JLG Telehandler

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

All through their trip, John reacquainted himself with past business connections along the way. In combination with these conversations and a significant event; two workers were tragically electrocuted on scaffolding when the Groves were passing through the Hoover Dam. John discovered a substantial market for a product that could swiftly and safely elevate individuals in the air to accomplish maintenance and other construction services.

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 personnel, they fashioned and sold their first JLG aerial work platform in 1970. The company incorporates many of the simple design elements of that original lift into existing models.

Since then, JLG Forklifts have come a great distance from when Mr. John L. Grove came back from his fatefull cross-country journey and since the first JLG aerial platform entered the market. As of today, the company has expanded itself into a number of global marketplaces and continues to develop new equipment to ensure that clients are able to become safer and more resourceful within their workplace.