

JLG Telehandler

Following retirement 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 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 result of a road trip.

Whilst on their journey, John spent time conversing with past 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 going to the Hoover Dam—John discovered a considerable market for a product that could quickly and safely lift people in the air to accomplish maintenance and other construction functions.

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

JLG forklifts have come a long way from the time when Mr. John L. Grove returned to town from his cross-country road trip and since the first aerial work platform debuted on the market. These days, the company proudly continues to expand itself into numerous marketplaces worldwide and develops new products to ensure clients are capable of being more effective and perform in the workplace within a safer environment.