



**WHY DO GEEKS GO
CAMPING?**

**FOO &
other brushes with nature**

**Nature and Cyberspace: Stories, Memes
and Metaphors**
(forthcoming 2012)

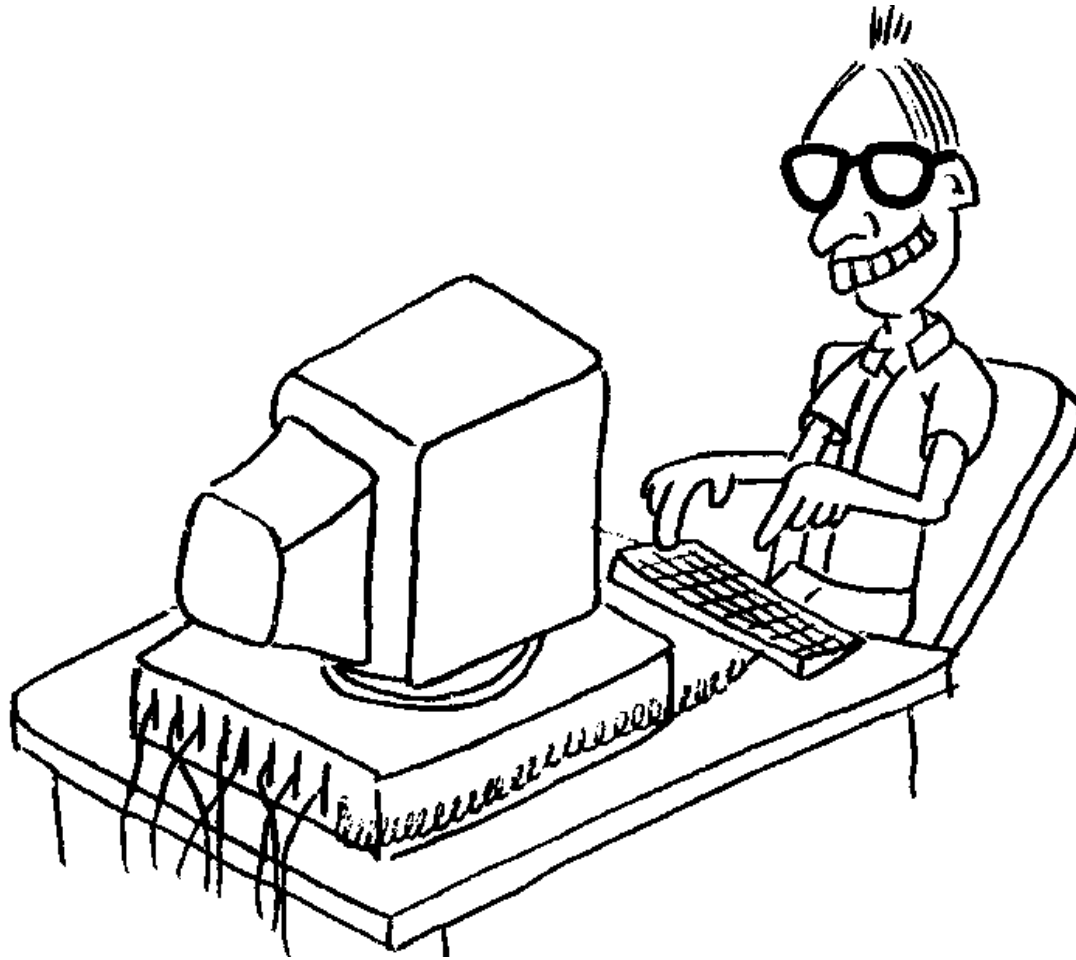


**Professor Sue Thomas
De Montfort University**

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Early Geek



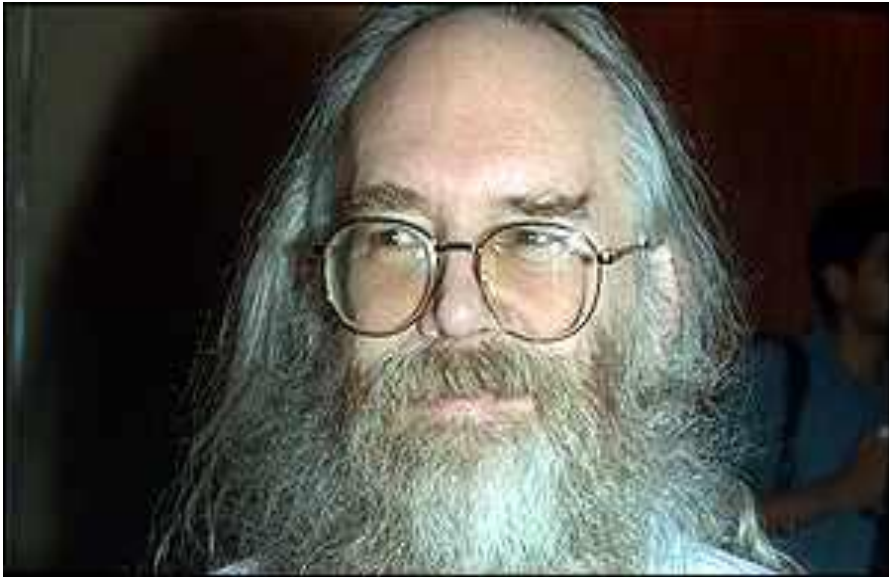
Technomads

Chris Dunphy & Cherie Ve Ard



Jon Postel (1943-1998)

God of the Internet (The Economist)



*Go where you may within
the bounds of California,
mountains are ever in
sight, charming and
glorifying every
