Another hive lift. See album JimInCentralOR for pictures

Features/advantages:

1) Lightweight. Approximately 28 lbs (including winch).
2) Made with inexpensive lumber available at retail stores.
3) No wheels so easier to bring to site with rocky or irregular terrain.
4) Can be assembled and operated by one person.
5) Portable, easily assembled/disassembled on-site. Easily moved from one hive to next.
6) Minimal disturbance to bees when nadiring. Winch with ratchet allows gentle lifting and lowering.
7) Can incorporate scale to weigh hive boxes and estimate stores.

Disadvantages:

1) A friendly carpenter needed to construct and assemble or your own woodworking tools and skills.

Assembly and use Instructions:

1) Remove hive top. With current demo would need to remove quilt to add 4th box. Would need to lengthen side pieces if adding a 5th box.
2) Place side pieces on hive base (use bunji at top to stabilize until top assembly added).
3) Lock base with dowels.
4) Slide top assembly on and into corresponding dado and rabbet of side pieces.
5) Position handle supports under hive box handles.
6) Lower gambrel and take up slack in side ropes.
7) Raise boxes and nadir your new box.