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Article from the Kingston Daily Freeman, April 17, 1965

Article:

Woodstock, Glenford Women Entered in International Air Competition From New Jersey Airport to Bahamas

The Freeman has learned exclusively today that two area women will race an airplane in international competition next month.

Gale Brownlee of Woodstock and Audrey Gordon of Glenford flying a Cessna 172 Skyhawk, will represent Kingston in the 15th All Women's International Air Race between Caldwell Wright Airport in New Jersey and Nassau, Bahamas.

The five intermediate stops are in Washington, D.C., North Carolina, Georgia and Florida.

The race offers a \$2,500 cash prize, and is organized in accordance with the sporting code of the Federation Aeronautique Internationale, with the Sporting Regulations of the National Aeronautic Association.

Only licensed women pilots with at least 50 hours of cross-country time flying either a single or multi engine plane of 100 horse-power or better are eligible. The Florida Women's Pilots Association is providing technical direction and support.

The Rondout National Bank, area pioneer in aircraft financing, Hudson Air Rent, White Plains and Carroll Air Co. of Kingston are among the sponsors for the local entry. Irving Eyles of the Rondout National Bank is the financial coordinator for the local contestants.

Mrs. Brownlee, pilot, a native of Woodstock, holds a commercial license and is a member of the Civil Air Patrol, the 99's and the Sky Rovers of Kingston. She received her flight training from the Carroll Air Co. at the Kingston Ulster Airport. Her daughter, Pixie, is seven years old.

Mrs. Gordon, co-pilot and navigator, belongs to the Sky Rovers of Kingston, and also received her flight instruction at the Carroll Air Co. Her children, Kenneth and Diane, are 12 and 10 respectively.

Both women are graduates of Kingston High School.

Photo Caption:

ENTHUSED ABOUT RACE IN MAY – Two area feminine fliers check map for forthcoming flight in the 15th All-Women's International Air Race to Nassau, Bahamas. They are Audrey Gordon, left and Gale Brownlee, posing with Cessna 172 Skyhawk. They're thinking about \$2,500 cash prize. (Freeman photo by Wagenfohr)

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Article from the Kingston Daily Freeman, June 4, 1965

CO-PILOTS IN NASSAU – Miss Gale Brownlee, right, of Woodstock, N. Y., and her co-pilot Miss Audrey Gordon of Glenford, N. Y., are pictured on their arrival in Nassau after completion of the 15th All Women's International Air Race. Miss Brownlee piloted a Cessna 172 Skyhawk in the 1,486-mile "Angel Derby" from Caldwell-Wright, N.J. Airport to the Bahamas. Although the girls did not capture the contest award, they have the honor of having participated, for the first time, in an international flying competition. The pilots were sponsored by the Rondout National Bank, pioneer in aircraft financing, Hudson Air Rent, White Plains, and Carroll Air Company of Kingston. Irving Eyles, vice president of the Rondout National Bank served as financial coordinator.