Ownership

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<C> <S> FORM 4 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION OMB APPROVAL WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549 [] CHECK THIS BOX IF NO LONGER OMB NUMBER 3235-0287 STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP SUBJECT TO SECTION 16. FORM 4 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 _____Officer Other (give title below) (specify below) Robert Heller H Sonic Automotive, Inc. ("SAH") _ -----(Last) (First) (Middle) 3. IRS 4. Statement for Identification Month/Year Number of Reporting Person, if an entity (Voluntary) 90 Gilmartin Drive _ ------5. If 7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check (Street) Applicable Amendment, Line) Date of X Form filed by One Reporting Person Original Tiburon CA Form filed by More than One 94920 (Month/Year) Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) TABLE I-- NON-DERIVATIVE SECURITIES ACQUIRED, DISPOSED OF, OR BENEFICIALLY OWNED 1. 2. 3. 4 . 5. _____ Securities Securities Trans-Trans-Securities Acquired (A) Beneficially Form: Owned at Direct Nature action action or Disposed of (D) of End of (D) or Date Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Indirect Title of (Month/ (Instr. 8) _____ Month Indirect Beneficial Day/ -----Amount (A) or Price Security (Instr.

(D)

3 and 4) (Instr. 4)

Class A Common Stock	3/24/00	P 	500	A 	\$9.625 	6,000 	D	
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Class A Common Stock	3/24/00	P	1,500	A 	\$9.625		D	
Class A Common Stock	3/24/00	P	2,000	A 	\$9.6875		D	
Class A Common Stock	3/24/00	P	1,500	Α	\$9.625		D	

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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 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)

3. 4. 5. 6. 7. 8. 11. - ----- ----------_____ Title and Ownership Number of Date Exer-Amount of Form of Derivative cisable and Underlying Number of Deriv-Securities Expiration Securities Price Derivative ative Converof Trans-Acquired (A) Date (Month/ (Instr. 3 Securities Security: sion or Trans- action or Disposed and 4) Day/Year) 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 Security ative ----ation ber of (Instr. Month Day/ cis-(Instr. Ownership (Instr. 3) Security Code V (A) (D) able Title Shares Date 5) (Instr. 4) 4) Year) (Instr. 4) - -----_____ <S> <C> <C> <C> <C> <C> <C> <C> <C> <C>

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** Intentional misstatements or omissions of	/s/ Robert Heller	4/7/00		
facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations.				
SEE 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a)	** Signature of Reporting Person	Date		

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