

SONIC AUTOMOTIVE INC  
Form 8-K  
February 24, 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): **February 24, 2004**

**SONIC AUTOMOTIVE, INC.**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

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**Delaware**

**1-13395**

**56-201079**

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

(Commission File Number)

(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 and Item 12. Results of Operations and Financial Condition**

On February 24, 2004, we issued a press release announcing results for our fiscal quarter and fiscal year ended December 31, 2003.

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.

Dated: February 24, 2004

By:           /s/  STEPHEN K. COSS          

**Stephen K. Coss**

**Vice President and General  
Counsel**