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	no longer subject to Section 16. Form 4 or Form 5 obligations may continue. See Instruction 1(b). ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIE OWNERSH						
[_]	Form 3 Holdings Re	ported					
[_]	Form 4 Transaction	s Reported					
1.	Name and Address o	f Reporting Person*					
	Smith	В.		Scott			
	(Last)	(First)		(Middle)			
	c/o Sonic Automoti 5401 E. Independen						
		(Street)					
	Charlotte,	NC		28212			
	(City)	(State)		(Zip)			
2.	Issuer Name and Ti	cker or Trading Symbol	Sonic Automotiv	e, Inc (SAH)			
3.	I.R.S. Identificat (Voluntary)	ion Number of Reporting		entity 			
4.	Statement for Mont						
5.	If Amendment, Date	of Original (Month/Yea					
6.	Relationship of Re	porting Person(s) to Is	suer (Check all	applicable)			
	[X] Director [X] Officer [(give title below)] 10% Owner	[] Other (specify below)			

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President and Chief Operating Officer

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Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		ng Securities 3 and 4)	8.	of Deriv- ative Secur- ity	of Deriv- ative Secur- ities Bene-	10
tion	Title	Amount or Number of Shares			at End of Year (Instr. 4)	
10/11/11	common	50,000			539,750	
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Explanation of Responses:

/s/ B. Scott Smith February 6, 2002

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

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

^{**} Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).