

GOODYEAR TIRE & RUBBER CO /OH/  
Form SC 13G  
June 30, 2008

**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**Washington, D.C. 20549**

**SCHEDULE 13G\***  
(Rule 13d-102)

INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN STATEMENTS FILED PURSUANT  
TO RULES 13d-1(b), (c) AND (d) AND AMENDMENTS THERETO FILED  
PURSUANT TO 13d-2(b)

The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company  
(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock  
(TITLE OF CLASS OF SECURITIES)

382550101  
(CUSIP Number)

June 18, 2008  
(Date of Event which requires Filing of this statement)

Check the appropriate box to designate the rule pursuant to which this Schedule 13G is filed:

- Rule 13d-1(b)
- Rule 13d-1(c)
- Rule 13d-1(d)

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\* The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person's initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter the disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

The information required in the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the Notes).

**1** NAME OF REPORTING PERSONS  
 I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO.  
 OF ABOVE PERSON (ENTITIES ONLY)

**2** Tontine Overseas Associates, L.L.C.  
 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP\*\* (a)  (b)

**3** SEC USE ONLY

**4** CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Delaware

**5** SOLE VOTING POWER

NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH

**6** 0 SHARED VOTING POWER

**7** 4,360,931 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

**8** 0 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

**9** 4,360,931  
 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

**10** 4,360,931  
 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES\*\*

**11** PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)

**12** 1.81%  
 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON\*\*

IA

\*\* SEE INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE FILLING OUT!



**1** NAME OF REPORTING PERSONS  
 I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO.  
 OF ABOVE PERSON (ENTITIES ONLY)

**2** Tontine Partners, L.P.  
 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP\*\* (a)  X  
 (b)  O

**3** SEC USE ONLY

**4** CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Delaware

**5** SOLE VOTING POWER

NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH

**6** 0 SHARED VOTING POWER

**7** 8,761,135 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

**8** 0 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

**9** 8,761,135  
 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

**10** 8,761,135  
 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES\*\*  O

**11** PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)

**12** 3.64%  
 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON\*\*

PN

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**1** NAME OF REPORTING PERSONS  
 I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO.  
 OF ABOVE PERSON (ENTITIES ONLY)

**2** Tontine Management, L.L.C.  
 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP\*\* (a)  X  
 (b)  O

**3** SEC USE ONLY

**4** CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Delaware

**5** SOLE VOTING POWER

NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH

**6** 0 SHARED VOTING POWER

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 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

**10** 8,761,135  
 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES\*\*  O

**11** PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)

**12** 3.64%  
 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON\*\*

IA

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**1** NAME OF REPORTING PERSONS  
 I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO.  
 OF ABOVE PERSON (ENTITIES ONLY)

**2** Jeffrey L. Gendell  
 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP\*\* (a)  X  
 (b)  O

**3** SEC USE ONLY

**4** CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

United States

**5** SOLE VOTING POWER

NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH

**6** 0 SHARED VOTING POWER

**7** 13,122,066 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

**8** 0 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

**9** 13,122,066  
 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

**10** 13,122,066  
 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES\*\*  O

**11** PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)

**12** 5.45%  
 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON\*\*

IN

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**Item 1(a). NAME OF ISSUER:**

The name of the issuer is The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company (the "Company").

**Item 1(b). ADDRESS OF ISSUER'S PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICES:**

The Company's principal executive offices are located at 1144 East Market Street, Akron, Ohio.

**Item 2(a). NAME OF PERSON FILING:**

This statement is filed by:

- (i) Tontine Overseas Associates, L.L.C., a limited liability company organized under the laws of the State of Delaware ("TOA"), which serves as investment manager to Tontine Overseas Fund Ltd., a Cayman Islands Corporation ("TO"), Tontine 25 Overseas Master Fund, L.P., a Cayman Islands exempted limited partnership ("T-25"), and certain separately managed accounts, with respect to the shares of Common Stock directly owned by TO, T-25 and the separately managed accounts;
- (ii) Tontine Partners, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership ("TP") with respect to the shares of Common Stock directly owned by it;
- (iii) Tontine Management, L.L.C., a Delaware limited liability company organized under the laws of the State of Delaware ("TM"), with respect to the shares of Common Stock directly owned by TP;
- (iv) Jeffrey L. Gendell, a United States citizen ("Mr. Gendell") with respect to the shares of Common Stock directly owned by TO, TP, T-25 and the separately managed accounts.

The foregoing persons are hereinafter sometimes collectively referred to as the "Reporting Persons." Any disclosures herein with respect to persons other than the Reporting Persons are made on information and belief after making inquiry to the appropriate party.

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**Item 2(b). ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL OFFICE OR, IF NONE, RESIDENCE:**

The address of the business office of each of the Reporting Persons is 55 Railroad Avenue, Greenwich, Connecticut 06830.

