

ECKERT THOMAS D  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
ECKERT THOMAS D

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
CAPITAL AUTOMOTIVE REIT [CARS]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
  
(Check all applicable)  
 Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
Chief Exec. Officer

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
8270 GREENSBORO DRIVE, SUITE 950  
  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
12/16/2005

MCLEAN, VA 22102

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

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

(City) (State) (Zip)

**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   |   |
| Common Shares of Beneficial Interest | 12/16/2005                           |  | M                              |   | 102,178<br>(1)  | A  | \$ 38.75 0  | D |
| Common Shares of Beneficial Interest | 12/16/2005                           |  | U(2)                           |   | 420,872<br>(3)  | D  | \$ 38.75 0  | 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) |                                      |                            |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--------------------------------------|----------------------------|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V (A) (D)   | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date   | Title                                | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Phantom Shares                             | (1)  | 12/16/2005                           |  | M                              | 102,178   | (1)  | (1)   | Common Shares of Beneficial Interest | 102,178                    |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |                     |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer             | Other |
| ECKERT THOMAS D<br>8270 GREENSBORO DRIVE<br>SUITE 950<br>MCLEAN, VA 22102 | X             |           | Chief Exec. Officer |       |

## Signatures

Thomas D. Eckert 12/19/2005

\_\_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).

These phantom shares that were earned under the Capital Automotive Group Phantom Repurchase Program, as amended, have vested because a change of control transaction has occurred. These Phantom Shares had a variety of purchase prices as shown below:

- (1) 24,798--Purchase Price of \$9.2752 20,601--Purchase Price \$11.65 21,492--Purchase Price of \$16.704 20,127--Purchase Price of \$18.384 4,061--Purchase Price of \$27.0880 4,117--Purchase Price of \$26.72 671--Purchase Price of \$13.50 636--Purchase Price of \$14.9375 734--Purchase Price of \$13.4375 732--Purchase Price of \$14.125 1,163--Purchase Price of \$16.00 1,073--Purchase Price of \$17.80 1,044--Purchase Price of \$18.75 929--Purchase Price of \$21.55

- (2) These shares were disposed of pursuant to the consummation of the merger between Capital Automotive REIT and entities affiliated with DRA Advisors LLC.

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(3) This total amount of common shares includes the 102,178 phantom shares referenced above that vested upon the change of control transaction. In addition, this total amount also includes 139,705 restricted shares and 613 dividend equivalent reinvested restricted shares that also vested upon the change of control transaction.

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