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 (Date of earliest event reported): August 10, 2009

THE STEAK N SHAKE COMPANY

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

INDIANA	0-8445	37-0684070
(State or other	(Commission	(I.R.S.
jurisdiction	File Number)	Employer
of		Identification
incorporation)		No.)

36 S. Pennsylvania
Street, Suite 500
Indianapolis, Indiana
(Address of principal
executive offices)

46204
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (317) 633-4100

Not Applicable (Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

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

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Item 2.02 RESULTS OF OPERATIONS AND FINANCIAL CONDITION

On August 10, 2009, The Steak n Shake Company (the "Company") issued a Press Release announcing its fiscal year 2009 third quarter results. The Company's earnings release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 and the information set forth therein is incorporated herein by reference and constitutes a part of this report.

Item 7.01 REGULATION FD DISCLOSURE

On August 13, 2009, the Company and Western Sizzlin Corporation ("Western") jointly anounced the execution of a non-binding Letter of Intent relating to a proposed merger of Western into a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company. The joint press release is attached as Exhibit 99.2.

The information being furnished in this report (including Exhibits 99.1 and 99.2) are furnised pursuant to Items 2.02 and 7.01 and shall not be deemed "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and unless expressly set forth by specific reference in such filings, shall not be incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

Item 9.01 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

- (d) Exhibits
- 99.1 Press Release, dated August 10, 2009, issued by the Company
- 99.2 Press Release, dated August 13, 2009, issued jointly by the Company and Western Sizzlin Corporation

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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 thereunto duly authorized.

THE STEAK N SHAKE COMPANY

By: /s/ Duane E. Geiger Duane E. Geiger, Interim Chief Financial Officer, Controller and Vice President

Dated: August 13, 2009