

CAPITAL AUTOMOTIVE REIT  
 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 \*  
 POHANKA JOHN J

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 CAPITAL AUTOMOTIVE REIT [CARS]

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

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 8270 GREENSBORO DRIVE  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 07/26/2005

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

MCLEAN, VA 22102  
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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 Security	2. Conversion or Exercise	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Transaction Code	5. Number of Derivative	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
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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	(Instr. 5)				
Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		
Phantom Shares <u>(1)</u>	<u>(2)</u>	07/26/2005	A	308	<u>(3)</u>	<u>(3)</u>	Common Shares of Beneficial Interest	308	\$ 39

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
POHANKA JOHN J 8270 GREENSBORO DRIVE MCLEAN, VA 22102				Trustee

## Signatures

/s/ Catherine Potter POA for John J.  
Pohanka 07/28/2005

\_\_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).
- Pursuant to the Company's Deferred Compensation and Stock Plan for Trustees, and the Deferred Fee Agreement dated December 15, 2003 executed by the Reporting Person, the Reporting Person has elected to defer receipt of his quarterly fee for attending Board and
- (1) Committee meetings, and receive shares that are valued by the quotient of the amount of Trustee fees accrued since the previous quarter, divided by the Fair Market Value of the Company's common shares calculated on the next business day following each regularly scheduled quarterly Board of Trustees meeting.
  - (2) 1 for 1.
  - (3) On the earlier of (i) April 1, 2019 or (ii) the January 15th following the date of termination of service as a trustee, the Phantom Shares will be paid to the Reporting Person in the form of common shares or, at the option of the Company, cash.

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