UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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 12, 2005

FASTENAL COMPANY

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Minnesota (State or other jurisdiction

of incorporation)

0-16125 (Commission File Number) 41-0948415 (IRS Employer

Identification No.)

2001 Theurer Boulevard

55987-1500

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Winona, Minnesota (Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant s telephone number, including area code (507) 454-5374

Not Applicable

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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- " Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 8.01. Other Events.

On July 12, 2005, Fastenal Company (the Company) issued a press release announcing that on July 12, 2005 its Board of Directors declared a dividend of \$.31 per share be paid in cash on September 2, 2005 to shareholders of record at the close of business on August 22, 2005. A copy of that press release is attached as an exhibit to this report and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

The following is furnished herewith:

- (c) Exhibits
 - 99.1 Press release of Fastenal Company dated July 12, 2005

SIGNATURES

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

Date: July 12, 2005

FASTENAL COMPANY

By: /s/ Daniel L. Florness

Daniel L. Florness Chief Financial Officer

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99.1 Press release of Fastenal Company dated July 12, 2005 Electronically Filed