

# Caller Notes™

## Notes Doo-Dad for Follow-on Callers

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**DESCRIPTION.** Caller Notes provides a quick and fun way for callers to leave a message for the next visitor behind them. Callers are shown the previous message, and are invited to leave one of their own for the next caller. It's a fast way to add a little simple fun to your Excalibur BBS.

**REQUIREMENTS.** This is a plug-in application created specifically for the Excalibur BBS for Windows. Any system correctly operating Excalibur will be able to use this application.

**INSTALLATION.** This application is a *host* plug-in, which means that all files must be placed in the sysop's main Excalibur software directory with Camelot. You may put the documentation wherever you like for reference. You must install a security key for continuous registered operation.

**OPERATION.** To run Caller Notes, the sysop must create an ACTION on an event timer or hotspot/button to run the plug-in. The command line will be CALLNOTE.DLL, and the second text box should be left blank. If you are unfamiliar with installing and operating Excalibur plug-ins, please refer to your Merlin help file.

You will also need to add the following section to your VRSOFTWR.INI file, located in your Windows directory. For use on a LAN, each local copy of VRSOFTWR.INI must be edited.

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[Caller Notes]
NOTEPATH=h:\excal\text\
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You may point the "notepath" entry to any directory path. Please ensure you use a trailing backslash character. The path used above is just an example.

When Caller Notes runs, it will check for its data file in the directory path you set in the INI entry. If no data file is located, it will invite the caller to leave a message and create one. Thereafter, the data file will contain the latest quote only. If a quote exists, Caller Notes will display it and invite the current caller to leave a message behind for the next visitor. If the caller chooses to leave a note behind, a small text entry box will appear to accept the message. The verb "action" displayed for the caller's message is entirely random.

Each Camelot has its own Caller Notes quote file. This helps avoid errors during peak hours. This means that your #1 node will "roll over" frequently, but that your #80 node might sit for a while.

**USING CALLER NOTES.** You can trigger Caller Notes whenever you like, but your best results will be to use it early into the entrance to your system. Some examples of caller notes follow:

- You just missed Mountain Dude who chalked the following at 05:36: "This is an example."
- You just missed Rose Alley who muttered the following at 04:17: "This is an example."
- You just missed Justin Thyme who announced the following at 02:58: "This is an example."

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**REGISTRATION.** Remember: you're obligated to register Caller Notes if you find it worthwhile and wish to continue using it. It will quit working eventually otherwise. To register, please purchase on-line by Visa/MC, call us directly or write to our address below. The registration fee is US\$15.00 for this product.

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**TECHNICAL SUPPORT.** Everything you need to know you already know or can learn pretty easily from your Excalibur documentation. Caller Notes' greatest strength is that it uses BBS functions you're probably already familiar with. We can't teach you how to use your BBS software, but you can always write us at the e-mail address above or call our BBS if you get stuck – we'll be glad to help you.

**FINAL WORDS.** We enjoy a special relationship with our friends and neighbors in the Excalibur community, and we're pleased to be able to support you with the easiest, best, most trouble-free software and service available in the industry. Thank you for your continued selection of VR Software Labs products, which supports us in return.

Thank you all, we appreciate every one of you!

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