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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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See Instruction 1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Rusnak Paul P. Issuer Symbol SONIC AUTOMOTIVE INC [SAH] (Check all applicable) (First) (Middle) (Last) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) Director X 10% Owner _ Other (specify Officer (give title 325 W. COLORADO BLVD..., PO 05/19/2010 below) BOX 70489 4. If Amendment, Date Original (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting PASADENA, CA 91117-7489 (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

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1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	1		of (D)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)			
					(A)		Reported Transaction(s)	(Instr. 4)	
			Code V	Amount	or (D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)		
Class A Common Stock	05/19/2010		P	376,200	A	\$ 9.55	3,623,000	D	
Class A Common Stock	05/20/2010		P	323,800	A	\$ 9.39	3,946,800	D	

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

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				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	F						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
Rusnak Paul P.							
325 W. COLORADO BLVD							

325 W. COLORADO BLVD., PO BOX 70489 PASADENA, CA 91117-7489

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Relationships

Signatures

/s/ Paul P. 05/24/2010 Rusnak

**Signature of Date
Reporting Person

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- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
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