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Sasquatch: Agreed; an 8.5 ft 4wt would be a treat, unfortunately for you and me it sounds like this one has no price tag.

Naturally, this thread offers a fruitful field for worthless speculation, so here goes. By the late 60's the light line/dry fly revolution was well under way thanks to the writings of such fishermen as Marinaro, Lee Wulff and Ernie Schweibert, et. al. A rod like this, even one created by a manufacturer like H-I, was intended to appeal to a portion of that emerging market. The 6 and 7wts which were so popular in the 40's and 50's were being replaced by lighter rods in the 1960's, and because graphite was not commonly available yet, fiberglass was the material of choice. Custom fiberglass rods from the 1960's by Phillipson and Powell are still considered fine fishing tools. Fast forward to 2013; I suspect most of us regularly use 4 and 5 wts now, saving the 6wts for bass.

Though Six-gun's rod was created during the dry-fly era, I think it would be nice to swing a team of wet flies with it.