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I bought an old south bend at a garage sale last summer. got it home and realized that the tip section was broken(split glue) between every set of guides. though for a dollar who cares, it will look cool on the wall.

while looking around on the ebay, i found replacement tips for the dickenson taper, no clue what the taper is on that south bend, but i'm gonna get a caliper and see how close they are. but i'm thinking the next project will be straightening the base section of the old south bend and installing a new tip section. even if the tapers are different i'm hoping the variance will not be much.

so i started last night, luckily the old reel seat that was on there was only nailed on, so off that came, cut the old cork off it, i'm going to make a new handle for it out of cotton wood bark. leaving the ferrel on the base section, i heated up the tip section ferrel and that came out for the most part , will have to drill the rest of it out. sanded the base down to the cane, and left the original reel seat shim, and the base section ferrel.

my hopes are i can spend maybe \$100, new reel seat, guides, custom grip and have a 7'6" 4wt bamboo rod. we'll see if the snowboard bindings i have on ebay sell then it's go time!