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STATE AUTO FINANCIAL CORP Form 8-K June 04, 2003

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D. C. 20549

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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): June 4, 2003

State Auto Financial Corporation _____

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Ohio

_____ (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

0-19289

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

(Commission File Number)

518 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3976 _____ (Address of principal executive offices) (zip code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (614) 464-5000

N/A _____ (Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

ITEM 5. OTHER EVENTS AND REGULATION FD DISCLOSURE

Attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and incorporated herein by reference is a letter dated June 4, 2003, from Robert H. Moone, President and Chief Executive Officer of State Automobile Mutual Insurance Company, the holder of approximately 67% of the outstanding common shares of State Auto Financial Corporation ("STFC"), to Gregory M. Shepard, a minority shareholder in STFC.

31-1324304 _____

- ITEM 7. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS
 - (c) Exhibits.

EXHIBIT NO. DESCRIPTION

99.1 Letter dated June 4, 2003, from Robert H. Moone, President and Chief Executive Officer of State Automobile Mutual Insurance Company, to Gregory M. Shepard.

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 hereunto duly authorized.

State Auto Financial Corporation

Date: June 4, 2003

By: /s/ Robert H. Moone

Robert H. Moone, President and Chief Executive Officer

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