

State Auto Financial CORP  
Form 8-K  
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**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

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**FORM 8-K**

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**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 4, 2007 (May 4, 2007)

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**STATE AUTO FINANCIAL CORPORATION**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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**Ohio**  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

**000-19289**  
(Commission File Number)

**31-1324304**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**518 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**43215-3976**  
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (614) 464-5000

Not Applicable

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

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**Section 8 Other Events****Item 8.01 Other Events.**

State Auto Financial Corporation ( *STFC* ) announced the results from its 2007 annual meeting of shareholders held on May 4, 2007. Robert E. Baker and Thomas E. Markert, two new directors, and Alexander B. Trevor, an incumbent director, were elected to the STFC Board of Directors. Messrs. Baker and Markert filled the Class I seats vacated by Paul W. Huesman, who retired from the Board with the expiration of his term of office at the annual meeting, and John R. Lowther, who resigned from the Board in November 2006 in connection with the announcement of his pending retirement. The other continuing directors of STFC are Robert P. Restrepo, Jr., David J. D. Antoni, David R. Meuse, S. Elaine Roberts, Richard K. Smith and Paul S. Williams. In other business, shareholders approved an amendment to the Company's employee stock purchase plan, two new incentive compensation plans and the ratification of Ernst & Young LLP as the company's independent registered public accounting firm for 2007. On May 4, 2007, the Company issued a press release announcing the foregoing matters. The full text of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

STFC issued the following to clarify attendance by its directors at meetings of the Board and committees of the Board during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2006:

Each incumbent director of STFC who served as a director in 2006 attended 75% or more of the aggregate total number of meetings of the Board and committees of the Board on which he or she served during the period he or she served as a director in 2006. The following table provides Board and committee meeting attendance information for such directors (n/a indicates that the named director was not a member of the indicated committee):

| Name                       | Nominating/                           |                                    |   |   |   |  | Total No. of Meetings Attended/ | %    |
|----------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------|---|---|---|--|---------------------------------|------|
|                            | Board of Directors Meetings Attended/ | Audit Committee Meetings Attended/ | Compensation Committee Meetings Attended/ | Governance Committee Meetings Attended/ | Investment Committee Meetings Attended/ | Independent Committee Meetings Attended/ |                                 |      |
| David J. D. Antoni         | 12/12                                 | 5/8                                | 9/9                                       | 7/7                                     | n/a                                     | n/a                                      | 33/36                           | 92%  |
| David R. Meuse(1)          | 6/7                                   | 5/5                                | n/a                                       | 3/3                                     | 3/3                                     | n/a                                      | 17/18                           | 94%  |
| Robert P. Restrepo, Jr.(2) | 9/9                                   | n/a                                | n/a                                       | n/a                                     | n/a                                     | n/a                                      | 9/9                             | 100% |
| S. Elaine Roberts          | 11/12                                 | n/a                                | n/a                                       | 7/7                                     | 4/4                                     | 2/2                                      | 24/25                           | 96%  |
| Richard K. Smith           | 11/12                                 | 8/8                                | 9/9                                       | n/a                                     | 4/4                                     | 2/2                                      | 34/35                           | 97%  |
| Alexander B. Trevor(1)     | 7/7                                   | n/a                                | 5/5                                       | n/a                                     | 3/3                                     | 1/2                                      | 16/17                           | 94%  |
| Paul S. Williams           | 11/12                                 | 8/8                                | 9/9                                       | 7/7                                     | n/a                                     | 2/2                                      | 37/38                           | 97%  |

(1) First elected as a director in April 2006.

(2) First elected as a director in February 2006.

**Section 9. Financial Statements and Exhibits**

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(c) Exhibits.

| <b>Exhibit No.</b> | <b>Description</b>   |
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| 99.1               | Press release issued by State Auto Financial Corporation on May 4, 2007. |

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.

STATE AUTO FINANCIAL CORPORATION

Date: May 4, 2007

By /s/ Steven E. English  
Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

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