

JLG Telehandler

After retiring in the late 1960's, John L. Grove started out on a cross country RV voyage. After spending numerous years establishing his family built crane company 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 expedition.

While on their trip, John spent time talking to past business acquaintances whom the Groves stopped to see along the way. These conversations combined with a tragic incident—two workers being electrocuted on scaffolding when the Groves were traveling to the Hoover Dam—John uncovered an infinite marketplace for a product that could promptly and safely lift people in the air to accomplish upkeep and other building services.

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

JLG forklifts have come a ways 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. Nowadays, the company proudly continues to expand itself into many marketplaces globally and develops new products to make certain customers are capable of being more efficient and perform in the workplace within a safer environment.