SONIC AUTOMOTIVE INC Form 4

July 02, 2001

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++ FORM 4 ++ [_] Check this box if no longer subject to Section 16. Form 4 or Form 5 obligations may continue. See Instruction 1(b). (Print or Type Responses)	WASHIN STATEMENT OF CHAN Filed pursuant to Se Exchange Act of 1 Public Utility Hol	CS AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION IGTON, D.C. 20549 IGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP Ection 16(a) of the Securities 1934, Section 17(a) of the 1. ding Company Act of 1935 or 1. Investment Company Act of 1940					
1. Name and Address of Re	eporting Person*						
Smith	В.	Scott					
(Last) c/o Sonic Automotive, Inc 5401 E. Independence Blvd		(Middle)					
	(Street)						
Charlotte	NC	28212					
(City)	(State)	(Zip)					
2. Issuer Name and Ticke	r or Trading Symbol	Sonic Automotive, Inc. (SAH)					
3. I.R.S. Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an entity (voluntary)							
4. Statement for Month/Ye	ear 6	5/01					
5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Year)							
6. Relationship of Report	ting Person(s) to Issu	ner (Check all applicable)					
X Director _X_ 0:	fficer give title below)	10% Owner Other					

(specify below)

	P	resident	an							
7. Individual or Joi X Form filed Form filed k	by	One Repo	rti	g (Check ng Perso	Appl					
Table INon-Derivati	Lve	Securiti:	es .	Acquired	l, Dis	sposed of, or	Beneficial	ly Owned		
1. Title 2. of Security (Instr. 3)		2. Trans- action Date	3. Trans- action Code (Instr. 8)				d (A) 5			
						(D)		Month (Instr. 3	(Instr. 3	
Class A Common Stock		6/22/01		M 		40,000	A	\$6.60 		61,50

Table II--Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Trans- action Date (Month/ Day/ Year)	4. Transac- tion Code (Instr. 8)
			Code V
Options to purchase	\$6.60	6/22/01	М
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	cisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/ Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	Deriv- ativ ative Secu Secur- itie ity Bene (Instr. fici
	Date Expira- Exer- tion cisable Date		at E of Mont (Ins
Options to purchase	(1) 11/17/02	Common Stock	489

Explanation of Responses:

(1) Of the options to purchase a total of 40,000 shares of Sonic's Class A Common Stock shown for Mr. Smith in the table above, options to purchase 13,333 shares became exercisable on November 17, 1998, options to purchase 13,334 shares became exercisable on November 17, 1999, and options to purchase 13,333 shares became exercisable on November 17, 2000.

/s/ B.	Scott	Smith		6/29/01
**Signature	of Re	porting	Person	Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

- * If this form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction $4\left(b\right)\left(v\right)$.
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations.

 See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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