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Article from the Kingston Daily Freeman, May 8, 1964

Picture Caption:

**AN AVIATION FIRST:** Gale Brownlee of Woodstock shown by her new Cessna 172 Skyhawk in which she has made numerous solo flights. She is the first woman flier to earn a private pilot's license at Kingston Airport. (Ronald B. Johnstone photo)



Article:

**Gale Brownlee First Woman Accredited as Private Pilot**

A Woodstock glamour girl and professional model, is the first woman flier to be accredited for a private pilot's license at the Carroll Air Service.

Gale Brownlee, a native of Woodstock who started flying in September, 1963, in Kingston, is also her instructor's first female student to get a license. The instructor, Henry Cramer, resides in Jewitt, N. Y.

She had taken several jaunts in planes before taking a formal lesson. She soloed on election day, then went to Florida for a week and took additional instruction at the Tilford Flying Service at Palm Beach International.

The private pilot's license arrived on April 10, just under seven months after her first lesson.

She attended ground school in Kingston Airport and now plans to strive for higher ratings, commercial, instruments, etc.

Miss Brownlee has been signally honored by an invitation to join the 99ers, a nationally recognized women's club. She hopes to race as a co-pilot in the annual Powder Puff Derby, if not this year, certainly next year.

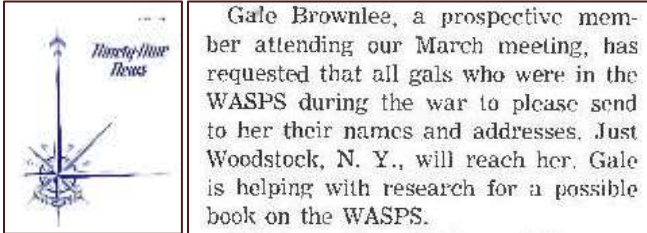
The longest cross country jaunt she has attempted so far was to Annapolis, Maryland. She has also been to many other airports around the eastern United States and this past weekend flew up to Burlington, Vt.

The name of her plan, Cessna 172, is "Skyhawk."

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Miss Brownlee is also well known in ski circles in the area, as a competitor and writer of ski activities. But this new flying career is the most exciting that has happened to her. And in a footnote she adds: "Don't forget to point out that it took a Woodstockian to get the first woman's private pilot's license in this part of the country.

Her offer to take a spin in Skyhawk has been taken under advisement.



*News Post from Ninety-Nine News, April 1965 edition, Greater New York Chapter*

Gale Brownlee, a prospective member attending our March meeting, has requested that all gals who were in the WASPS during the war to please send to her their names and addresses. Just Woodstock, N. Y., will reach her. Gale is helping with research for a possible book on the WASPS.