

FORWARD AIR CORP  
Form SC 13D/A  
October 28, 2003

**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

**SCHEDULE 13D/A**

**Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**  
(Amendment No. 2)

**Forward Air Corporation**

(Name of Issuer)

**Common Stock**  
(Title of Class of Securities)

349853101  
(CUSIP Number)

Scott M. Niswonger  
430 Airport Road  
Greeneville, Tennessee 37745  
(423) 636-7000

(Name, Address and Telephone Number of Person  
Authorized to Receive Notices and Communications)

October 24, 2003  
(Date of Event which Requires Filing  
of this Statement)

If the filing person has previously filed a statement on Schedule 13G to report the acquisition which is the subject of this Schedule 13D/A, and is filing this schedule because of Rule 13d-1(e), 13d-1(f) or 13d-1(g), check the following box. [ ]

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- (1) NAMES OF REPORTING PERSON  
I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON  
Scott M. Niswonger
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- (2) CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP\* (a)   
(b)
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- (3) SEC USE ONLY
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- (4) SOURCE OF FUNDS  
Not Applicable
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- (5) CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS o  
IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEMS 2(d) OR 2(e)
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- (6) CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION  
United States
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|----------------------------------|--|--|--|
| NUMBER OF<br>SHARES              |  | (7) SOLE VOTING POWER<br>2,755,000 shares of Common Stock      |  |
| BENEFICIALLY<br>OWNED BY<br>EACH |  | (8) SHARED VOTING POWER<br>0 shares of Common Stock            |  |
| REPORTING<br>PERSON WITH         |  | (9) SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER<br>2,755,000 shares of Common Stock |  |
|                                  |  | (10) SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER<br>0 shares of Common Stock      |  |
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- (11) AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON  
2,755,300 shares of Common Stock, consisting of 2,754,700 shares of Common Stock held directly and 600 shares held indirectly.
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- (12) CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN o  
SHARES
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- (13) PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW 11  
12.85% Common Stock
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(14) TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON  
IN

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**ITEM 1. SECURITY AND ISSUER.**

This Schedule 13D/A relates to the common stock, par value \$0.01 per share (the Common Stock), of Forward Air Corporation, a Tennessee corporation (the Issuer). The principal executive offices of the Issuer are located at 430 Airport Road, Greeneville, Tennessee 37745.

**ITEM 2. IDENTITY AND BACKGROUND.**

- (a) Scott M. Niswonger
- (b) 430 Airport Road, Greeneville, Tennessee 37745.
- (c) Chairman of Forward Air Corporation located at 430 Airport Road, Greeneville, Tennessee 37745. Forward Air Corporation is a provider of scheduled surface transportation for deferred air freight to freight forwarders, integrators and airlines.
- (d) During the last five years, Scott M. Niswonger has not been convicted in a criminal proceeding.
- (e) During the last five years, Scott M. Niswonger has not been a party to a civil proceeding of a judicial or administrative body of competent jurisdiction where, as a result of such proceeding, it was subject to a judgment, decree or final order enjoining future violations of, or prohibiting or mandating activities subject to, Federal or State securities laws or finding any violation with respect to such laws.
- (f) Scott M. Niswonger is a citizen of the United States.

**ITEM 3. SOURCE AND AMOUNT OF FUNDS OR OTHER CONSIDERATION.**

All shares of Common Stock held by Mr. Niswonger were acquired using his personal funds.

**ITEM 4. PURPOSE OF TRANSACTION.**

During the period October, 2000 through October 24, 2003, Mr. Niswonger has made several dispositions of his shares of the Issuer's stock. All of these transactions have been reported on Form 4 filings except for the most recent transaction on October 24, 2003 which is reported on Form 4 concurrently with the filing of this Amendment. On October 24, 2003, Mr. Niswonger transferred by gift 330,000 shares of the Issuer's Common Stock to East Tennessee Foundation. On October 27, 2003, Mr. Niswonger resigned as the Issuer's Chief Executive Officer. He remains Chairman of the Issuer's board of directors.

The Issuer has filed a registration statement on Form S-3 covering the sale of 2,200,000 shares of Common Stock owned by Mr. Niswonger. Mr. Niswonger holds the remaining 555,300 shares of Common Stock for investment purposes but may in the future explore a variety of alternatives including without limitation selling all or a portion of these shares to other officers of the Issuer in privately negotiated transactions.

Except as set forth above, Mr. Niswonger has no plans or proposals with respect to any of the matters set forth in paragraphs (a) through (j) of Item 4 of Schedule 13D.

**ITEM 5. INTERESTS IN SECURITIES OF THE ISSUER.**

- (a) Scott M. Niswonger beneficially owns 12.85 % of the Issuer's Common Stock or 2,755,300 shares of Common Stock consisting of 2,754,700 shares of Common Stock held directly. Mr. Niswonger has the sole power to vote, dispose, and direct the disposition of the shares listed in his name. Mr. Niswonger also holds 300 shares for his grandson and Mr. Niswonger's spouse holds 300 shares for her daughter.
- (b) Mr. Niswonger beneficially owns the following number of shares of Common Stock with:
- Sole Voting Power: 2,755,000 shares of Common Stock
  - Shared Voting Power: 0 shares of Common Stock
  - Sole Dispositive Power: 2,755,000 shares of Common Stock
  - Shared Dispositive Power: 0 shares of Common Stock
- (c) On October 24, 2003, Mr. Niswonger transferred by gift 330,000 shares of Common Stock to the East Tennessee Foundation.
- (d) Not Applicable.
- (e) Not applicable.

**ITEM 6. CONTRACTS, ARRANGEMENTS, UNDERSTANDINGS, OR RELATIONSHIPS WITH RESPECT TO SECURITIES OF THE ISSUER.**

None.

**ITEM 7. MATERIAL TO BE FILED AS EXHIBITS.**

None.

**SIGNATURE (Schedule 13D/A)**

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete, and correct.

By: /s/ Scott M. Niswonger

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Scott M. Niswonger

Date: October 28, 2003