STEINBAUER THOMAS M

Form 4 July 28, 2009

FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

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See Instruction 1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * STEINBAUER THOMAS M

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

AMERISTAR CASINOS INC

(Check all applicable)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

[ASCA]

(Last) (First) (Middle)

(State)

07/24/2009

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

10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify

07/24/2009

3773 HOWARD HUGHES PKWY, SUITE 490S

> (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original

> > Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Senior V.P. of Finance, CFO

Applicable Line)

_X__ Director

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

Issuer

below)

LAS VEGAS, NV 89169

(City)

Common

Stock

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 1. Title of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Instr. 3)

(Zip)

3. 4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

Reported

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Beneficial Ownership Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

(A) or

D

Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

Code V Amount (D) Price

1.345

56,125 (1) D

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

F

(Month/Day/Year)

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	ofNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)			Amou Under Securi (Instr.	rlying	Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	Deriv Secur Bene Own Follo Repo Trans (Instr
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
Topotomy (man) (man)	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
STEINBAUER THOMAS M 3773 HOWARD HUGHES PKWY SUITE 490S LAS VEGAS, NV 89169	X		Senior V.P. of Finance, CFO				

Signatures

/s/ Thomas M.
Steinbauer

**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).
- (1) Includes 15,263 restricted stock units, each of which represents a right to receive a share of common stock in the future.

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