

Shoemaker became a staff member at Lowell Observatory in Flagstaff.

An early supporter of the idea that an asteroid or comet impact had doomed much of Earth's life (including the dinosaurs) 65 million years ago, Shoemaker chaired key NASA working groups on how best to survey such near-Earth objects in 1981 and 1994. Most recently, he was active in the Clementine mission that imaged the Moon, and was science team leader on the planned Clementine 2 mission.

Shoemaker won numerous awards during his career, and in 1980 became a member of the National Academy of Sciences.

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