FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* HELLER H ROBERT | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol SONIC AUTOMOTIVE INC [SAH] | | | | | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) _X_ Director10% Owner | | | | |
|--|---|---|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| (First) ROAD | (Middle) | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 04/25/2008 | | | | Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) | | | | | | |
| (Street) BELVEDERE, CA 94920 | | | 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) | | | | | Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person _Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | | |
| (State) | (Zip) | Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned | | | | | Owned | | | | | |
| Da | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | any | f Code (Instr. 8) | | | | | (D) Beneficially Owned For Reported Transaction(s | | ollowing O s) F | Ownership Form: | Beneficial |
| | | (Month/Day/Year) | Code | V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | (Instr. 3 ai | 10 4) | or (I) | or Indirect (I) | Ownership (Instr. 4) |
| Stock 04 | 1/25/2008 | | A | | 2,934 | A | 1) | 35,923 | | | D | |
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|--|---------------|--------------|---------|-------|--|--|
| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | |
| HELLER H ROBERT 6 MAYBRIDGE ROAD BELVEDERE, CA 94920 | X | | | | | |

Signatures

| /s/ H. Robert Heller | 04/28/2008 |
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| **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 granted pursuant to the Sonic Automotive, Inc. 2005 Formula Restricted Stock Plan for Non-Employee

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