

LITHIA MOTORS INC  
Form 8-K  
April 10, 2006

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

**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): April 10, 2006

**Lithia Motors, Inc.**

(Exact Name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

Oregon  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation)

0-21789  
(Commission File Number)

93 - 0572810  
(IRS Employer Identification  
No.)

360 E. Jackson Street  
Medford, Oregon 97501  
(Address of Principal Executive Office)

Registrant's telephone number including area code 541-776-6868

Not applicable

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e -4(c))
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**Item 8.01 Other Events**

On April 10, 2006, Lithia Motors, Inc. issued a press release announcing a cash dividend of \$0.12 per share for the first quarter of 2006. Shareholders of record as of April 21, 2006, will receive the dividend that will be payable May 5, 2006. A copy of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

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- (a) Not applicable.
- (b) Not applicable.
- (c) Exhibits.  
99.1 Cash Dividend Press Release

**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.

LITHIA MOTORS, INC.  
(Registrant)

Date: April 10, 2006      By: /s/ Kenneth E. Roberts  
Kenneth E. Roberts  
Assistant Secretary

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