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| FORM 4 |

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

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continue. See  
Instruction 1(b).

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP  
Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities  
Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the  
Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or  
Section 30(f) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person\*

Benton William P.  
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(Last) (First) (Middle)

Parkland Towers West, Ste. 1610 3 Parkland Blvd.

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(Street)

Dearborn MI 48126  
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(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Sonic Automotive, Inc. (SAH)  
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3. I.R.S. Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an entity  
(voluntary)  
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4. Statement for Month/Year 08/01  
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5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Year)  
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6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)

X Director \_\_\_ Officer \_\_\_ 10% Owner \_\_\_ Other  
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(give title below)

(specify below)

7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)

Form filed by One Reporting Person

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Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

Table I--Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) |   | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) |            |           | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Month (Instr. 3) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------|---|-------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|-----------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      | Code                           | V | Amount                                                            | (A) or (D) | Price     |                                                                       |
| Class A Common Stock            | 08/02/01                             | M                              |   | 10,000                                                            | A          | \$8.87    |                                                                       |
| Class A Common Stock            | 08/02/01                             | M                              |   | 10,000                                                            | A          | \$14.50   |                                                                       |
| Class A Common Stock            | 08/22/01                             | M                              |   | 10,000                                                            | A          | \$7.25    |                                                                       |
| Class A Common Stock            | 08/02/01                             | S                              |   | 10,000                                                            | D          | \$22.1188 |                                                                       |
| Class A Common Stock            | 08/02/01                             | S                              |   | 10,000                                                            | D          | \$22.1188 |                                                                       |
| Class A Common Stock            | 08/22/01                             | S                              |   | 10,000                                                            | D          | \$20.00   | 2,500                                                                 |

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. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) |   |
|--------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------|---|
|                                            |                                                        |                                      | Code                           | V |

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Options to Purchase \$8.87 08/02/01 M

Options to Purchase \$14.50 08/02/01 M

Options to Purchase \$7.25 08/22/01 M

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| 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Month (Instr. 5) |
|----------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Date Exercisable                                         | Expiration Date                                               | Title                                      | Amount or Number of Shares                                                       |

|                     |          |          |                      |        |        |
|---------------------|----------|----------|----------------------|--------|--------|
| Options to Purchase | 09/31/00 | 03/31/10 | Class A Common Stock | 10,000 |        |
| Options to Purchase | 09/31/99 | 03/31/09 | Class A Common Stock | 10,000 |        |
| Options to Purchase | 09/20/98 | 03/20/08 | Class A Common Stock | 10,000 | 20,000 |

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Explanation of Responses:

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| /s/ William P. Benton           | 09/06/01 |
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| **Signature of Reporting Person | Date     |

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

\* 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).

Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, see Instruction 6 for procedure.