

COOK'S VOYAGE

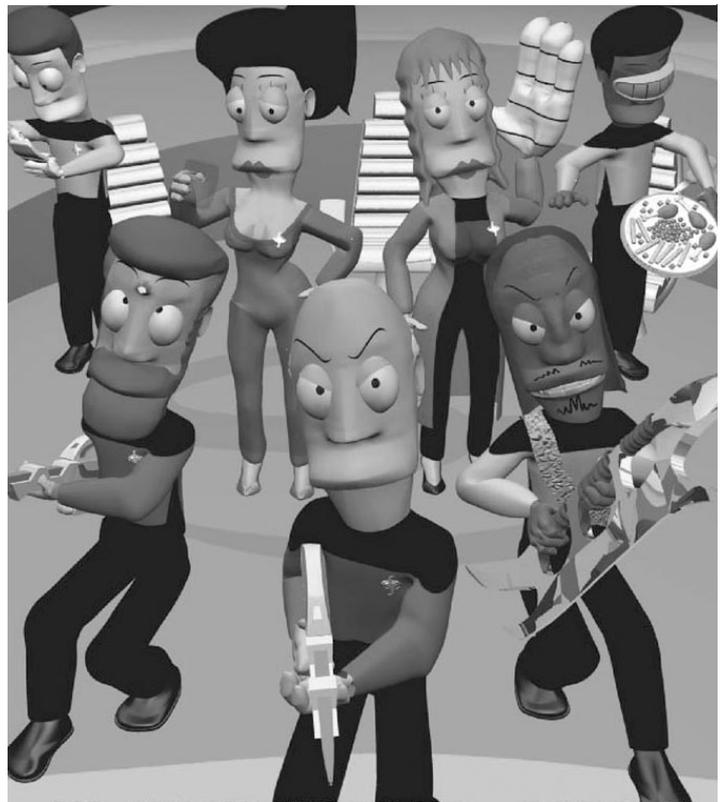
Discovering Online Animation

John Cook is a Brisbane cartoonist. Seven years ago he decided that newspapers were drying up as a vehicle for cartoons so he bore away from the old print anchorage and set himself upon a course open to him on the Internet. This Pacific explorer has toiled through an environment of mixed barrenness and fruitfulness steadily building up an interactive cartoon website.

The heart of the website is my cartoon competitions - each day I publish a new cartoon missing its final punchline. Readers submit their own punchline and at the end of the week, I select the half dozen funniest punchlines for readers to choose from. The winning punchline is then used in the final version of the cartoon. We've created over 1000 comic strips this way - possibly the only cartoon in the world that has more writers than cartoons!

*Several years ago, I was contacted by USA voice impersonator Wally Fields who suggested we pool our talents to create animation. I put a call out on my website for an animator and 3D animator **Andrew Simpson** (who just happened to live in Brisbane) responded. We put together several short 3D computer animations and then embarked on a much more ambitious project - a 40 minute **Sev Trek** movie. We've been working on the **Sev Trek** Movie for the past 2 years and just finished it now, in March 2002. It's been a challenging but extremely rewarding process - learning heaps - and the interest in our movie from the online community has been great. I'm eagerly looking forward to releasing it on video probably in April.*

John will show and explain how he did the work attracting an audience and what he's been doing on weekends. Why Sev? Where's Wally? Can he afford to eat?



This will not be another cook show!

Cook's journey of observation in 1769 was meant to help scientists calculate the distance of the sun from Earth providing a greater understanding of the extent of the solar system. John Cook's **Sev Trek** in 2002 reveals new worlds.

Remember! Think the 27th. Think 7pm. Think Sev!
Be there to see and hear an intricate account from John Cook's journal!

Queensland Animators Animated Evening
7pm Wednesday March 27th
QPIX Screening Room
33A Logan Rd, Woolloongabba.
\$3 (QA and QPIX members)
\$6 (Non-members)