

## The Struggles Of A New Seaplane Pilot

Learning to drive a "boat with wings", experiencing aerodynamic and hydrodynamic drag like you never would have imagined...seaplanes facilitate the most adventure, the most exhilaration, the most freedom...along with some very real "aha" moments in the early learning phase!

### Event Details

**Fri, May 16, 2025 at 14:00 CDT**

**Buffalo Municipal Airport**

1305 County Road 134

Buffalo, MN



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**Tom Koop** began flying with his dad in the Brainerd Lakes area in 1963 and soloed at Brainerd Airport on June 4, 1971, just after his 16th birthday. Since then, he has logged over 5,000 hours, all in light planes, mostly single engine Cessnas. Two weeks after obtaining his float rating in 1997, Tom purchased his first seaplane and continued in seaplane ownership for the ensuing 25 years. Koop is certificated as a seaplane pilot, CFI-I, Gold Seal Instructor, AGI, Multi-engine Instructor, and Airline Transport Pilot. Since retiring from the CPA profession 10 years ago, Tom has focused most of his time on flight instruction and teaching the Brainerd High School aviation classes: Fundamentals of Aviation and Private Pilot Ground School.

Seminar in Hangar B

Airport is located southeast of the City of Buffalo off of Highway 55. Turn north on County Road 134 (at the Kwik Trip) and the airport will be on your right just past Menards. It is easy to find using GPS/map apps.

Signs will be provided to guide you to parking.

Self serve fuel available with credit card.

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