



During their trip to Iceland, Kay had to cross three big glacier-fiords. Due to excessive rainfall, the glacier rivers rose. Undeterred, Kay decided to cross. He put a foil in front of the radiator grill to keep the water out and trugged his way through the torrent waters. Even with water rushing over the hood, the Chief made leeway across the glacier river.

After a few days in Iceland, Kay had broken his front shock mounts. Crossing the island to get to Reykjavik was like riding a rocket. Once across, repairs were made at "Billabud Benna", famous for the "Formula-Offroad" buggies that drive vertically up craters and over water. They welded new fixing points so they could ride again.

were able to fix it within 2 hours and reached the car-ferry in time. Luckily, they had no further problems during the rest of their holidays. Looking back on the repair, Kay recalls the strange feeling they had when he realized they were in the middle of nowhere surrounded by sand for several 100 miles in every direction. Kay's favorite recollection was of a big sandpit called *Sahara*. Dunes everywhere! The sand was easy to drive on once he deflated his 32x11.5 AT-tires to about 11 PSI. He admits having to use sandboards only once. Nothing beats the feeling of standing atop a 600ft high dune and being the first to drive downhill. Unforgettable!

In 2003, Kay went to Iceland again. This was the third time with the Chief, but unfortunately the last time. After more than 3000 miles, the Icelandic way of driving seemed to be too hard for the Jeep. The front axle (spindle including all the bearings) was broken and the frame was broken too. The Jeep was retired.

Instead of lamenting over the old Jeep, Kay has decided to build up a new one. And that's what he's doing right now. He purchased a galvanized frame and bought a 1980 Cherokee Chief. They've just started to restore the body and of course, it will be painted yellow. Kay is looking forward to the day that his new Chief stands proudly and we can't wait to hear about his future off-road adventures.

