One man cable change procedure

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1) Get reel of cable on the ground, (around the correct way for cable to come off the top of the drum to the rear) In front of spreader bar.



2) Lift front end of spreader bar over the reel.



3) Put scaffold pipe through reel centre hole. "Shuffle" pipe through until there's a bit sticking out.



4) Use the trolley jack to lift this end of the pipe level with the bits of steel welded to the spreader bar frame.

5) Shuffle the pipe through until you get equal amount of pipe sticking out.

6) Drive spreader bar around to the front of the winch - which is parked in the corner of the field and has had the old cable removed.

7) Tie figure of 8 know in end of new cable. Use our normal cable "weaklink" to join this cable to some solid bit of the winch.



8) Drive slowly down the field with the bar, hence un-reeling cable as you go. I could just see the reel from the driver's seat. For shorter folks, a spotter sitting in the back, or keeping the rear door open will help.



9) When at the end of the reel, tie an old tyre on.

10) Back at the winch without the spreader bar, you'll need to use the Pajero to pull the cable past the winch to give you some slack to work with.

11) Thread cable through winch in normal way, attach to drum and winch in.

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