

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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**EXHIBIT INDEX**

Exhibit 99.1      Press release issued October 21, 2003