

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

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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:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- 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.

*December 9, 2004*

The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company

By: *C. Thomas Harvie*

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*Name: C. Thomas Harvie*

*Title: Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary*

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