AMERICAN FINANCIAL GROUP INC
Form 4
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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
LINDNER CARL H

(Last) (First) (Middle)

ONE EAST FOURTH STREET

(Street)

CINCINNATI, OH 45202

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading Symbol
AMERICAN FINANCIAL GROUP INC [AFG]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
05/18/2005

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
(Check all applicable)
__X__ Director
__X__ 10% Owner
__X__ Officer (give title below)
_____ Other (specify below)
Chairman of the Board

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
_X_ 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 Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock								0	D	
Common Stock	05/02/2005		G	V	15,909	D	$ 0	6,943,776	I	Indirect #1 (1)
Common Stock	05/18/2005		P		400	A	$ 31.96	6,944,176	I	Indirect #1 (1)
Common Stock	05/18/2005		P		14,600	A	$ 31.99	6,958,776	I	Indirect #1 (1)
Common Stock	05/18/2005		P		5,000	A	$ 31.9	6,963,776	I	Indirect #1 (1)

Common Stock	7,008	I	Indirect #2 (2)
Common Stock	896,418	I	Indirect #3 (3)
Common Stock	1,339,087	I	Indirect #7 (4)
Common Stock	3,000,000	I	Indirect #8 (5)

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 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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Owne Follo Repo Trans (Instr
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
LINDNER CARL H ONE EAST FOURTH STREET CINCINNATI, OH 45202	X	X	Chairman of the Board	

Signatures

Carl H. Lindner By: Karl J. Grafe, as Attorney-in-Fact	05/19/2005
**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) #1: By Carl H. Lindner Jr., et al., Trustee for the Carl H. Lindner Amended and Restated Family Trust dated 12/23/83.

(2) #2: By Edyth B. Lindner, Spouse

(3) #3: By Lou Ann Flint, Trustee of the Edyth B. Lindner 2002-2 Qualified Annuity Trust U/A dated 8/19/02.

(4) #7: EBL, Trustee of the Edyth B. Lindner Family Trust dtd 4/13/04

(5) #8: By Joseph A. Pedoto, TTEE of the Edyth B. Lindner 2005-1 Qualified Annuity Trust dated 4/26/2005.

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