

JLG Telehandler

After retiring in the late 1960's, John L. Grove set out on a cross country RV trip. After spending many years establishing his family built crane company with his brother, John had no idea that this journey would bring forth 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.

While on their trip, John spent time talking to past business associates whom the Groves stopped to visit 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 a vast market for a product that could swiftly and safely lift individuals in the air to accomplish upkeep and other building services.

After returning from their trip, John set up a joint venture with two of his friends and bought a metal fabricating business in McConnellsburg, Pennsylvania. Starting with a small crew of twenty personnel, they fashioned and sold their first JLG aerial work platform in 1970. The company incorporates some of the simple design essentials of that original lift into existing models.

JLG lift trucks have come a long way since Mr. John L. Grove returned to town from his cross-country road trip and since the initial aerial work platform debuted on the market. At present, the business proudly continues to expand itself into a range of marketplaces globally and develops new products to ensure clients are capable of being more efficient and perform in the workplace within a safer environment.