

MARKEL CORP  
Form 8-K  
August 25, 2004

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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: August 19, 2004

(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)

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

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Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers.

Effective August 19, 2004, on the recommendation of its Nominating/Corporate Governance Committee, the Board of Directors of Markel Corporation (the Company) has appointed J. Alfred Broaddus, Jr. to serve as a Director of the Company until the Company's 2005 annual meeting of shareholders. Mr. Broaddus is expected to be named at a later date to the Audit Committee of the Board of Directors.

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: August 25, 2004

By:           /s/ Darrell D. Martin          

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