

SONIC AUTOMOTIVE INC  
Form 8-K  
July 27, 2004

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**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

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**FORM 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT**

**PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE  
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

**Date of report (Date of earliest event reported): July 27, 2004**

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**SONIC AUTOMOTIVE, INC.**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

<b>Delaware</b> (State or Other	<b>1-13395</b> (Commission	<b>56-201079</b> (I.R.S. Employer
Jurisdiction of Incorporation)	File Number)	Identification No.)
<b>5401 E. Independence Boulevard,</b> <b>Charlotte, North Carolina</b> (Address of Principal Executive Offices)		<b>28212</b> (Zip Code)

**Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (704) 566-2400**

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**Item 9. Regulation FD Disclosure**

On July 27, 2004, we issued a press release announcing the approval of a quarterly cash dividend.

A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this current report on Form 8-K to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

SONIC AUTOMOTIVE, INC.

By: /s/ Stephen K. Coss  
Stephen K. Coss

Senior Vice President and General Counsel

Dated: July 27, 2004