## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

**WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549** 

# FORM 8-K

## **CURRENT REPORT**

# PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of report (Date of earliest event reported): April 29, 2003

# SONIC AUTOMOTIVE, INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

#### **Delaware**

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

1-13395 (Commission File Number) 56-201079 (I.R.S. Employer Indentification No.)

5401 E. Independence Boulevard, Charlotte, North Carolina (Address of Principal Executive Offices)

28212 (Zip Code)

Registrant s telephone number, including area code: (704) 566-2400

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On April 29, 2003, we issued a press release announcing results for our fiscal quarter ended March 31, 2003.

A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

### **SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this current report on Form 8-K to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

SONIC AUTOMOTIVE, INC.

By: /s/ Stephen K.

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Stephen K. Coss

Vice President and General Counsel

Dated: April 29, 2003

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