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Form 8-K  
April 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: April 29, 2003  
(Date of earliest event reported)

Markel Corporation  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Virginia	001-15811	54-1959284
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)	(Commission File Number)	(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

No.	Description
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99.1	Press release issued April 29, 2003.

ITEM 9. REGULATION FD DISCLOSURE.

The information in this Form 8-K and the Exhibit attached hereto is required to be furnished under Item 12, Results of Operations and Financial Condition, but is being furnished under Item 9, Regulation FD Disclosure, in accordance with the interim filing guidance provided in SEC Release No. 33-8216. The information in this Form 8-K and the Exhibit attached hereto shall not be deemed "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that Section, nor shall it be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such filing.

On April 29, 2003, Markel issued a press release announcing first quarter 2003 financial results. A copy of this press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1.

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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: April 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 April 29, 2003.