

MARKEL CORP  
Form 8-K  
September 27, 2005

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# SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

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## FORM 8-K

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CURRENT REPORT

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

Date of Report: September 27, 2005

(Date of earliest event reported)

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## Markel Corporation

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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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.)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

- .. Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
  
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  - .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
  
  - .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 8.01 Other Events.**

On September 27, 2005, Markel Corporation issued a press release announcing its initial estimate of losses attributable to Hurricane Katrina. A copy of this press release is furnished as Exhibit 99.1

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(a) None

(b) None

(c) Exhibit

<b>No.</b>	<b>Description</b>
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99.1	Press release issued September 27, 2005.
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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: September 27, 2005

By: /s/ Steven A. Markel  
Name: Steven A. Markel  
Title: Vice Chairman

**EXHIBIT INDEX**

Exhibit 99.1 Press release issued September 27, 2005