# 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* BROOKS WILLIAM R			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol SONIC AUTOMOTIVE INC [SAH]						5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)					
(Last) (First) (Middle) C/O SONIC AUTOMOTIVE, INC., 5401 EAST INDEPENDENCE BOULEVARD			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/07/2009					Office	r (give title belo	ow)	Other (specify be	llow)		
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)					6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person  Form filed by More than One Reporting Person						
CHARLOTTE, NC 28212 (City) (State) (Zip)			Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acqu					s Acqui	ured, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned					
(Instr. 3)		2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquire (A) or Disposed of (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		quired of (D)	5. Amoun Beneficia Reported	nt of Securities ally Owned Following Transaction(s)		6. Ownership Form:	Beneficial	
				(Month/Day/Year	Code	V	Amoun	(A) or (D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)		Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Ownership (Instr. 4)	
Class A	Common S	Stock	05/07/2009		P <sup>(1)</sup>		8,710	A	\$ 5.74	18,633			D	
Reminder:	Report on a s	separate line for	each class of secur	rities beneficially or	wned dire	Pers	ons wh	no respo n this fo	rm are	not requ		spond unle	ss	474 (9-02)
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### Reporting Owners

	Relationships				
Reporting Owner Name / Address	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other	
BROOKS WILLIAM R C/O SONIC AUTOMOTIVE, INC. 5401 EAST INDEPENDENCE BOULEVARD CHARLOTTE, NC 28212	X				

# **Signatures**

/s/ William R. Brooks	05/11/2009
**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) Shares purchased from Sonic Automotive, Inc. in a private placement.

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