

JLG Telehandler

After retiring in the late 1960's, John L. Grove started 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 trip would give birth to 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 trip.

While on their journey, John spent time talking to previous business acquaintances whom the Groves stopped to see along the way. These conversations combined with a tragic event—two workers being electrocuted on scaffolding when the Groves were traveling to the Hoover Dam— John uncovered a substantial market for a product that could promptly and securely lift individuals in the air to accomplish maintenance and other building services.

Upon returning from their travels, John formed a partnership with two friends and purchased a metal fabricating business in McConnellsburg, Pennsylvania. In 1970, opening operations with a crew of twenty employees, they manufactured and sold the first JLG aerial work platform. The business incorporates many of the basic design elements of that original lift into existing versions.

Since then, JLG Forklifts have come a long way from when Mr. John L. Grove returned from his fatefull cross-country trip and since the first JLG aerial platform entered the marketplace. As of today, the company has expanded itself into quite a few international marketplaces and continues to cultivate contemporary equipment to guarantee that customers are able to become safer and more resourceful within their workplace.