

MARKEL CORP  
Form 8-K  
October 22, 2003

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**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

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**FORM 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT**

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

**Date of Report: October 21, 2003**

**(Date of earliest event reported)**

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**Markel Corporation**

**(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)**

**Virginia**  
**(State or other jurisdiction**  
**of incorporation or organization)**

**001-15811**  
**(Commission**  
**File Number)**

**54-1959284**  
**(I.R.S. Employer**  
**Identification No.)**

**4521 Highwoods Parkway**  
**Glen Allen, Virginia 23060-6148**

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(804) 747-0136

(Address, including zip code, and telephone number, including area  
code, of registrant's principal executive offices)

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(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

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**ITEM 7. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.**

(a) None

(b) None

(c) Exhibit

<u>No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
99.1	Press release issued October 21, 2003.

**ITEM 12. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS AND FINANCIAL CONDITION.**

On October 21, 2003, Markel issued a press release announcing a pre-earnings release relating to the results for the third quarter of 2003. A copy of this press release is furnished as Exhibit 99.1.

**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 thereunto duly authorized.

MARKEL CORPORATION

Date: October 22, 2003

By: \_\_\_\_\_ /s/ Darrell D. Martin

Name: Darrell D. Martin

Title: Executive Vice President and Chief

Financial Officer

**EXHIBIT INDEX**

Exhibit 99.1      Press release issued October 21, 2003