

SONIC AUTOMOTIVE INC  
Form 8-K  
July 29, 2003

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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 29, 2003**

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**SONIC AUTOMOTIVE, INC.**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Delaware

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

**1-13395**  
(Commission File Number)

**56-201079**  
(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

**5401 E. Independence Boulevard, Charlotte, North Carolina**

**28212**

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(Zip Code)

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



**Item 9. Regulation FD Disclosure**

On July 29, 2003, we issued a press release announcing the approval of a quarterly cash dividend program.

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

Vice President and General  
Counsel

Dated: July 29, 2003