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Dear prof,

Try as I might, I can't always be a jerk. Something inside keeps pulling me over to the good side when I least expect it. 😊

I learned some things the hard way about bamboo rods and I see no good reason why others have to suffer the same fate. If I can help I'll gladly help.

There are many bamboo rods from US makers that were somewhat mass produced in the 1930's through 1950's. Shakespeare is another maker that comes to mind, most of their rods were South Bends.

Some of them probably aren't worth owning but many of them are quite fishable and well worth owning and using. They'll never be highly collectible but the fish don't seem to complain that they are being caught on a substandard rod.

With patience and perserverance you can find usable fishable bamboo on ebay for between \$ 75.00 and \$ 150.00 if you take your time and look carefully at the listings.

The lower end rods can give you sense of what it's like to fish with bamboo and allow you to see if bamboo is something you want to pursue without immediately getting into the \$ 500.00 and up range of rods.

Regards,

Tim Murphy 😊