

GOODYEAR TIRE & RUBBER CO /OH/
Form 8-K
December 09, 2004

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of Earliest Event Reported):

December 9, 2004

The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Ohio

1-1927

34-0253240

(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

(Commission
File Number)

(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

1144 East Market Street, Akron, Ohio

44316-0001

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code:

330-796-2121

Not Applicable

Former name or former address, if changed since last report

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers.

(d) On December 9, 2004, the Registrant's Board of Directors elected Thomas H. Weidemeyer as Class I director with a term expiring in 2005. Mr. Weidemeyer has been named a member of the Finance Committee as well as the Committee on Corporate Responsibility. Mr. Weidemeyer was not elected pursuant to any arrangement or understanding between him and any other persons. A copy of the news release issued by The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company on Thursday, December 9, 2004, announcing the election of Mr. Weidemeyer is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company

December 9, 2004

By: *C. Thomas Harvie*

Name: C. Thomas Harvie

Title: Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary

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| <u>Exhibit No.</u> | <u>Description</u> |
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| 99 | News Release dated December 9, 2004 |