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Form 5
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UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

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Form 3 Holdings Reported
Form 4 Transactions Reported

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*

Smith, O. Bruton
(Last) (First) (Middle)
c/o Sonic Automotive, Inc.
5401 E. Independence Blvd.
(Charlotte, NC 28212)
(Charlotte) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Sonic Automotive, Inc. (SAH)

3. I.R.S. Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an entity (Voluntary)

4. Statement for Month/Year 12/01

5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Year)

- Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)
[X] Director [X] Officer [X] 10% Owner [] Other
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

