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This was a good reminder for me, though. It's not always the material that makes the rods feel right.

Bingo.

If I'm fishin' for trout, I much prefer bamboo. I just prefer the way cane rods cast and feel while fishing. But, I have been casting some graphite rods lately, introducing the girlfriend to the sport, working on my CI cert....so I've been playing with the tupperware recently.

Some of it casts really, really nice, some of it feels like crap off the rack and some of it is humbling as I learn how to cast the new fast action rods. I have a Scott G series that I bought new in the mid 90's, and it's now accompanied by the girlfriend's Allen 7'6"/3-4wt and an Echo solo 9'5wt. Both feel very similar to the old reliable Scott, but nothing like the St Croix Imperial 9'6wt that's leaning against them. That rod is a mess in my hands when strung up with a Windcutter 6WF, I had no feel for it the first time I cast it, gonna be interesting figuring that one out. (And no, please don't advise me to overline it with a 7blahblahblah, it's labeled a 6, and I'm gonna figure out how to cast a 6 with it.)

So, yeah, horses for courses, we're all pretty dang lucky to have so, so many options right now.