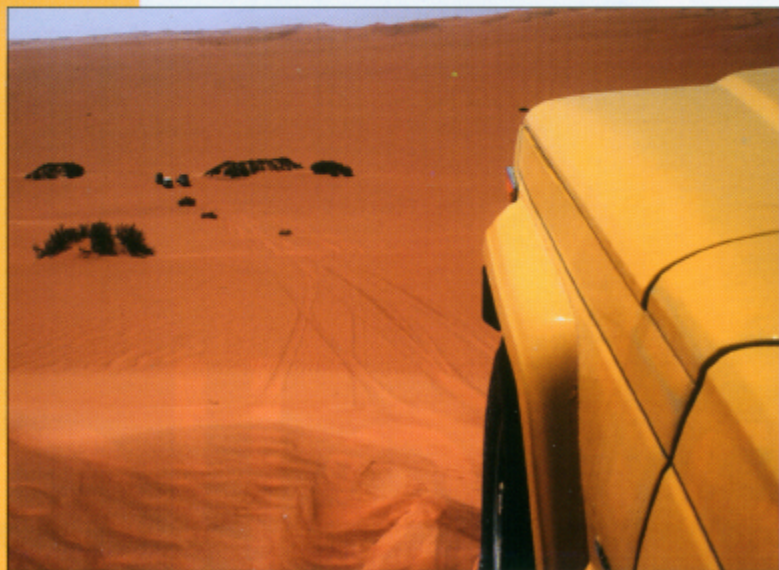


In the Sahara Desert, the sand was comparatively easy to drive on. They deflated their 32x11.5 AT-tires to about 11 PSI. Admittedly, they had to use sand-boards just once to get out of a deep pit.



Kay knew he was bitten with the "4x4 bug". When they returned from their trip, they joined the "AMC Jeep Club Dinosaurus" (www.amcdino.de) where they got to know fellow European Jeepers. The AMC Dino Club organizes one of the biggest Jeep-meetings in Germany each year. In fact, in 2000, they had the largest Jeep-convoy in Germany and got an entry in the Guinness Book of World Records with 372 Jeeps.

As for Kay's Cherokee, in addition to overhauling the engine, he installed an Edelbrock carb, Clifford intake manifold and a T18 automatic transmission (Kay admits paying more for the tranny install than he did for the whole Jeep but it was worth it). Further mods included power steering, 33x12.5 Super Swampers and the installation of WARN M9000 winch.

With the Jeep in top form, Kay and some friends planned a camping trip into the Sahara Desert. The group consisted of 6 Jeeps - 3 Wranglers, 1 CJ-5 and 2 Full Size Jeeps. With custom sleeping quarters built into the Cherokee, tents were no longer needed for Kay and his navigating partner. Kay was fascinated by the desert and reports no major mishaps during the trip. Their next destination was Libya.

The beginning of their trip to Libya was not without it's challenges. Within 10 miles of driving towards the Libyan ferry, they lost their rear wheel including the rod. Fortunately, they