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Form 4  
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U.S. SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP  
  
Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities  
Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the  
Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or  
Section 30(f) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person\*  
Smith, B. Scott

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(Last) (First) (Middle)

c/o Sonic Automotive, Inc.  
5401 E. Independence Blvd.

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(Street)

Charlotte, NC 28212

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(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Sonic Automotive, Inc. (SAH)

3. I.R.S. Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an entity  
(voluntary)

4. Statement for Month/Year 3/02

5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Year)

6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)  
 Director  Officer  10% Owner  Other  
(give title below) (specify below)  
President and COO

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

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Table I--Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned  
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| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (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 at End of Month (Instr. 3 a) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      | Code                           | V                                                                 | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price                                                                   |
| Class A Common Stock            | 3/12/02                              | S                              |                                                                   | 20,000 | D          | \$32.00                                                                 |
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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) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) |   |
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Table II--Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of Derivative | 9. Number of Derivative Securities |
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Explanation of Responses:

/s/ B. Scott Smith 4-10-02  
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\*\*Signature of Reporting Person Date

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

\* If this 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).

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