

STEINBAUER THOMAS M

Form 4

November 01, 2011

FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading
Symbol
AMERISTAR CASINOS INC
[ASCA]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
3773 HOWARD HUGHES
PKWY, SUITE 490S

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
10/28/2011

☐ Director ☐ 10% Owner
☒ Officer (give title below) ☐ Other (specify below)
Senior V.P. of Finance, CFO

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original
Filed(Month/Day/Year)

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

LAS VEGAS, NV 89169

(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price

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

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

1. Title of Derivative	2. Conversion	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if	4. Transaction	5. Number of Derivative	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date	7. Title and Amount Underlying Securities
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Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		(Month/Day/Year)		(Instr. 3 and 4)		
			Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 21.3	10/28/2011	D ⁽¹⁾			34,848	<u>(1)(2)</u>	12/16/2011	Common Stock	34,848
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 22.87	10/28/2011	D ⁽¹⁾			31,733	<u>(1)(3)</u>	12/15/2012	Common Stock	31,733
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 31.675	10/28/2011	D ⁽¹⁾			35,834	<u>(1)(4)</u>	12/14/2013	Common Stock	35,834
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 21.3	10/28/2011	A ⁽¹⁾		34,848		<u>(1)(2)</u>	12/16/2014	Common Stock	34,848
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 22.87	10/28/2011	A ⁽¹⁾		31,733		<u>(1)(3)</u>	12/15/2015	Common Stock	31,733
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 31.675	10/28/2011	A ⁽¹⁾		35,834		<u>(1)(4)</u>	12/14/2016	Common Stock	35,834

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	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/ Peter C. Walsh,
Attorney-in-Fact

11/01/2011

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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- The reported transactions involve the amendment of three outstanding options, each amendment resulting in the deemed cancellation of the "old" option to the extent of 88% of the number of shares for which it was exercisable and the grant of a replacement option exercisable for the same number of shares.
- (1) The option being amended was originally granted on December 16, 2004, vested in installments, and fully vested prior to the date of the reported event.
 - (2) The option being amended was originally granted on December 15, 2005, vested in installments, and fully vested prior to the date of the reported event.
 - (3) The option being amended was originally granted on December 14, 2006, and vested or will vest in five equal, annual installments on each December 13 from 2007 through 2011.

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