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Thomas,

How are you man ? Just wanted you to know that I am registered and paid up for the Seawolf reunion in Charleston in Nov. My hotel reservations were made some time ago. I'm planning to drive to the reunion arriving early and probably staying awhile after it's over.

This will be my ninth Seawolf reunion so I've been to them all. I had a blast putting on the first one in 1987. We were just a small group then but we had a big turnout. Nearly all the Wolves we'd located, showed up, as knowone knew if there would ever be another one. It was quite a rendezvous. Probably only Tom Thalman and I know that in those early days Charlie Borgstrom pretty much funded the entire Seawolf Association out of his personal checkbook. Every time the Seawolf account would go into the red, which was often, Tom would call Charlie and he'd zing another \$500 at us to fund the Association. He and Betty became my parents best friends and when my Dad died Charlie sold Dad's home on a contract that was second to none. We ended up getting about \$100,000 more than we thought possible. What a truly great guy. His three daughters all just worshipped him.

I'm DEFINITELY interested in the CSS Hunley tour and would like to see it with you so reserve me a place with your group assuming there will be two or three groups. I have followed the Hunley saga, when I could, from the time of it's discovery. Did you see the made-for-TV movie about it ? Have you seen the recent TV documentary footage of it and the famous legendary gold coin they actually found inside the sub ? It's a beautiful coin. Most thought it was a fascinating story but few believed it was true and I think that everyone was shocked when they actually found Lt. George Dixons legendary dented and engraved gold coin. You may want to go up www.hunley.org, which is THE premier Hunley web sight and is run by the Friends of the Hunley Organization. At that site you can see closeups of the gold coin and, in effect, get a pre tour of the Hunley so that it will all make more sense when you get to see it for real.

I'm also interested in the multi antebellum plantation tour so count me IN on that too. If that tour becomes a GO be sure to let me know which plantations we'll be visiting as I plan to visit some plantations prior to the reunion and do not want to duplicate visits to them.

Maybe I shoud bring one of my guitars so we can practice our bawdry Nav Air Training Command flying songs i.e. "Glory, Glory, What A Helluva Way To Die", etc.
See you at the reunion Tom. Best Regards,

Don Thomson