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Form 8-K  
February 20, 2004

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): FEBRUARY 12, 2004

THE GOODYEAR TIRE & RUBBER COMPANY  
(EXACT NAME OF REGISTRANT AS SPECIFIED IN ITS CHARTER)

OHIO  
(STATE OR OTHER JURISDICTION  
OF INCORPORATION)

1-1927  
(COMMISSION  
FILE NUMBER)

34-0253240  
(I.R.S. EMPLOYER  
IDENTIFICATION NO.)

1144 EAST MARKET STREET, AKRON, OHIO  
(ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICES)

44316-0001  
(ZIP CODE)

REGISTRANT'S TELEPHONE NUMBER, INCLUDING AREA CODE: (330) 796-2121

ITEM 5. OTHER EVENTS

On February 12, 2004, The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company ("Goodyear") issued a news release announcing a proposed \$650 million private secured notes offering. The news release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

ITEM 7. EXHIBITS

DESIGNATION OF  
EXHIBITS IN THIS REPORT  
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DESCRIPTION OF EXHIBIT  
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99.1

News Release dated February 12, 2004.

SIGNATURE

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

Date: February 20, 2004

By /s/ C. Thomas Harvie

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C. Thomas Harvie  
Senior Vice President, General  
Counsel and Secretary