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Form 4
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U.S. SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

(Print or Type Responses)

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

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person

Belk, Willlliam I.

(Last) (First) (Middle)

6100 Fairview Road, #640

(Street)

Charlotte, NC 28210

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading 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)

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Director 10% Owner

 ----- Officer (give title below) ----- Other (Specify below)

7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)

Form filed by One Reporting Person

Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

Table 1 -- Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Trans- action Date (Month/ Day/ Year)	3. Trans- action Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3,4 and 5)			5. Amount of Security Beneficially Owned at End of (Instr. and 4)
		Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	
Class A Common Stock	7/9/01	M		10,000	A	\$ 8.87	
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Table II -- Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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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)		5. Number of Securities or Dispose (Instr. 3,
			Code	V	(A)
Options to Purchase	\$8.87	07/09/01	M		

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. 4)	10. Ownership Form of Derivative S Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (I
Title	Amount or Number of Shares			
Class A Common Stock	10,000		20,000	D

Explanation of Responses:

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/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).

**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.