

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