



NEMO (Non-Engineering Mentor Organization) is a support group and information exchange for those adult non-engineering mentors who help teams as part of the *FIRST* robotics programs. NEM's help with all the behind the scene glue that holds the teams together including travel (hotels, endless meals), parent involvement, fundraising, business plans, and dealing with the *FIRST* logistics. All the "unfun" stuff, as one of the students labeled it! Three mentors who realized they had a lot in common and wanted a way to share information created NEMO in May 2004. NEMO is open to adult mentors including engineers, teachers and college students (who may be the only mentors on their teams) who are involved with all the non-engineering aspects of the *FIRST* programs. We hope to seek out all the NEM's who don't realize they are a part of a large community.

Our focus: Friendship, Communication, Cooperation, and Professionalism.

- This is a place for fostering friendships between mentors.
- This is a place for "professional/adult" discussions of various aspects and "crisis of the moment" of the *FIRST* Robotics program, considering the "big picture" of the program.
- This is a place for mentors to have "chatter" with their peers.
- This is a place for providing and requesting support and advice for fellow NEM's.
- This is a place for cooperation between mentors to expand the success of the *FIRST* experience.
- NEMO will host workshops as we are able, and features a private forum on the ChiefDelphi forums website. We gather tips from NEM's and publish white papers on various topics of interest.

To join NEMO, visit www.firstnemo.org. To join our online discussion forum, register for a free account on ChiefDelphi (www.chiefdelphi.com). Send a Private Message to KathieK or RoboMom indicating your name, ChiefDelphi screenname, your *FIRST* program (FRC, FVC, FLL, or JFLL), your team number and your role on the team. We will get back to you with further information.

The logo for NEMO is the feather, as taken from the magic feather in Disney's *Dumbo*. In the film, the feather helps *Dumbo* gain the confidence to take flight, much as a NEM is an integral part of allowing a team to get off the ground. The mentor is the main support, the "wind beneath the wings" for the team.

Thank you for your support of the *FIRST* robotics programs!

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