

MARKEL CORP  
Form 8-K  
July 29, 2004

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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: July 28, 2004**

**(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>                  |
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| 99.1       | Press release issued July 28, 2004. |

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

On July 28, 2004, Markel issued a press release announcing second quarter 2004 financial results. 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: July 28, 2004

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 July 28, 2004