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<C> UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549
<C> OMB OMB NUMBER
SUBJECT TO SECTION 16. FORM 4 STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP
EXPIRES: SEPTEMBER 30, 1998
OR FORM 5 OBLIGATIONS MAY ESTIMATED
AVERAGE BURDEN HOURS PER
CONTINUE. SEE INSTRUCTION 1(B).
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* Person(s) to Issuer
2. Issuer Name AND Ticker or Trading Symbol
6. Relationship of Reporting Person (Check all applicable)
X Director
10% Owner

Other (specify below)

Officer (give title below)

Belk William I. Sonic Automotive, Inc. ("SAH")

(Last) (First) (Middle)
3. IRS Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an entity (Voluntary)
4. Statement for Month/Year

6100 Fairview Road, #640 11/99

(Street) Applicable
5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Year)
7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Line)
____ Form filed by One Reporting Person
____ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
Charlotte NC 28210

(City) (State) (Zip) TABLE I-- NON-DERIVATIVE SECURITIES ACQUIRED, DISPOSED OF, OR BENEFICIALLY OWNED

1. Indirect Title of Beneficial Security Ownership (Instr. 3) (Instr. 4)	2. Trans-action Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Trans-action Code (Instr. 8) Code V	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Amount (A) or (D) Price	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Month (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Owner-ship Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature
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 Class A Common Stock 11-19-99 X 5,000 A \$12.50 5,000 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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FORM 4 (CONTINUED)

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

Ownership Form of Derivative Security:	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.	8.	9.	10.
Direct or Indirect Beneficial Security (Instr. 3) (Instr. 4)	Nature of Derivative Security Ownership (Instr. 3) (Instr. 4)	Exercise Date (Month/Day/Year)	Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	Date (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	Price of Derivative Securities (Instr. 5)	Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Month (Instr. 4)	(D) (I) (4)

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 Put Options (Obligation to buy) \$12.50 11-19-99 X 50 8-9-99 11-20-99 Class A Common Stock 5,000 -0- D

