LITHIA MOTORS INC
Form 4
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FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
DEBOER BRYAN B

(Last) (First) (Middle)

150 N. BARTLETT

(Street)

MEDFORD, OR 97501

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading Symbol
LITHIA MOTORS INC [LAD]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
03/02/2015

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

__X__ Director _____ 10% Owner
__X__ Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
Chief Executive Officer

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
_X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person
___ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	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			
Class A Common Stock	03/02/2015		A		19,519 (1)	A	$ 0 (2)	112,641	D	
Class A Common Stock	03/02/2015		A		18,381 (3)	A	$ 0 (2)	131,022	D	
Class A Common Stock	03/02/2015		F		12,285 (4)	D	$ 89.28	118,737	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)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Owne Follo Repo Trans (Instr
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
DEBOER BRYAN B 150 N. BARTLETT MEDFORD, OR 97501	X		Chief Executive Officer	

Signatures

By: Larissa McAlister, Attorney-in-Fact	03/02/2015
**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) Shares of Class A Common Stock were issued in settlement of restricted stock units that were earned and vested under a long-term restricted stock unit agreement entered into in 2013. Compensation Committee certification of the achievement of the performance criteria for the award occurred on the transaction date.

(2) Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of Class A Common Stock.

(3) Restricted stock units were awarded and earned under a performance and time-vesting restricted stock unit agreement entered into in 2014. Compensation Committee certification of the achievement of the performance criteria for the award occurred on the transaction date. 4,596 shares of Class A Common Stock were issued in settlement of an equal number of restricted stock units. Subject to the reporting person's continued employment with the issuer or any of its subsidiaries, the remaining restricted stock units vest in equal annual installments on the next 3 anniversary dates of the grant.

(4) Shares were withheld by the issuer to cover withholding taxes upon vesting of restricted stock units.

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