

Vaughn Michael E
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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 *
 Vaughn Michael E

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 American Railcar Industries, Inc./DE [ARII]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 03/03/2009

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 VP and Controller

C/O AMERICAN RAILCAR INDUSTRIES, INC., 100 CLARK STREET

(Street)

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

ST. CHARLES, MO 63301

(City) (State) (Zip)

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 Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of 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)

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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)			
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Appreciation Rights	\$ 20.88	03/03/2009		J		1,312		(1)	(1)	Common Stock	1,312
Stock Appreciation Rights	\$ 6.71	03/03/2009		A		5,250		(2)	03/03/2016	Common Stock	5,250
Stock Appreciation Rights	\$ 6.71	03/03/2009		A		5,250		(3)	03/03/2016	Common Stock	5,250

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Vaughn Michael E C/O AMERICAN RAILCAR INDUSTRIES, INC. 100 CLARK STREET ST. CHARLES, MO 63301			VP and Controller	

Signatures

/s/ Michael E.
Vaughn

03/05/2009

__Signature of
Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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(1) 25% of the performance based SARS granted on April 28, 2008 were canceled due to the Company's common stock not meeting the specified price target.

(2) The SARs vest in four equal increments on March 3, 2010, March 3, 2011, March 3, 2012 and March 3, 2013.

(3) The SARs vest in four equal increments on March 3, 2010, March 3, 2011, March 3, 2012 and March 3, 2013, but only if the closing price of the Company's common stock achieves a specified price target for twenty trading days during any sixty day trading day period during the twelve month period preceding the applicable anniversary date.

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