

BROOKS WILLIAM R

Form 4

March 19, 2010

FORM 4
UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

Check this box
if no longer
subject to
Section 16.
Form 4 or
Form 5
obligations
may continue.
See Instruction
1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

OMB APPROVAL

OMB
Number: 3235-0287
Expires: January 31,
2005
Estimated average
burden hours per
response... 0.5

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
BROOKS WILLIAM R

(Last) (First) (Middle)

**C/O SONIC AUTOMOTIVE,
INC., 5401 EAST INDEPENDENCE
BOULEVARD**

(Street)

CHARLOTTE, NC 28212

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading

Symbol

SONIC AUTOMOTIVE INC [SAH]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year)

03/19/2010

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

☒ Director☐ 10% Owner

☐ Officer (give title
below)

☐ Other (specify
below)

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

☒ Form filed by One Reporting Person

☐ 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)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (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 Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price		
Class A Common Stock	03/19/2010		M		10,000	A	\$ 8.875	41,733	D
Class A Common Stock	03/19/2010		F		7,245 <u>(1)</u>	D	\$ 12.25	34,488	D

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

**Persons who respond to the collection of
information contained in this form are not
required to respond unless the form
displays a currently valid OMB control**

SEC 1474
(9-02)

number.

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)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title Amount or Number of Shares
Options to Purchase	\$ 8.875	03/19/2010		M	10,000	09/30/2000 03/31/2010	Class A Common Stock 10,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address**Relationships**

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

BROOKS WILLIAM R
C/O SONIC AUTOMOTIVE, INC.
5401 EAST INDEPENDENCE BOULEVARD
CHARLOTTE, NC 28212

X

Signatures

/s/ William R.

Brooks

03/19/2010

**Signature of
Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* 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).

- (1) Represents shares withheld by Sonic Automotive, Inc. to satisfy the exercise price of options pursuant to the terms of the Sonic Automotive, Inc. Formula Stock Option Plan for Independent Directors.

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

Potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB number.