MARKEL CORP Form 8-K October 19, 2001

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: September 14, 2001 (Date of earliest event reported)

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

Virginia 001-15811 (State or other jurisdiction (Commission of incorporation or organization) 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 5. OTHER EVENTS

Attached is a copy of a press release issued by Markel Corporation on September 14, 2001.

- ITEM 7. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS
- (c) Exhibits
- 99.1 Press Release dated September 14, 2001

## 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: October 11, 2001

- By: /s/ Darrell D. Martin
- Name: Darrell D. Martin Title: Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer