

SONIC AUTOMOTIVE INC  
Form 8-K  
April 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): April 27, 2004

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## SONIC AUTOMOTIVE, INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

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

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

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**Item 5. Other Events and Regulation FD Disclosure**

On April 27, 2004, we issued a press release announcing the resignation of Theodore M. Wright as President and a director and the promotion of Jeffrey C. Rachor to President and E. Lee Wyatt, Jr.'s promotion to Executive Vice President.

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

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Stephen K. Coss

Senior Vice President and General

Counsel

Dated: April 27, 2004