

## **The Good Old Days in Los Angeles**

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### **Abstract**

This talk is a short mix of memories and geology from early Oxy days in the mid-sixties, exploring and developing new oil fields along the northwest margin of the Los Angeles Basin. Comments are primarily focused on the 1964 discovery at East Beverly Hills, followed by Sawtelle in 1965 and Riviera in 1966. All three were home runs but the California Supreme Court, by a vote of 4 to 3, ruled us out as we slid across the home plate at Riviera. Also illustrated will be a dry exploratory hole located between Sawtelle and Riviera (the Brentwood Prospect) just to prove we knew how to drill a dry hole (and still do). Of particular interest will be a bit more in-depth discussion of the Riviera Prospect, located directly beneath Pacific Palisades, with potential reserves of perhaps 60 million barrels, but lacking any reasonable opportunity to attempt development under increasingly prohibitive legislated laws and rules.