

Carpenter Scott K  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * | 2. Date of Event Requiring Statement | 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol          |
| Â Carpenter Scott K                       | (Month/Day/Year)                     | Great American Group, Inc. [GAMR]                    |
| (Last) (First) (Middle)                   | 06/16/2010                           |  |
|   |                                      | 4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer     |
|   |                                      | 5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) |

C/O GREAT AMERICAN GROUP, INC., 21860 BURBANK BLVD., SUITE 300 SOUTH  
 (Street)

(Check all applicable)

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer  Other  
 (give title below) (specify below)  
 Executive VP, Retail Services

WOODLAND HILLS, CA 91367  
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4) | 3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
|---------------------------------|---|--|---|
| Common Stock                    | 54,843 (1) (2) (3) (4) (5)                            | D  | Â   |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

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|--|--|--|---------------------------|----------------------|---|
| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security | 4. Conversion or Exercise | 5. Ownership Form of | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
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| Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | (Instr. 4) | Amount or Number of Shares | Price of Derivative Security | Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) |
|------------------|-----------------|------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|---|
|                  |                 | Title      |                            |                              |   |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |                                 |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------------------------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                         | Other |
| Carpenter Scott K<br>C/O GREAT AMERICAN GROUP, INC.<br>21860 BURBANK BLVD., SUITE 300 SOUTH<br>WOODLAND HILLS, CA 91367 | Â             | Â         | Â Executive VP, Retail Services | Â     |

## Signatures

/s/ Scott K. Carpenter 06/16/2010

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person Date

## Explanation of Responses:

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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).

The reporting person acquired these securities on July 31, 2009, as consideration for the reporting person's interest in the Great American Group, LLC ("GAG, LLC") Phantom Equityholder Plan. The issuer acquired GAG, LLC on July 31, 2009 pursuant to the Agreement and Plan of Reorganization, dated as of May 14, 2009, as amended by Amendment No. 1 to Agreement and Plan of Reorganization, dated as of May 29, 2009, Amendment No. 2 to Agreement and Plan of Reorganization, dated as of July 8, 2009, and Amendment No. 3 to Agreement and Plan of Reorganization, dated as of July 28, 2009 (as amended, the "Purchase Agreement"), among, inter alia, Alternative Asset Management Acquisition Corp. ("AAMAC"), the issuer, which was then a wholly-owned subsidiary of AAMAC, AAMAC Merger Sub, Inc., then a wholly-owned subsidiary of the issuer, GAG, LLC, the GAG, LLC Members and the representative of the GAG, LLC (including the reporting person).

In addition, the Purchase Agreement provides for the issuance of an aggregate of up to 129,107 additional shares of common stock (the "Contingent Stock Consideration") to the reporting person as follows: (a) in the event GAG, LLC achieves any one of (i) \$45.0 million in Adjusted EBITDA (as defined in the Purchase Agreement) for the 12 months ending December 31, 2009, (ii) \$47.5 million in Adjusted EBITDA for the 12 months ending March 31, 2010, or (iii) \$50.0 million in Adjusted EBITDA for the 12 months ending June 30, 2010, the issuer will be obligated to issue to the reporting person 43,036 shares of the Contingent Stock Consideration; (b) in the event GAG, LLC achieves \$55.0 million in Adjusted EBITDA (as defined in the Purchase Agreement) for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2010, then the issuer will be obligated to issue to the reporting person 43,036 shares of the Contingent Stock Consideration; and

(c) in the event GAG, LLC achieves \$65.0 million in Adjusted EBITDA (as defined in the Purchase Agreement) for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2011, then the issuer will be obligated to issue to the reporting person 43,036 shares of the Contingent Stock Consideration; provided, however, that if the issuer does not achieve the December 31, 2010 Adjusted EBITDA target but does achieve the December 31, 2011 Adjusted EBITDA target, then the issuer will be obligated to issue to the reporting person 86,071 shares of the Contingent Stock Consideration. The issuance of Contingent Stock Consideration will be in accordance with the Purchase Agreement. The issuer did not achieve the Adjusted EBITDA target for the year ending December 31, 2009.

The Contingent Stock Consideration will be issued to the reporting person to the extent earned and with respect to the applicable target period, in three equal installments, beginning on the first anniversary of the closing of the Acquisition and issuable on each anniversary of the closing of the Acquisition thereafter in accordance with the Purchase Agreement. If none of the Adjusted EBITDA targets are achieved, then the reporting person will not receive any of the shares listed above. The Acquisition Agreement and an Amendment Agreement and Release between the reporting person and the issuer dated as of July 31, 2009 also provides for the potential future issuance of 171,080 shares of common stock to the reporting person, provided that the reporting person is continuously employed by the issuer on each of the vesting dates.

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- The actual number of shares that may be received by the reporting person may vary based on provisions of the agreements that provide that the reporting person's relative percentage of the total closing stock consideration may increase if other eligible participants terminate
- (5) their employment prior to the vesting of their right to receive the shares of common stock. The vesting dates are July 31, 2010 and January 31, 2011. Of these shares, 34,216 shares are subject to an indemnity escrow and are subject to forfeiture during the escrow period to satisfy certain indemnification claims.

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