SONIC AUTOMOTIVE INC Form 4 August 10, 2001

U.S. SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 4	OMB APPR	OMB APPROVAL			
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STATEMENT OF CHANG	GES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP				
(Print or Type Responses)					
Section 17(a) of the Public U	of the Securities Exchange Act of Jtility Holding Company Act of 193 Investment Company Act of 1940				
1. Name and Address of Reporting Pe	erson				
Belk, Willliam I.					
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)			
6100 Fairview Road, #640					
	(Street)				
Charlotte, NC 28210					
(City)	(State)	(Zip)			
2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Tradin	ng Symbol				
Sonic Automotive, Inc. (SAH)					
3. IRS or Social Security Number of	Reporting Person (Voluntary)				
4. Statement for Month/Year					
7/01					
5. If Amendment, Date of Original	(Month/Year)				
6. Relationship of Reporting Person	to Issuer				

(Check all applicable)

Director

10% Owner

Officer	(give title below)			r (Specify below)			
7. Individual or Joint/Gr	oup Filing (Che	ck Applic					
Form filed by Mo	re than One Repo	orting Pe					
 Title of Security (Instr. 3) 	Table 1 Non-I 2. Trans- action	3. Tran	ıs-		ities Acqı	uired (A)	
	Date (Month/	Code (Instr. 8)		(Instr. 3,4 and 5)			Benefic Owned a End of
	•	Code		Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	(Instr and
Class A Common Stock						\$ 8.87	
Class A Common Stock	7/9/01	S		9,000	D		11

Table II -- Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficiall (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

 Title of Derivative (Instr. 3) 		ecurity 2	or Exercise	Date (Month/Day/	4. Transacation Code (Instr. 8)		Securities	
			Code		V	(A)		
Options to P	urchase		\$8.87	07/09/01	M			
Underlyin (Instr. 3	g Securities and 4)		e of Derivative rity (Instr. 5)	9. Number of De Securities E Owned at End Instr. 4)	Beneficiall	У	Ownership Form of Derivative S Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (I	
Title	Amount or Number of Shares							
Class A Common Stock				20,000		D 		

Explanation of Responses:

/s/ William I. Belk				8/10/01		
**Signature	of	Reporting	Person	Date	_	

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

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- $\ensuremath{^{**}}\xspace$ Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations.

See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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