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Form SC 13G/A  
February 17, 2004

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

SCHEDULE 13G

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934  
(Amendment No. 7)\*

CREDIT ACCEPTANCE CORPORATION  
(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock, \$.01 par value  
(Title of Class of Securities)

225310 10 1  
(CUSIP Number)

December 31, 2003  
(Date of Event which Requires filing of this Statement)

Check the appropriate box to designate the rule pursuant to which this Schedule is filed:

Rule 13d-1(b)  
 Rule 13d-1(c)  
 Rule 13d-1(d)

\* The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person's initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter the disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

The information required in the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the Notes).

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1 NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS  
I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NOS. OF ABOVE PERSONS (entities only)

Thomas W. Smith

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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 CITIZEN OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

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	5	SOLE VOTING POWER	
NUMBER OF SHARES		727,000	
BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON	6	SHARED VOTING POWER	
WITH		4,076,500	
	7	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER	
		727,000	
	8	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER	
		4,076,500	

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9 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

4,803,500

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10 CHECK IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES

Not Applicable

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11 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW 9

11.4%

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12 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

IN

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1 NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS  
I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NOS. OF ABOVE PERSONS (entities only)

Thomas N. Tryforos

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2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (a)   
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	5	SOLE VOTING POWER	
NUMBER OF SHARES		318,182	
BENEFICIALLY	6	SHARED VOTING POWER	

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OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH		4,076,500	
	7	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER	
		318,182	
	8	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER	
		4,076,500	

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9 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

4,394,682

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10 CHECK IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES

Not Applicable

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11 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW 9

10.5%

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12 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

IN

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1 NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS  
I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NOS. OF ABOVE PERSONS (entities only)

Scott J. Vassalluzo

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2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (a)   
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	5	SOLE VOTING POWER	
NUMBER OF SHARES		63,850	
BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH	6	SHARED VOTING POWER	
		4,076,500	
	7	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER	
		63,850	

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8	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER
	4,076,500
9	AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON
	4,140,350
10	CHECK IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES
	Not Applicable
11	PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW 9
	9.9%
12	TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON
	IN

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- ITEM 1. (a) Name of Issuer:  
Credit Acceptance Corporation
- (b) Address of Issuer's Principal Executive Offices:  
25505 West Twelve Mile Road,  
Suite 3000,  
Southfield, MI 48034-8334
- ITEM 2. (a) Name of Person Filing:
- (i) Thomas W. Smith
  - (ii) Thomas N. Tryforos
  - (iii) Scott J. Vassalluzo
- The filing of this Statement shall not be deemed to be an admission that the filing persons comprise a "group" within the meaning of Section 13(d)(3) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.
- (b) Address of Principal Business Office:  
The following is the address of the principal business office of each of the filing persons:  
323 Railroad Avenue  
Greenwich, CT 06830
- (c) Citizenship:  
Each of Messrs. Thomas W. Smith, Thomas N. Tryforos and Scott J. Vassalluzo is a United States citizen.

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(d) Title of Class of Securities:  
Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share

(e) CUSIP Number:  
225310 10 1

ITEM 3. If this Statement is filed pursuant to Rules 13d-1(b) or 13d-2(b) or (c), check whether the person filing is a:

Not applicable.

If this Statement is filed pursuant to Rule 13d-1(c), check this box

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ITEM 4. Ownership

(a) Thomas W. Smith - 4,803,500 shares; Thomas N. Tryforos - 4,394,682 shares; Scott J. Vassalluzo - 4,140,350 shares;

(b) Thomas W. Smith - 11.4%; Thomas N. Tryforos - 10.5%; Scott J. Vassalluzo - 9.9%

(c) Each of Thomas W. Smith, Thomas N. Tryforos and Scott J. Vassalluzo has shared power to vote or to direct the vote and shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition of 4,076,500 shares. Thomas W. Smith has sole power to vote and dispose of 727,000 shares, Thomas N. Tryforos has sole power to vote and dispose of 318,182 shares, and Scott J. Vassalluzo has sole power to vote and dispose of 63,850 shares.

ITEM 5. Ownership of Five Percent or Less of a Class

Not applicable.

ITEM 6. Ownership of More than Five Percent on Behalf of Another Person

Messrs. Smith, Tryforos and Vassalluzo in the aggregate beneficially own 4,468,182 shares in their capacities as investment managers for certain managed accounts. The managed accounts have the right to receive dividends from, and the proceeds from the sale of, the managed accounts' shares.

ITEM 7. Identification and Classification of the Subsidiary Which Acquired the Security Being Reported on By the Parent Holding Company

Not applicable.

ITEM 8. Identification and Classification of Members of the Group

Not applicable.

ITEM 9. Notice of Dissolution of Group

Not applicable.

ITEM 10. Certification

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By signing below, I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were not acquired and are not held for the purpose of or with the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of the securities and were not acquired and are not held in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having that purpose or effect.

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Signature

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.

Date: February 17, 2004

/s/ Thomas W. Smith

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Thomas W. Smith

/s/ Thomas N. Tryforos

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Thomas N. Tryforos

/s/ Scott J. Vassalluzo

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Scott J. Vassalluzo

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JOINT FILING AGREEMENT

The undersigned agree that the foregoing Statement on Schedule 13G, dated February 17, 2004, is being filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on behalf of each of the undersigned pursuant to Rule 13d-1(k) Dated:

February 17, 2004

/s/ Thomas W. Smith

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Thomas W. Smith

/s/ Thomas N. Tryforos

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Thomas N. Tryforos

/s/ Scott J. Vassalluzo

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Scott J. Vassalluzo

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