LITHIA MOTORS INC Form 8-K August 15, 2011

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: August 15, 2011 (Date of earliest event reported)

Lithia Motors, Inc. (Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter) OR (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) 001-14733 (Commission File Number) 93-0572810 (IRS Employer Identification Number) 360 E. Jackson Street, Medford, OR (Address of principal executive offices) 97501 (Zip Code) 541-776-6401 (Registrant's telephone number, including area code) Not Applicable (Former Name or Former Address, if changed since last report)

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o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure

On August 15, 2011, Lithia Motors, Inc., an Oregon corporation, announced that senior management will present at the BB&T Auto Aftermarket Conference on August 17, 2011 in New York City, New York. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits

(a) Financial statements: None
(b) Pro forma financial information: None
(c) Shell company transactions: None
(d) Exhibits 99.1 Press Release of Lithia Motors, Inc. dated August 15, 2011

SIGNATURE

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.

Dated: August 15, 2011 LITHIA MOTORS, INC.

By: <u>/s/ Christopher S. Holzshu</u> Christopher S. Holzshu Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

Exhibit Index Exhibit No. Description 99.1 Press Release of Lithia Motors, Inc. dated August 15, 2011