

JLG Telehandler

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

While on their journey, John spent time talking to former business contacts whom the Groves stopped to see along the way. These conversations combined with a tragic occurrence two workers being electrocuted on scaffolding when the Groves were traveling to the Hoover Dam John discovered an infinite market for a product that could quickly and securely lift people in the air to accomplish maintenance and other construction functions.

Upon returning from their travels, John established a joint venture with two friends and acquired a metal fabrication company in McConnellsburg, Pennsylvania. In 1970, starting operations with a crew of twenty personnel, they created and sold the first JLG aerial work platform. The business incorporates many of the simple design elements of that original lift into existing versions.

JLG forklifts have come a ways from the time when Mr. John L. Grove returned to town from his cross-country road trip and since the initial aerial work platform debuted on the market. These days, the business proudly continues to expand itself into a range of markets worldwide and develops new products to make certain consumers are capable of being more effective and perform in the workplace within a safer environment.