MAROONE MICHAEL E

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Form 5 obligations may continue. See Instruction Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading MAROONE MICHAEL E Issuer Symbol AUTONATION, INC. [AN] (Check all applicable) (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) _X__ Director 10% Owner Other (specify X_ Officer (give title 200 SW 1ST AVE, SUITE 1600 09/07/2012 below) Director, President and COO

(Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
X Form filed by One Reporting Person
_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

FORT LAUDERDALE, FL 33301

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tak	ole I - Non-	-Derivative	Secur	ities Acquire	ed, Disposed of, o	or Beneficially	Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities or Disposed of (Instr. 3, 4)	f(D)		5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	09/07/2012		M	64,000	A	\$ 21.59	64,000	D	
Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	09/07/2012		S	64,000	D	\$ 41.9112 (1)	0	D	
Common Stock, par	09/10/2012		M	118,100	A	\$ 21.59	118,100	D	

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value \$0.01 per share								
Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	09/10/2012	S	118,100	D	\$ 41.8425 (2)	0	D	
Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	09/11/2012	S	131,323	D	\$ 41.4951	2,365,299	I	See Footnote
Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share						1,537	I	By 401(k) Plan

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

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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)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	ransactiorDerivative ode Securities		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount Number Shares
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 21.59	09/07/2012		M		64,000	<u>(5)</u>	08/01/2015	Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	64,000
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 21.59	09/10/2012		M		118,100	(5)	08/01/2015	Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	118,10

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
MAROONE MICHAEL E 200 SW 1ST AVE SUITE 1600 FORT LAUDERDALE, FL 33301	X		Director, President and COO				

Signatures

/s/ Michael E.
Maroone

**Signature of Reporting
Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * 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).
- This transaction was executed in multiple trades at prices ranging from \$41.80 to \$42.00. The price reported above reflects the weighted (1) average sale price. The reporting person hereby undertakes to provide upon request to the SEC staff, the issuer or a security holder of the issuer full information regarding the number of shares and prices at which the transactions were effected.
- This transaction was executed in multiple trades at prices ranging from \$41.53 to \$42.01. The price reported above reflects the weighted average sale price. The reporting person hereby undertakes to provide upon request to the SEC staff, the issuer or a security holder of the issuer full information regarding the number of shares and prices at which the transactions were effected.
- This transaction was executed in multiple trades at prices ranging from \$41.45 to \$41.75. The price reported above reflects the weighted average sale price. The reporting person hereby undertakes to provide upon request to the SEC staff, the issuer or a security holder of the issuer full information regarding the number of shares and prices at which the transactions were effected.
- (4) These shares are beneficially owned by Michael Maroone Family Partnership, a Nevada limited partnership controlled by the reporting person.
- (5) The option became exercisable in 25% annual increments on each of the first four anniversaries of August 1, 2005.

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