A Bully Cockpit

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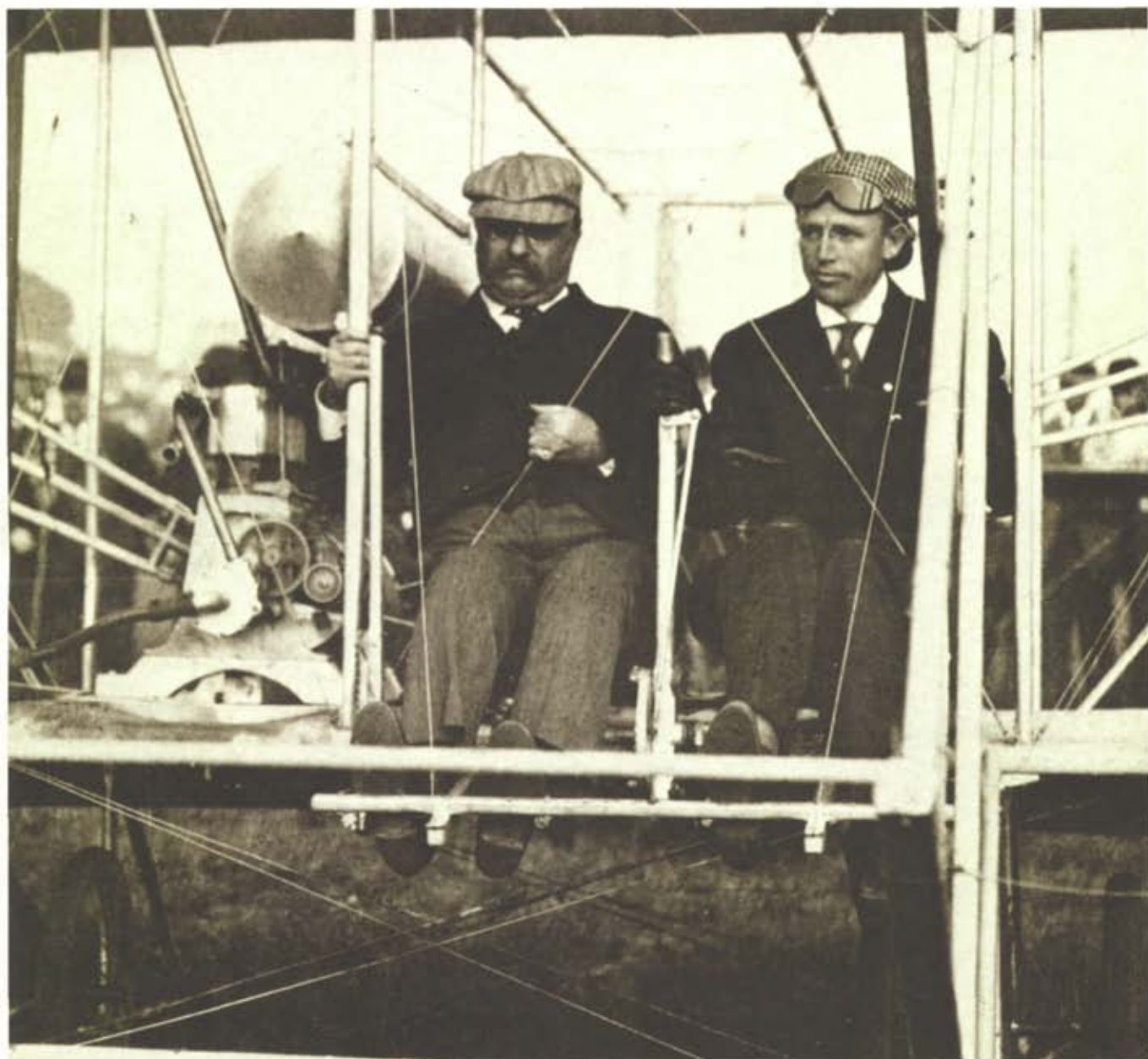
In an era when most people questioned the sanity of the few barnstormers and daredevils willing to take to the air, Theodore Roosevelt became the first former President to fly. On October 10, 1910, at an air meet at Lambert Field, Mo., he took off in a Wright Type B pusher, piloted by flying instructor Arch Hoxsey. The former chief executive, an avid proponent of the strenuous life, termed the airplane "a practical and safe vehicle of transit."