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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * COSPER DAVID P				2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol SONIC AUTOMOTIVE INC [SAH]						:	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner				
(Last) (First) (Middle) C/O SONIC AUTOMOTIVE, INC., 6415 IDLEWILD ROAD, SUITE 109				3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/23/2006							X Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) Executive VP, CFO & Treasurer				
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Reporting Owners

	Relationships						
Reporting Owner Name / Address	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
COSPER DAVID P C/O SONIC AUTOMOTIVE, INC. 6415 IDLEWILD ROAD, SUITE 109 CHARLOTTE, NC 28212			Executive VP, CFO & Treasurer				

Signatures

/s/ David P. Cosper	03/27/2006
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the 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).
- (1) Restricted stock grant made by the Compensation Committee of Sonic Automotive, Inc. pursuant to the Sonic Automotive, Inc. 2004 Stock Incentive Plan. Shares are subject to forfeiture based on the satisfaction of performance criteria during fiscal year 2006.

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