The annual New Mexico Mineral Symposium provides a forum for both professionals and amateurs interested in mineralogy. The meeting allows all to share their cumulative knowledge of mineral occurrences and provides stimulus for mineralogical studies and new mineral discoveries. In addition, the informal atmosphere encourages intimate discussions among all interested in mineralogy and associated fields.

The symposium is organized each year by the Mineral Museum at the New Mexico Bureau of Geology & Mineral Resources.

Abstracts from all prior symposiums are also available: https://geoinfo.nmt.edu/museum/minsyp/abstracts
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Two years have passed since I have given a talk on the Michigan Copper Country and I will update you on the collecting over that period of time. Most of the specimens recovered have been the result of mine dumps being crushed for construction purposes. Crushing has continued at a steady pace and will continue to do so in the future. The downside is that once the dumps are gone they are gone for good but on the upside specimens are being recovered. The contractors have been allowing collecting after working hours and on weekends. This has allowed the recovery of many copper and silver specimens along with associated minerals being saved from the jaws of the crusher. Every year it is a race against time to try and save specimens from a colorful bygone era of mining in the district. There has also been small but important discoveries made at remote mine sites that I will discuss in the talk.