

MARKEL CORP  
Form 8-K  
July 30, 2003

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

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

Date of Report: July 29, 2003

(Date of earliest event reported)

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

(804) 747-0136

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

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

ITEM 7. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.

(a) None

(b) None

(c) Exhibit

<u>No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
99.1	Press release issued July 29, 2003.

ITEM 12. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS AND FINANCIAL CONDITION.

On July 29, 2003, Markel issued a press release announcing second quarter 2003 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 29, 2003

By: /s/ Darrell D. Martin

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Name: Darrell D. Martin  
Title: Executive Vice President and Chief Financial  
Officer

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit 99.1      Press release issued July 29, 2003