

SAGA COMMUNICATIONS INC  
 Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
 ALT DONALD J

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 SAGA COMMUNICATIONS INC  
 [SGA]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 04/18/2005

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

4273 OLDE MILL LANE

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

ATLANTA, GA 30342

(City) (State) (Zip)

**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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount (A) or (D) Price		
Class A Common Stock	04/18/2005		M		885 A \$ 0.01	6,012	D
Class A Common Stock	04/18/2005		M		1,199 A \$ 0.01	7,211	D
Class A Common Stock	04/18/2005		M		1,378 A \$ 0.01	8,589	D
Class A Common						23,951	I by GRAT

Stock

Class A

Common

Stock

3,992

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by trusts <sup>(1)</sup>

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

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**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)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Director Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 0.01	04/18/2005		M	885	01/31/2003 01/31/2013	Class A Common Stock	885
Director Stock Option	\$ 0.01	04/18/2005		M	1,199	01/30/2004 01/30/2014	Class A Common Stock	1,199
Director Stock Option	\$ 0.01	04/18/2005		M	1,378	01/31/2005 01/31/2015	Class A Common Stock	1,378

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
ALT DONALD J 4273 OLDE MILL LANE ATLANTA, GA 30342	X			

## Signatures

/s/ Donald J. Alt, by Paul R. Rentenbach  
attorney-in-fact

04/20/2005

\_\_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).

These shares are held in trusts for the benefit of Mr. Alt's children. Mr. Alt's spouse is trustee of the trusts. The reporting person disclaims (1) beneficial ownership of these securities, and the filing of this report is not an admission that the reporting person is the beneficial owner of these securities for purposes of Section 16 or for any other purpose.

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