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> Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or continue. See Instruction 1(b). Section 30(f) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 [_] Form 3 Holdings Reported [_] Form 4 Transactions Reported _____ 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* Wright, Theodore _____ (First) (Last.) (Middle) c/o Sonic Automotive, Inc. 5401 E. Independence Blvd. _____ (Street) NC Charlotte, ______ (State) (City) 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Sonic Automotive, Inc. (SAH) 3. I.R.S. Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an entity (Voluntary) 4. Statement for Month/Year 12/01 5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Year) 6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) [X] Director [X] Officer [] 10% Owner [] Other (give title below) (specify below) Vice President and Chief Financial Officer 7. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting (check applicable line) X Form Filed by One Reporting Person Form Filed by More than One Reporting Person

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Table I--Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

(Instr. 3)	2. Trans- action Date (Month/ Day/ Year)		or I (Ins	urities Acqu Disposed of Str. 3, 4 an	(D)	. Amount of Securitie Beneficia Owned at end of Issuer's
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6. Date Exer- cisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/ Year)	sable and piration te onth/Day/		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Deriv- ative Secur- ity (Instr. 5)		-		
Date	Expira-		Amount or				Owned at End		
	tion	Title					of Year		
	Date	11010	Shares				(Instr. 4)		
4/11/02	10/11/11	Class A	40,000				456,376		

Explanation of Responses:

/s/	Theodore	Μ.	Wright	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).