“I went from middle school kids to wildlife, which wasn’t a big jump.” -- Britt Searles, Central Wisconsin former middle school teacher & now DNR wildlife instructor.

“‘Youth is the time for loving,’ so poets always say.” -- No Laughing Matter, Angus Wilson.

“Those who say it can’t be done are usually interrupted by others doing it.” -- James Baldwin.

“Art is not in the… eye of the beholder. It is in the soul of the artist.” -- Seth Godin, via Carla Byrne’s Facebook Page.

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Sunrise on road to Badger FB game, near Tomah, WI, 9-8-18 (DvJM); Retired Adams Co. Sheriff Frank Serles About to Head to Calif. Mainly Via Rte 66, Adams Co. 1990 (DvJM, ID w/ Aid of Adams Co. Sheriff’s Admin. Staffer Cheryl+ Female Dispatcher); MattAMarcou & Friend, Former GB Packer Hall of Fame, Summer 1998 (DvJM)
Author-Photographer’s Preface: Travels (Especially Photographic) Around Wisconsin  by David Joseph Marcou

I’ve been fortunate-enough to travel a fair amount in my life, especially since age 17 in mid-1968. It comes from my dad’s (and other family members) loving to drive around the state of Wisconsin, with and without family along. Dad was a meat-cutter who worked many places in the Coulee Region of western Wisconsin and in Iowa (in a non-meat-cutting job for John Deere one summer). And sometimes my parents would pile us all into the car to travel to Milwaukee for a Braves baseball game, before 1968 of course, because the Braves had moved to Atlanta before 1968, the year I graduated Aquinas HS.

After I enrolled at UW-Madison in September 1968, I traveled some more, including with the UW track team to a meet at IU-Bloomington when I was a student-trainer for UW Athletics in spring 1971. In 1977-78, during a very difficult marriage counseling wasn’t helping, I attended & graduated from UI-Iowa City with an MA in American Studies. Divorced from Ann in 1979, I moved to Mizzou in 1980 to earn another degree and studied in Britain in autumn 1981 with MU’s London Reporting Program. Graduating in May 1984, I worked in South Korea’s journalism world, married again, and we had a son back in La Crosse in 1987, before our divorce. In 1990, I worked three months as vacation-relief editor-reporter-photographer for the weeklies in Adams-Friendship, WI, with the aid of Owner-Publisher Dick Hannagan. GM Nancy Sorensen, Colleague Carla Byrnes & Other Staff. Several dozen of my photos from A-F I’d guess are still in the hard-copy permanent collection of the Wisconsin Historical Society, where I donated them a decade ago. A-F pics taken by me in SA92 include subjects of freshman royalty at A-F HS Homecoming, Tinsel Tots Miniature Horse & Donkey Ranch, a large group of elderly volunteer ambulance drivers holding their award-certificate, pioneering MRI use, Bucky the Calf & owners at Adams County Fair, VFW Auxiliary members including national president, “A Day in the Life of a Country Vet” on WI Governor’s Veterinary Board Chair/State Legislator JA “Doc” Hines of Oxford, WI with his “Old Fart” coffee mug, School Native American Appreciation Day, 66-year-old former Sheriff Frank Serles on his motorcycle about to head to California solo mainly via Rte.66, et. al.

Along the way, I’ve traveled a lot in America too, and in Wisconsin to be sure, my birth-state, including near the Wisconsin River at Portage, where my ancestor Louis Joliet and Fr. Marquette portaged with their canoes from the Fox River to the Wisconsin River on their famous 1673 expedition involving the Mississippi River too. Cities/locales photographed by me (some photos have been lost) in Wisconsin include my birth-city La Crosse, Madison (DvJM 2nd from R Top Row, 1969 UW FB Team pic), A-F, Milwaukee (e.g., factory smokestacks & parking lot), Wauke-
sha (Dave’s Cafe), Menomonie (disabled student at PC), Tomah, Sparta, Wisconsin Dells, Green Bay (former GBP Hall of Fame, Gil “Gravedigger” Brown, & NFL Hall ofFamer Brett Favre in 1998), Fond du Lac (but only a few minutes in FDL in 1998; I really wasn’t a photographer when I spent time w/her in my first wife’s birth-city, FDL, in the early & mid 1970s), Columbus, Oshkosh, Wausau (Matt Marcou posing w/3 Freibergs), Racine (Mother Earth statute at FL Wright’s Johnson Wax Bldg.), Onalaska, and Holmen (near where Tom & Joy Marcou celebrated their 25th anniv. in 2008, & where Katie Temp received 1st Comm. From Cousin Fr. Bob Schaller too). About seven BW pics in SA92 were taken by me 9-9-17 at a tailgate party for a Badger FB game; in those pics are Tim Freiberg posing w/his cousin Sara Varsos; Brieleigh, Brooklyn, & Sarah Freiberg w/friend Emily in action; Brooklyn looking up to Tamara Varsos; Tamara posing w/fiance Jake; and Steve Varsos chatting w/male friend. Also pictured is Charlie Freiberg in stands at night homecoming UWFB game vs. Illinois 11-12-16; & L-R: DvjM, Charlie Freiberg, Steve Kiedrowski, & Phyllis Freiberg Varsos at UW FB game in stands ca. 2007 (Anon. Photographer). The trio pic seen outside a Perkins cafe in Tomah, Charlie Freiberg, Roger Chase, & me, I took ca. September 2017. The photo of a nun with flowers statue was taken by me/DvjM at World Convent HQ in Milwaukee for the School Sisters of St. Francis, ca.1989; my Aunt Sr. Monica Muskat (d. 2018) was a SSSF 70+ years. There’s also Tom & Joy’s photo-por- trait of David J. & Matt A. Marcou near the White House, which is beyond La Crosse of course, though not in Wisconsin, but we are both LaX natives as is Tom, ca. 4-21-00--1st written by DvjM in Feb. 2019 & revised by DvjM thereafter too.
In 1673, Louis Jolliet, Canadian fur-trader and explorer, and Father Jacques Marquette, French Jesuit Missionary, with five French Canadian boatmen, were the first white men to enter the upper Mississippi River.

Indians directed them to the Great River via the Fox-Wisconsin waterway from the present site of Green Bay to Prairie du Chien. The Frenchmen entered the Mississippi River June 17, 1673.

Descending the river until July 16, the explorers turned back at the Arkansas River because they anticipated possible danger ahead from the Spanish and Indians. Returning North, the expedition pioneered what is now the Illinois - Des Plaines - Chicago River passage to Lake Michigan.

Marquette and Jolliet were back at the mouth of the Fox River by the end of September. The trip had taken them over 2,000 miles through country never before seen by white men.

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