

AMERICAN GREETINGS CORP  
 Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**HARDIS STEPHEN R**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**AMERICAN GREETINGS CORP [AM]**

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

**EATON CORPORATION, 1111 SUPERIOR AVENUE, EAST**

(Street)

**CLEVELAND, OH 44114**

(City) (State) (Zip)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**06/24/2005**

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Ownership Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |     |       |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|-----|-------|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D)  | Code  | V  | Amount  | (D) | Price |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

| 1. Title of Derivative | 2. Conversion | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if | 4. Transaction of Derivative | 5. Number of Derivative | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date | 7. Title and Amount Underlying Securities |
|------------------------|---------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------|---|---|
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| Security<br>(Instr. 3)                          | or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | Code<br>(Instr. 8) | Securities<br>Acquired<br>(A) or<br>Disposed of<br>(D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4,<br>and 5) | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 3 and 4) |                     |                    |                            |  |  |
|---|---|-------------------------|--------------------|---|------------------|------------------|---------------------|--------------------|----------------------------|--|--|
|   |   |                         | Code               | V   | (A)              | (D)              | Date<br>Exercisable | Expiration<br>Date | Title                      | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares |  |
| Non-Qualified<br>Stock Option<br>(right to buy) | \$ 26.51  | 06/24/2005              | A                  |   | 2,000            |                  | <u>(1)</u>          | 06/24/2015         | Class A<br>Common<br>Stock | 2,000                                  |  |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |         |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| HARDIS STEPHEN R<br>EATON CORPORATION<br>1111 SUPERIOR AVENUE, EAST<br>CLEVELAND, OH 44114 |               | X         |         |       |

## Signatures

By: Catherine M. Kilbane, Power of Attorney For: Stephen R. Hardis 06/28/2005

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person
Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).
- \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Fifty percent of these options are exercisable on the first anniversary following the date of grant and the remaining fifty percent are exercisable on the second anniversary following the date of grant.

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