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September 19, 2002

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549  
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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) September 19, 2002  
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AUTONATION, INC.  
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(Exact Name Of Registrant As Specified In Its Charter)

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| DELAWARE  | 1-13107                     | 73-1105145                           |
| -----   | -----                       | -----                                |
| (State Or Other Jurisdiction<br>Of Incorporation) | (Commission<br>File Number) | (IRS Employer<br>Identification No.) |

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| 110 S.E. 6th Street<br>Fort Lauderdale, Florida | 33301      |
| -----   | -----      |
| (Address Of Principal Executive Offices)        | (Zip Code) |

Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code (954) 769-6000  
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(Former Name Or Former Address, If Changed Since Last Report)

ITEM 5. Other Events.

On September 19, 2002, AutoNation, Inc. (the "Company") announced that its Board of Directors has named Mike Jackson Chairman of the Board, effective January 1, 2003. Mr. Jackson, currently Chief Executive Officer, succeeds H. Wayne Huizenga, who is retiring as Chairman effective December 31, 2002. Mr. Huizenga will continue as a member of the Company's Board of Directors, and Mr. Jackson will continue to serve as Chief Executive Officer of the Company. A copy of the press release is attached as an exhibit hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

ITEM 7. Financial Statements, Pro Forma Financial Information and Exhibits

(c) Exhibits

99.1 Press Release of AutoNation, Inc., dated September

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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.

AUTONATION, INC.

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(Registrant)

By: /s/ Jonathan P. Ferrando

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Jonathan P. Ferrando  
Senior Vice President,  
General Counsel and Secretary

Dated: September 19, 2002

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INDEX TO EXHIBITS

| Exhibit<br>Number<br>----- | Exhibit<br>Description<br>-----                              |
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