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FORM 8-K

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of
The Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report: JUNE 25, 1997

SPARTAN MOTORS, INC.
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

MICHIGAN	0-13611	38-2078923
(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)	(Commission File Number)	(IRS Employer Identification Number)

1000 REYNOLDS ROAD	
CHARLOTTE, MICHIGAN	48813
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)	(Zip Code)

(517) 543-6400
Registrant's telephone number, including area code

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Item 5. OTHER EVENTS.

On February 27, 1997, the Board of Directors of Spartan Motors, Inc. (the "Company") declared a dividend distribution of one Series A Preferred Stock Purchase Right (the "Rights") for each outstanding share of common stock, \$.01 par value, of the Company (the "Common Stock"), payable to shareholders of record on July 7, 1997. Each Right entitles the registered holder thereof until July 6, 2007 (or, if earlier, until the redemption of the rights) to purchase from the Company one one-hundredth of a share of Series A Preferred Stock, no par value (the "Preferred Stock"), at a price of \$50, subject to adjustment. The Rights are not exercisable until 10 days after any person or group acquires 15% or more of the outstanding shares of Common Stock (the person or group that acquires

beneficial ownership of 15% or more of the outstanding shares of Common Stock being herein referred to as an "Acquiring Person"), or commences, or announces the intention to commence, a tender or exchange offer for 30% or more of such shares of Common Stock. A person beneficially owning 5% of the outstanding shares of Common Stock on July 7, 1997, or any affiliates or associates thereof, will not constitute an Acquiring Person under the Rights plan. After the Rights become exercisable, if the Company were acquired in a merger or other business combination transaction or if 50% or more of its assets or earning power were sold, each Right would entitle the holder thereof to receive, upon exercise thereof at the current exercise price of a Right, that number of shares of common stock of the acquiring company which at the time of such transaction would have a market value of two times the exercise price of the Right. Alternatively, in the event that an Acquiring Person were to acquire the Company by means of a reverse merger in which the Company and its Common Stock survive, or in the event that an Acquiring Person engages in one of a number of self-dealing transactions specified in the Rights Agreement, or in the event that an Acquiring Person becomes the beneficial owner of more than 30% of the then outstanding shares of Common Stock (except pursuant to an offer for all outstanding shares of Common Stock), proper provision shall be made so that each holder of a Right, other than the Acquiring Person (whose Rights will thereafter be void), would thereafter have the right to receive upon exercise of a Right that number of shares of Common Stock having a market value of two times the exercise price of a Right. Further information on the Rights is contained in a Summary of Rights to Purchase Series A Preferred Stock and in a Rights Agreement dated as of June 4, 1997, between Spartan Motors, Inc. and American Stock Transfer & Trust Co., as Rights Agent, copies of which are filed as exhibits hereto and are incorporated herein by reference.

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ITEM 7. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, PRO FORMA FINANCIAL INFORMATION AND EXHIBITS.

(c) Exhibits:

4. Rights Agreement dated as of June 4, 1997, between Spartan Motors, Inc., and American Stock Transfer & Trust Co., as Rights Agent. Previously filed as Exhibit 99(a) to the Registration Statement on Form 8-A filed by the Company on June 25, 1997.

20. Summary of Rights to Purchase Series A Preferred Stock. (Exhibit C to the Rights Agreement). Included in Exhibit 4.

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SIGNATURE

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.

SPARTAN MOTORS, INC.
(Registrant)

Dated: June 2, 1997

By /s/Richard J. Schalter
Richard J. Schalter
Secretary

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