

BROOKS WILLIAM R  
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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 \*  
**BROOKS WILLIAM R**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**SONIC AUTOMOTIVE INC [SAH]**

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
  
(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**04/26/2010**

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

(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

**CHARLOTTE, NC 28212**

(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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
				Code	V	Amount	
Class A Common Stock	04/26/2010		<u>M</u> <sup>(1)</sup>	A	\$ 11.19	51,988	D
Class A Common Stock	04/26/2010		<u>S</u> <sup>(1)</sup>	D	\$ 13.12 <sup>(2)</sup>	39,488	D
Class A Common Stock	04/27/2010		<u>M</u> <sup>(1)</sup>	A	\$ 11.19	51,988	D
Class A Common Stock	04/27/2010		<u>S</u> <sup>(1)</sup>	D	\$	39,488	D

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Common Stock 11.46  
(3)

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)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title Amount or Number of Shares
Options to purchase	\$ 11.19	04/26/2010		M <sup>(1)</sup>	12,500	04/28/2003 04/28/2010	Class A Common Stock 12,500
Options to purchase	\$ 11.19	04/27/2010		M <sup>(1)</sup>	12,500	04/28/2003 04/28/2010	Class A Common Stock 12,500

## 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

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## Signatures

/s/ William R.  
Brooks

04/28/2010

\*\*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) Options exercised and shares sold pursuant to 10b5-1 trading plan.

This transaction was executed in multiple trades at prices ranging from \$12.94 per share to \$13.24 per share. The price reported reflects

(2) the weighted average sales price. The reporting person hereby undertakes to provide upon request to the SEC staff, the issuer or a security holder of the issuer full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the range set forth in this footnote.

This transaction was executed in multiple trades at prices ranging from \$11.25 per share to \$12.03 per share. The price reported reflects

(3) the weighted average sales price. The reporting person hereby undertakes to provide upon request to the SEC staff, the issuer or a security holder of the issuer full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the range set forth in this footnote.

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