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Tups, I still don't think the 130 has anything do to with line weight. Even that site that you provided had discussions about how those early fiberglass rods didn't have any weight designation.

As far as 1308 1/2 goes, I believe the numbering was carried over from bamboo rods. A couple manufacturers used similar numbers. In fact, I believe H-I even sold one called a Lucky Strike which was 8 foot and labeled 1308. It wasn't a 4 weight.

Heddon might have had similar numbering.

I have an old Shakespeare Spring Brook with model number A-1362 B. Actually made by South Bend. It is every bit of an 8 weight although one could possibly get by with a 7DT. The "B" stands for bass weight. Owned another Springbrook 1362 (no B) and it cast about the same. Both very heavy 9 foot rods.

But if the guy has a 5 wt line, then starting with a 5 weight would be fine. However, since he never fished those old rods, he might not have any idea of the feel. I picked 6 because I figured it wouldn't be any heavier than that, and likely heavier.

It's just my opinion so I could be wrong. I tried to find info on what the numbers meant in the model but was unsuccessful. They likely mean something, but I found nothing to indicate what they mean.

BTW, I love the old H-I stuff.