

Dealers, books, clubs offer 'value-able' advice

By Roger Boye

PERHAPS THE MOST common question I am asked by the novice coin collector is, "Where can I go to get an honest idea of the value of my old coins?"

Usually my advice is to visit two or three coin dealers, buy some coin reference books, or become friends with a few experienced collectors by joining a local coin club [serious coin collectors are among the nicest of people].

But again this year, members of the Morton Grove Coin Club want to help Chicago-area

residents short-circuit all of that. During the club's annual coin show next Sunday and May 30, club members using the latest reference books will estimate the value of coins brought in by any Chicago-area resident.

They will be working from behind a "coin origin and evaluation booth" at the show in the Holiday Inn, 5300 W. Touhy Av., Skokie. In addition to the booth, several coin dealers will be present to buy and sell coins, and some coins will be on display.

Hours are from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. next Sunday, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. May 30. Admission

to the coin show is free.

IF THE \$2 bill is to win its way into the pocketbooks of Americans, it will have to do it without the help of a \$300,000 Treasury Department advertising campaign.

Department administrators scrapped plans for the campaign, and have instead written to 1,000 retailers asking for their help in getting more of the bills into circulation.

Relatively few \$2 bills have been used since they were put into circulation more than 13 months ago.