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Re
"Blackburn
Fishing"

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Dear Henry:

The "Blackburn Manual" arrived intact. It was brought in to me in a stack of bureaucratic equine feces, and I began to read it before I knew what it was. What it is.....is terrific!!


I laughed, daydreamed (I guess they say fantasized nowadays) and got fresh insight all from one piece, an unusual happening to say the least.

Thank you very much for remembering and sharing that with me. I can't wait to share it with my fishing buddies (as a reading, by me, in front of a fireplace on a cool, October, Minnesota evening, with brandies after dinner). I suppose I'll have to give the credit line to you--but damn!--I wish I had written it.

Seriously, Harrison Owen would like to include appropriate photography with the text and be your agent for a book! Well, half seriously anyway).

Lest I go on too much, thanks again. Hope to see you again.

As usual,


Jim Shields