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Form SC 13G  
March 03, 2006

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

SCHEDULE 13G  
(RULE 13D-102)

INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN STATEMENTS FILED PURSUANT TO  
RULES 13D-1(B) (C), AND (D) AND AMENDMENTS THERETO FILED  
PURSUANT TO RULE 13D-2(B)  
(AMENDMENT NO.) (1)

LITHIA MOTORS INCORPORATED

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(Name of issuer)

COMMON STOCK, WITHOUT PAR VALUE

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(Title of class of securities)

536797103

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(CUSIP number)

February 22, 2006

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(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)

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(1)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 disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

The information required on 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 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 NAME OF REPORTING PERSONS  
S.S. OR I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NOS. OF ABOVE PERSONS  
  
PAR INVESTMENT PARTNERS, L.P.  
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2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP\*  
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(B)

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3 SEC USE ONLY  
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4 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION  
  
STATE OF DELAWARE  
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5 SOLE VOTING POWER  
  
932,800 COMMON STOCK  
  
NUMBER OF  
-----  
SHARES

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6 SHARED VOTING POWER  
  
NONE  
  
BENEFICIALLY  
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OWNED BY EACH

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7 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER  
  
932,800 COMMON STOCK  
  
REPORTING  
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PERSON  
  
WITH

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8 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER  
  
NONE  
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9 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON  
  
932,800 COMMON STOCK  
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10 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES\*  
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11 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW 9  
5.98% COMMON STOCK

12 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON \*  
PN

\* SEE INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE FILLING OUT!

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932,800 COMMON STOCK

NUMBER OF  
SHARES  
BENEFICIALLY  
OWNED BY EACH

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NONE

REPORTING  
PERSON  
WITH  
7 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER  
932,800 COMMON STOCK

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NONE

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5	SOLE VOTING POWER
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NUMBER OF	
SHARES	6 SHARED VOTING POWER
BENEFICIALLY	NONE
OWNED BY EACH	
REPORTING	7 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
PERSON	932,800 COMMON STOCK
WITH	
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STATEMENT ON SCHEDULE 13G

Item 1(a). Name of Issuer:  
LITHIA MOTORS INCORPORATED

Item 1(b). Address of Issuer's Principal Executive Offices:

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360 E. Jackson Street  
Medford, Oregon 97501

Item 2(a). Names of Person Filing:

PAR Investment Partners, L.P.  
PAR Group, L.P.  
PAR Capital Management, Inc.

Item 2(b). Business Mailing Address for the Person Filing:

PAR Capital Management, Inc.  
One International Place, Suite 2401  
Boston, MA 02110

Item 2(c). Citizenship:

State of Delaware

Item 2(d). Title of Class of Securities:

COMMON STOCK, WITHOUT PAR VALUE

Item 2(e). CUSIP Number:

536797103

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

Not Applicable

Item 4. Ownership:

(a) Amount Beneficially Owned:

932,800 COMMON STOCK, without par value

\*\* On February 22, 2006, the amount beneficially owned was 5.02% (782,800 shares)

(b) Percent of Class:

5.98% COMMON STOCK, without par value

(c) Number of shares as to which such person has:

(i) 932,800 COMMON STOCK, without par value

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(ii) shared power to vote or to direct the vote:

(iii) sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition of:

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932,800 COMMON STOCK, without par value

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beneficially owned was 5.02% (782,800  
shares)

(iv) shared power to dispose or to direct the  
disposition of:

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:

Not Applicable

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:

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.

Dated: February 22, 2006

PAR INVESTMENT PARTNERS, L.P.

By: PAR GROUP, L.P.  
its general partner

By: PAR CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, INC.  
its general partner

By: /s/ Gina DiMento  
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Gina DiMento, Vice President

PAR GROUP, L.P.

By: PAR CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, INC.,  
its general partner

By: /s/ Gina DiMento

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Gina DiMento, Vice President

PAR CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, INC.

By: /s/ Gina DiMento

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Gina DiMento, Vice President

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JOINT FILING AGREEMENT

In accordance with Rule 13d-1(k) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the undersigned agree to the joint filing on behalf of each of them of a statement on Schedule 13G (including amendments thereto) with respect to the COMMON STOCK, without par value, of LITHIA MOTORS INCORPORATED and further agree that this agreement be included as an exhibit to such filing. Each party to the agreement expressly authorizes each other party to file on its behalf any and all amendments to such statement. Each party to this agreement agrees that this joint filing agreement may be signed in counterparts.

In evidence whereof, the undersigned have caused this Agreement to be executed on their behalf this 22nd day of February, 2006.

PAR INVESTMENT PARTNERS, L.P.

By: PAR GROUP, L.P.  
its general partner

By: PAR CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, INC.  
its general partner

By: /s/ Gina DiMento

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Gina DiMento, Vice President

PAR GROUP, L.P.

By: PAR CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, INC.,  
its general partner

By: /s/ Gina DiMento

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Gina DiMento, Vice President

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PAR CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, INC.

By: /s/ Gina DiMento  
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Gina DiMento, Vice President

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