landscape.*

*John Muir, The Mountains of
California, 1894*

John Muir & President Roosevelt

1904

*"Creative truancy in
the wild heart of
the New World"*

Frederick Turner

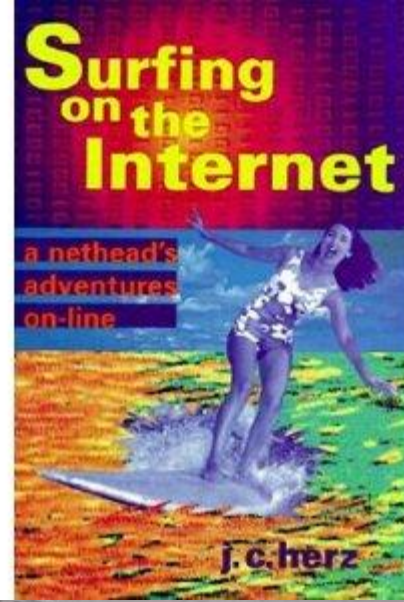


Creative truancy: FOO Camp 2003

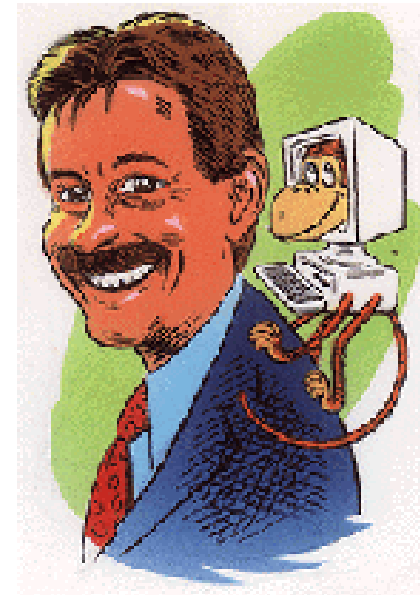


Google OpenSocial 2007





Surfing on the internet



ROBERT GROSSMAN FOR TIME

Koa wood for typing and surfing



Zillions of tiny rivers



Howard Rheingold's Outside Office





SO WHY DO GEEKS GO CAMPING?

- Balancing energies
- Contemplation and the sublime
- Creative truancy