

JLG Telehandler

After retiring in the late 1960's, John L. Grove started out on a cross country RV trip. After spending many years establishing his family built crane business with his brother, John had no idea that this journey would bring about the rise of JLG Industries, Inc. The world leader of mobile aerial work platforms and precision material handling equipment was the end consequence of a road trip.

During their trip, John reacquainted himself with past business associates along the way. In combination with these conversations and a significant event; two workers had been tragically electrocuted on scaffolding when the Groves were passing through the Hoover Dam. John uncovered a vast marketplace for a product that could quickly and safely lift individuals in the air to accomplish maintenance and other building functions.

After returning from their holiday, John set up a partnership with two of his friends and obtained a metal fabricating business in McConnellsburg, Pennsylvania. Opening with a small crew of twenty staff, they produced and sold their first JLG aerial work platform in 1970. The company incorporates many of the simple design elements of that original lift into existing designs.

JLG forklifts have come a long way from the time when Mr. John L. Grove came back to town from his cross-country road trip and since the first aerial work platform debuted on the market. At present, the company proudly continues to expand itself into a range of markets globally and develops new products to make certain consumers are capable of being more efficient and perform in the workplace within a safer environment.