

<b>FORM 3</b>	<b>UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION</b> Washington, D.C. 20549  <b>INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES</b>  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(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940	OMB APPROVAL  OMB Number: 3235-0104 Expires: January 31, 2005 Estimated average burden hours per response. . . . 0.5
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<b>1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *</b>  <b>Wyatt, E. Lee</b>  _____ (Last) (First) (Middle)  <b>c/o Sonic Automotive, Inc.</b> <b>5401 East Independence Boulevard</b>  _____ (Street) <b>Charlotte, NC 28212</b>  _____ (City) (State) (Zip)	<b>2. Date of Event Requiring Statement</b> Month/Day/Year  <b>04/22/2003</b>  <b>3. I.R.S. Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an entity (voluntary)</b>  _____	<b>4. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol</b>  <b>Sonic Automotive, Inc.</b> <b>sah</b>  <b>5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below)  Description <b>Senior Vice President and Treasurer</b>	<b>6. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Day/Year)</b>  _____  <b>7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)</b>  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned			
<b>1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)</b>  _____	<b>2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr.4)</b>  _____	<b>3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)</b>  _____	<b>4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)</b>  _____

<b>Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned</b> (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)
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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable(DE) and Expiration Date(ED) (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr.5)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr.5)
Options to Purchase	4/21/2004 (1) / 4/21/2013	Class A Common Stock / 75,000	\$15.90	D	

**Explanation of Responses:**

(1) These options vest in three (3) equal annual installments beginning on April 21, 2004.
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By: /s/ E. Lee Wyatt Date: 04/22/2003  
 E. Lee Wyatt  
 \*\* Signature of Reporting Person

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

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(b)(v).  
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