a great mentor and I always thought of myself as being a sponge and absorbing as much as I could from him,” Gamble said. “Craig will definitely be a reference for us in the future because of his time spent working here and all the people he knows.”

One of the biggest memories Fendrick has of the Review is when it relocated to the Molly Caren Agricultural Center. “We had nine months to do a job that needed two years to accomplish and it was a lot of work,” Fendrick said. “The way everyone came together was amazing and I am glad I was a part of it and able to help keep the Review progressing toward the future.”

William Hanusik of Springfield started exhibiting at the Farm Science Review as a District Sales Manager for Super-Crost Seed Company in 1963, the Review’s first year. He was the first exhibitor to sign a contract and did so for the first 15 years of the Review, first with Super-Crost and then with Madison Seed Company, which he started in 1968.

“We liked the people and got a lot of good advertising at the Review so we wanted to make sure we were there each year right from the start,” Hanusik said.

“William was always a constant contributor to farm operations at the Review,” said Gamble. Hanusik was not only an exhibitor; he also served on the Gwynne Conservation Area advisory committee.

Hanusik exhibited at the Review for 33 years until 1995 and then retired in 2000. “I always wanted to build our display to what the farmers wanted to see and that’s what the Review is about, giving and connecting all parts of the agriculture community together.”

Sam Huber of Columbus started working with the Farm Science Review before the first show by serving on the Program and Policy Committee. He continued his involvement with the Review by running the field demonstrations for a number of years.

Because of his contributions to the Review during its beginnings, Huber is considered one of the founding fathers. “Without his support and effort back in 1962 and 63, the Review may not have been able to grow and become as successful as it did,” Gamble said.

Sam retired from Ag Engineering in 1983 and worked his last Review that same year after 21 years of service with it. “The thing I liked most about the Review was the people,” Huber said. “We would all get together each year and it was like we were one big farm family.”

Fendrick, Hanusik and Huber will be inducted into the Hall of Fame on the opening day of the Farm Science Review, Sept. 21. They will join past recipients, including: