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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) September 19, 2002

AUTONATION, INC.

(Exact Name Of Registrant As Specified In Its Charter)

DELAWARE 1-13107 73-1105145

(State Or Other Jurisdiction (Commission (IRS Employer Of Incorporation) File Number) Identification No.)

110 S.E. 6th Street Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33301

Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code (954) 769-6000

(Zip Code)

(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

(Address Of Principal Executive Offices)

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.
-----(Registrant)

By: /s/ Jonathan P. Ferrando

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

Dated: September 19, 2002

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