

BLUE RHINO CORP  
Form SC 13G  
February 14, 2003

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

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**SCHEDULE 13G**

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Blue Rhino Corporation

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(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock

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(Title of Class of Securities)

095811105

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(CUSIP Number)

December 31, 2002

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(Date of Event Which Requires Filing of this Statement)

Check the appropriate box to designate the rule pursuant to which this Schedule is filed:

- Rule 13d-1 (b)
  - Rule 13d-1 (c)
  - Rule 13d-1 (d)
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1. NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS

Allied Capital Corporation

I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY)

52-1081052

2. CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP\*

(a)

(b)

3. SEC USE ONLY

4. CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Maryland

5. SOLE VOTING POWER

NUMBER OF  
SHARES

1,070,179

BENEFICIALLY  
OWNED BY  
EACH  
REPORTING

6. SHARED VOTING POWER

0

PERSON  
WITH

7. SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

1,070,179

8. SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

0

9. AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

1,070,179

10. CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW 9 EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES\*

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**11.** PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW 9

**6%**

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**12.** TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON\*

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**Item 1(a). Name of Issuer:**

Blue Rhino Corporation

**Item 1(b). Address of Issuer:**

104 Cambridge Plaza Drive  
Winston-Salem, North Carolina 27104

**Item 2(b). Name of Person Filing:**

Allied Capital Corporation

**Item 2(b). Address of Principal Business Office:**

1919 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, D.C, 20006-3434

**Item 2(c). Citizenship:**

Maryland

**Item 2(d). Title of Class of Securities**

Common Stock, par value \$.001 per share

**Item 2(e). CUSIP No.:**

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**Item 3. If this statement is filed pursuant to rule 240.13d-1(b) or 240.13d-2(b) or (c), check whether the person filing is a:**

- (a)  Broker or dealer registered under Section 15 of the Act.
- (b)  Bank as defined in Section 3(a)(6) of the Act.
- (c)  Insurance company as defined in Section 3(a)(19) of the Act.
- (d)  Investment company registered under Section 8 of the Investment Company Act of 1940.
- (e)  An investment adviser in accordance with 240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(E).
- (f)  An employee benefit plan or endowment fund in accordance with 240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(F).
- (g)  A parent holding company or control person in accordance with 240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(G).
- (h)  A savings association as defined in Section 3(b) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act (12 U.S.C. 1813).
- (i)  A church plan that is excluded from the definition of an investment company under Section 3(c)(14) of the Investment Company Act of 1940.
- (j)  Group, in accordance with Section 240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(J).

**Item 4. Ownership**

With respect to the beneficial ownership of shares of common stock of Blue Rhino Corporation by Allied Capital Corporation, see Items 5 through 8 of the cover pages to this Schedule 13G, which are incorporated herein by reference.

**Item 5. Ownership of Five Percent or Less of Class**

If this statement is being filed to report the fact that as of the date hereof the reporting person has ceased to be the beneficial owner of more than 5 percent of the class of securities, check the following [ ].

**Item 6. Ownership of More Than 5 Percent on Behalf of Another Person**

Not applicable.

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**Item 7. Identification and Classification of the Subsidiary Which Acquired the Security Being Reported on By the Parent Holding Company or Control Person**

Not Applicable.

**Item 8. Identification and Classification of Members of the Group**

Not Applicable.

**Item 9. Notice of Dissolution of Group**

Not Applicable.

**Item 10. Certification**

By signing below I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were acquired and are held in the ordinary course of business and were not acquired and are not held with the purpose of or with the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of securities and were not acquired and are not held in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having that purpose or effect.

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

DATED: February 14, 2003

ALLIED CAPITAL CORPORATION

By: /s/ Penni F. Roll

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Penni F. Roll  
Chief Financial Officer