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Above: Mike Sullivan with one of his early buses. Right: Murray Hill & 17-year-oid Allan MacDougall, when Allan was working for Mike Sullivan. podium, and the microphone, and I'd stand and just glance down. (That's sort of the way a lot of fellows keep the names of tunes taped to their guitar.) Right. (This is all shorthand.) Just headings, of the story. (So when you hear that you're going to be called for something, you....) I go into that and try to pick out some stuff that I can remember, and remember how I did them. (Did you ever actually go to books, look? ing for jokes and stories?) Oh, there were times. (People) sent me some stuff. And I would try to work it out to suit my way of doing it, you know. Hughie worked for Swift Canadian, and eve? rybody that came in. After we did the first gig, everywhere you went, somebody told you a story. Some of them, you couldn't use them in a poolroom, but they'd tell you them anyway. And Hughie'd come--I'd pick him up at night. Like I said, there was one week we did 8 shows. I'd go down and pick him up. Because I was Whale Cruisers Ltd. CHETICAMP Contact Capt. Scenic 3-Hour Boat Tours * June to October 3 Times a Day in July & August _ Bill Crawford, _ Cheticamp Boat Tours Box 10, Grand Etang, Nova Scotia BOE ILO (902)224-3376 Ocean JtentolsItd. Lawn & Garden Equipment Tillers Sod Cutters Air Eators GLACE BAY Engine Hoists Jacks Tow Bars 849-1616 & Much More... selling cars, and I had a new demonstra? tor all the time, and the boss's gas in it, so I'd go down and pick up Hughie instead of him taking his car. Get in the car. "I heard a new one today." "So did I!" We'd hash that all the way.... But, oh my, there's been so many stories and, like I said before, everybody came along and told you a story. You couldn't use them all. But we used a lot of good stories that people stopped and told us about. And my wife always looked at all the magazines and saw a story that she thought could ad? just a little bit and make it a Cape Breton story, and it worked many times. We'd doctor it up to make it Cape Breton. Some of them were probably from Asia or somewhere, but they all work if you tell them the right way. I hate to pat myself on the back, but I South (Campbells Comer) - P.O. Box 265 The Markland a coastal resort Kel kelax in our luxury log suites and dine on our gourmet food featuring local fish and lamb. JLhrill to the play of light and shadow as they dance over the northern seascape. For reservations in the Maritimes call 1-800-565-0000. Or asl(the operator for your toll free Check Inn number. Local phone (902) 383-2246 Cabot Trail, Dingwall, Nova Scotia/BOC IGO, Canada