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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION FORM 4 OMB APPROVAL [] CHECK THIS BOX IF NO LONGER WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549 OMB NUMBER: 3235-0287 SUBJECT TO SECTION 16. FORM 4 STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP EXPIRES: DECEMBER 31, 2001 OR FORM 5 OBLIGATIONS MAY ESTIMATED AVERAGE BURDEN CONTINUE. SEE INSTRUCTION 1(B). HOURS PER RESPONSE....0.5 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* 2. Issuer Name AND Ticker or 6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer Trading Symbol (Check all applicable) __X___ Director 10% Owner X Officer Other (give title below) (specify below) Chief Financial Officer Sonic Automotive, Inc. ("SAH") Wright Theodore M. _ _____ (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. IRS 4. Statement for Identification Month/Year Number of Reporting Person, if an entity (Voluntary) c/o Sonic Automotive, Inc. 5401 E. Independence Blvd. 12/99 _____ 5. If 7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check (Street) Applicable Amendment, Line) $_{\rm X}$ Form filed by One Reporting Person Date of ___ Form filed by More than One Original Reporting Person Charlotte, NC 28212 (Month/Year) (City) (State) (Zip) TABLE I-- NON-DERIVATIVE SECURITIES ACQUIRED, DISPOSED OF, OR BENEFICIALLY OWNED 1. 2. 3. 4 . 5. 6. _____ _______ Securities Securities Trans-Trans-Securities Acquired (A) Beneficially Form: action Direct Nature action or Disposed of (D) Owned at of End of (D) or Date Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Indirect (Instr. 8) -----Title of (Month/ Month Indirect Beneficial ----- Amount (A) or Price Security Day/ (Instr. (I) Ownership 3 and 4) (Instr. 4) (Instr. 3) Year) Code V (D)

Class A Common Stock	12/2/99 P	2,500	А	\$8.9375	3,475	D	

							(Over) 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 4(b)(v)							
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TABLE II -- DERIVATIVE SECURITIES ACQUIRED, DISPOSED OF, OR BENEFICIALLY OWNED (E.G., PUTS, CALLS, WARRANTS, OPTIONS, CONVERTIBLE

SECURITIES) 1. 4. 5. 7. 8. 9. 2. 3. 6. - ----- --------------------_____ Title and Ownership Number of Date Exer-Amount of Form of Derivative cisable and Underlying Number of Deriv-Securities Expiration Securities Price Derivative ative of Trans-Acquired (A) Date (Month/ Conver-(Instr. 3 Securities Security: sion or Transaction or Disposed Day/Year) and 4) Deriv-Benefi-Direct Exercise action Code of (D) ----- ative cially (D) or Nature of Title of Price of Date (Instr. (Instr. 3, Date Amount Secur- Owned at Indirect Indirect Derivative Deriv-(Month/ 8) 4 and 5) Exer- Expiror Num- ity End of (I) Beneficial ber of (Instr. Month Day/ _____ cisation Security ative (Instr. Ownership (Instr. 3) Security Date Title Shares Code V (A) (D) able 5) (Instr. 4) 4) Year) (Instr. 4) - ----------<S> <C> <C>

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