

Ditch Doings! 6/5/18

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May 14 All done! New footbridge just above Ed's Drop



May 18 Reinstall chain barrier across access to the Main Headgate. I left the cone and additional markings up temporarily to keep someone from inadvertently charging into it.

I have asked Alpine Tree to leave us some more large logs so that we can place additional barriers to keep people from readily approaching the Mains.



May 21 Ditch trophies. The "little" half stump on the left probably weighed 200 lbs when pulled from underneath these gates. A guy has to get down in there with it just to move it or to get a chain around it. It's a very "refreshing" activity, especially when its cool out and the water fills your boots!



May 21 I rented a mower for the access road along the Upper Canal. It seems somewhat inconsequential for making the water go, but it makes access for either spraying or chainsawing so much easier. Plus, it just looks better!which helps!!



May 22 Pivotrac Technician making final adjustments on a donated telemetric flow measuring and recording device.a big step into the future!

The little white, solar powered component on the right, is a permanent installation that uses Doppler radar to measure the height of the water, just as the old staff guage on the left side. The little boat measures water velocity at this point, and is used to set up the reference table used to derive exact flow at each incremental change in water level.

Now, rather than needing to physically visit this location to determine momentary flow, I can get immediate and all past flow amounts from my phone!while in bed!!



May 26 So far, my phone hasn't yet figured out how to replace my chain and pickup!

There are those that find the flowing water near their yard a very convenient garbage disposal.

This hunk of wood spent a couple of days lurking along the bottom so when water-logged, likely weighed well over 300 pounds. My little Ford couldn't quite wrest it up and out the bank, once I got a chain around it. I had to moor it over night and return with a little heavier pulling power the next day.



May 27 Lots of lightning and hail kept us all wet even when out of the Ditch, for several days. Needless to say, no calls for water for over a week!



June 1 I will be renting this combination by the hour.



June 2 Attempting a transformation. Rocks, stumps, and highway signs, present obstacles to rapid progress.

However, once again: once mowed, other responsibilities, like chainsaw or spraying, become easier. Also, mowing in the future, will be easier.

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