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From Pasadena (huh, LaCanada-Flintridge) to Jupiter Against All Odds - a brief history of the trajectory of Galileo's launch date moving through virtually the entire decade of the 1980's

*Presented by Bill O'Neil,
Galileo Science and Mission Design Manager*

Project Galileo is perhaps now legendary for the remarkable challenges it overcame in its flight to Jupiter to ultimately become one of the most successful and long-lived space missions of all time. Less well known now is that Project Galileo faced the longest political and technical battle of any space mission in order to finally launch in 1989, nearly eight years later than originally planned. Join Bill O'Neil as he relives his ten year ordeal as Galileo Science and Mission Design Manager working with Project Manager John Casani trying to make sure Galileo's trajectory took it to Jupiter and not to the Smithsonian Air and Space Museum. You will hear how every season Lucy pulled the launch vehicle away from Charlie Brown.