

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 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 result of a road expedition.

All through their trip, John reacquainted himself with former business connections along the way. In combination with these conversations and a significant event; two workers were unfortunately electrocuted on scaffolding when the Groves were passing through the Hoover Dam. John uncovered an infinite market for a product that could swiftly and securely elevate people in the air to accomplish maintenance and other building functions.

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

Since then, JLG Forklifts have come a great distance from when Mr. John L. Grove returned from his fateful cross-country journey and since the first JLG aerial platform entered the market. As of today, the business has extended itself into several international markets and continues to cultivate new machines to ensure that clients are able to become safer and more resourceful within their workplace.