

COOPER TIRE & RUBBER CO

Form 8-K

June 01, 2006

**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): **May 31, 2006**

Cooper Tire & Rubber Company

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

01-04329

34-297750

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

(Commission File Number)

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

701 Lima Avenue, Findlay, Ohio

45840

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code (419) 423-1321

(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 (see General Instruction A.2. below):

- 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))

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

(a) Not applicable.

(b) On May 31, 2006, Dick Stephens, President, North American Tire Division, decided to retire from Cooper Tire & Rubber Company, effective July 1, 2006. A copy of the press release announcing Mr. Stephens' decision is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

(c) Not applicable.

(d) Not applicable.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits

**Number Exhibit**

99.1 Press Release dated June 1, 2006.

**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.

COOPER TIRE & RUBBER COMPANY

By: /s/ James E. Kline

Name: James E. Kline  
Title: Vice President, General Counsel and  
Secretary

Dated: June 1, 2006

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