## **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 27, 2004

# SONIC AUTOMOTIVE, INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Delaware (State or Other 1-13395 (Commission File Number) 56-201079 (I.R.S. Employer

**Jurisdiction of Incorporation**)

**Identification No.)** 

5401 E. Independence Boulevard,

Charlotte, North Carolina (Address of Principal Executive Offices)

28212 (Zip Code)

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

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### Item 9. Regulation FD Disclosure and Item 12. Results of Operations and Financial Condition

On July 27, 2004, we issued a press release announcing results for our fiscal quarter and six month period ended June 30, 2004.

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

Stephen K. Coss

Senior Vice President and General Counsel

Dated: July 27, 2004