

Jack Meeker – 1921-2009

With deep regret we say goodbye to a founding member of our Boeing Employees' Coin Club. Jack Meeker died around 6:00 PM on July 3, 2009.

Jack was born in 1921 in Rapid City, South Dakota, and married Elinor Noren (born and raised in Pierre, SD) in 1945 at Pierre, SD, First United Methodist Church. Jack graduated in 1947 and 48 in Electrical and Mechanical Engineering respectively from the School of Mines in Rapid City, SD, and taught there as well from 1951-1955. Jack also did his stint in the Navy for 4 years during World War II.

Jack started with Boeing in 1951 and worked in the Aerospace (BAC) division for 34 years until 1985. When asked what programs, Jack's only response was "All programs."

Jack was a founding father of BECC. He was the youngest of the bunch when they started kicking the idea around in 1961. Through the years Jack has served at every officer's position more than once except for Treasurer. He has also been chairman of the Boeing Employees Coin Show "a lot," and until this year was very active at the coin show and entry desk. Jack has also worked hard at the Puyallup Fair as a volunteer for several years.

Jack began in 1997 as Retiree Membership Chairman, and continued as the Retiree Representative and took care of the mailings until two short years ago.

Other Club Memberships: Was President of Manhattan Coin Club which is no longer, and was still a member of PNNA. Jack also served as President of the Seattle Coin Club.

Jack collected a "dog's breakfast" of items, but focused on US Presidents' medals and anything Eagle. He has Eagle coins, medals, tokens, pictures and when asked why, he says because he just loves the majestic bird. He even had a couple of eagle statues with 3 foot wingspans.

On Jack and Elinor's 25th Anniversary they both wore their original wedding attire which was a satin wedding gown and Navy uniform. Their 50th anniversary was celebrated at Park Shore Residents sponsored by the Presbyterian Church.

Elinor broke one of her vertebra 5 years ago and passed away earlier this year. His son, Paul, died in a motorcycle accident prior to Elinor's death. That should have slowed Jack down, but he continued to be a regular at our meetings. Jack also lost his house to fire earlier last year, and that didn't slow Jack down either.

Jack also headed the Boeing Recreation Club for 2 years, and was still active in the School of Mines alumni and was the Puget Sound Area Vice President for many years. In 1992 -1994 Jack served as the International President of School of Mines, SD.

Jack will be sorely missed by all that knew him.