**Item 2(c). CITIZENSHIP:**  
See Item 2(a) above.

**Item 2(d). TITLE OF CLASS OF SECURITIES:**  
Class A Common Stock, no par value (the "Common Stock")

**Item 2(e). CUSIP NUMBER:**  
382550101

**Item 3. IF THIS STATEMENT IS FILED PURSUANT TO RULES 13d-1(b), OR 13d-2(b) OR (c), CHECK WHETHER THE PERSON FILING IS A:**

- (a)  Broker or dealer registered under Section 15 of the Act,
- (b)  Bank as defined in Section 3(a)(6) of the Act,
- (c)  Insurance company as defined in Section 3(a)(19) of the Act,
- (d)  Investment Company registered under Section 8 of the Investment Company Act of 1940,
- (e)  Investment Adviser in accordance with Rule 13d-1 (b)(1)(ii)(E),
- (f)  Employee Benefit Plan or Endowment Fund in accordance with 13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(F),
- (g)  Parent Holding Company or control person in accordance with Rule 13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(G),
- (h)  Savings Association as defined in Section 3(b) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act,
- (i)  Church Plan that is excluded from the definition of an investment company under Section 3(c)(14) of the Investment Company Act of 1940,
- (j)  Group, in accordance with Rule 13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(J).

Not applicable.



**Item 4. OWNERSHIP:****A. Tontine Overseas Associates, L.L.C.**

(a) Amount beneficially owned: 4,360,931

(b) Percent of class: 1.81% The percentages used herein and in the rest of Item 4 are calculated based upon the 240,562,789 shares of Common Stock issued and outstanding as of March 31, 2008 as reflected in the Company's Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended March 31, 2008.

- (c) (i) Sole power to vote or direct the vote: -0-  
(ii) Shared power to vote or direct the vote: 4,360,931  
(iii) Sole power to dispose or direct the disposition: -0-  
(iv) Shared power to dispose or direct the disposition: 4,360,931

**B. Tontine Partners, L.P.**

(a) Amount beneficially owned: 8,761,135

(b) Percent of class: 3.64%

- (c) (i) Sole power to vote or direct the vote: -0-  
(ii) Shared power to vote or direct the vote: 8,761,135  
(iii) Sole power to dispose or direct the disposition: -0-  
(iv) Shared power to dispose or direct the disposition: 8,761,135

**C. Tontine Management, L.L.C.**

(a) Amount beneficially owned: 8,761,135

(b) Percent of class: 3.64%

- (c) (i) Sole power to vote or direct the vote: -0-  
(ii) Shared power to vote or direct the vote: 8,761,135  
(iii) Sole power to dispose or direct the disposition: -0-  
(iv) Shared power to dispose or direct the disposition: 8,761,135

**D. Jeffrey L. Gendell**

(a) Amount beneficially owned: 13,122,066

(b) Percent of class: 5.45%

- (c) (i) Sole power to vote or direct the vote: -0-  
(ii) Shared power to vote or direct the vote: 13,122,066  
(iii) Sole power to dispose or direct the disposition: -0-  
(iv) Shared power to dispose or direct the disposition: 13,122,066

**Item 5. OWNERSHIP OF FIVE PERCENT OR LESS OF A CLASS:**

Not applicable.

**Item 6. OWNERSHIP OF MORE THAN FIVE PERCENT ON BEHALF OF ANOTHER PERSON:**

TM, the general partner of TP, has the power to direct the affairs of TP, including decisions respecting the disposition of the proceeds from the sale of the shares of the Company. Mr. Gendell is the managing member of TM and TOA, and in that capacity directs their operations. Each of the clients of TOA has the power to direct the receipt of dividends from or the proceeds of sale of such shares.

**Item 7. IDENTIFICATION AND CLASSIFICATION OF THE SUBSIDIARY WHICH ACQUIRED THE SECURITY BEING REPORTED ON BY THE PARENT HOLDING COMPANY:**

Not applicable.

**Item 8. IDENTIFICATION AND CLASSIFICATION OF MEMBERS OF THE GROUP:**

See Item 2.

**Item 9. NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION OF GROUP:**

Not applicable.

**Item 10. CERTIFICATION:**

Each of the Reporting Persons hereby makes the following certification:

By signing below I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were not acquired and are not held for the purpose of or with the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of the securities and were not acquired and are not held in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having that purpose or effect.

**SIGNATURES**

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of our knowledge and belief, the undersigned certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Dated: June 30, 2008

/s/ Jeffrey L. Gendell  
Jeffrey L. Gendell, individually, and as  
managing member of  
Tontine Management, L.L.C.,  
general partner of  
Tontine Partners, L.P. and as  
managing member of  
Tontine Overseas Associates, L.L.C.