SONIC AUTOMOTIVE INC Form 8-K May 08, 2009

# UNITED STATES 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): May 8, 2009

## SONIC AUTOMOTIVE, INC.

 $(Exact\ name\ of\ registrant\ as\ specified\ in\ its\ charter)$ 

#### **Delaware**

 $(State\ or\ other\ jurisdiction\ of\ incorporation)$ 

1-13395 (Commission File Number) 56-201079 (IRS Employer Identification No.)

6415 Idlewild Road, Suite 109

Charlotte, North Carolina 28212
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)
Registrant s telephone number, including area code: (704) 566-2400

N/A

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- " Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- " Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- " Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

## Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On May 8, 2009, we issued a press release announcing results for our fiscal quarter ended March 31, 2009.

A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1. A copy of the earnings call presentation materials is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.2.

## Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

- (d) Exhibits.
  - 99.1 Press release of Sonic Automotive, Inc. dated May 8, 2009
  - 99.2 Earnings call presentation materials

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#### **SIGNATURES**

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

SONIC AUTOMOTIVE, INC.

By: /s/ Stephen K. Coss Stephen K. Coss Senior Vice President and General Counsel

Dated: May 8, 2009

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