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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
 Washington, D.C. 20549

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP
 Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities
 Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the
 Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or
 Section 30(f) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*

Benton,	William	P.
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(Last)	(First)	(Middle)
570 N. Lake Way		

(Street)		
Palm Beach,	FL	33480
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(City)	(State)	(Zip)

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 5/02

5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Year)

6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)
 Director ___ Officer ___ 10% Owner ___ Other
 --- (give title below) (specify below)

7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person

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

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (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 at End of Month (Instr. 3 a)
		Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	
Class A Common Stock	5-3-02	M		5,000	A	\$7.25	
Class A Common Stock	5-8-02	M		5,000	A	\$7.25	
Class A Common Stock	5-3-02	S		5,000	D	\$38.20	
Class A Common Stock	5-8-02	S		2,500	D	\$39.50	
Class A Common Stock	5-8-02	S		2,500	D	\$39.00	2,500

 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)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	
			Code	V
Options to Purchase	\$7.25	5-3-02	M	
Options to Purchase	\$7.25	5-8-02	M	

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

6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Month (Instr. 5)
Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		
9-20-98	3-20-08	Class A Common Stock	5,000		
9-20-98	3-20-08	Class A Common Stock	5,000		20,000

Explanation of Responses:

/s/ William P. Benton

6-10-02

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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

*If this 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).

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