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FORM 4

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

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person ** North John F			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
			LITHIA MOTORS INC [LAD]	(Check all applicable)			
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction				
360 E. JACK	KSON ST.		(Month/Day/Year) 03/09/2012	Director 10% Owner _X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) VP of Accounting/CAO			
	(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			
MEDFORD, OR 97501				Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities A	cquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned			

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1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)		3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired on(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		
Class A Common	03/09/2012		F(1)	132	D	\$ 25.15	9,273	D	
Class A Common	03/10/2012		F(1)	198	D	\$ 25.15	9,075	D	
Class A Common	03/12/2012		F(1)	370	D	\$ 25.14	8,705	D	

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)

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				Code V	(A) (D)			,	Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

North John F

360 E. JACKSON ST.

MEDFORD, OR 97501 Accounting/CAO

Signatures

By: Cliff E. Spencer, Attorney in Fact 03/20/2012

**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).
- (1) This report is filed to report the withholding of stock by the issuer to cover the income tax obligation of the reporting person arising from the vesting of a prior restricted stock or stock unit award reported on Table I.

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