

MARKEL CORP  
Form 8-K  
September 17, 2009

**UNITED STATES**  
**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 17, 2009**

**(Date of earliest event reported)**

**Markel Corporation**

**(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)**

**Virginia**  
**(State or other jurisdiction of**

**001-15811**  
**(Commission File Number)**

**54-1959284**  
**(I.R.S. Employer**

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incorporation or organization)

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.)

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- .. Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

ITEM 8.01 OTHER EVENTS

Markel Corporation's Computation of the Ratio of Earnings to Fixed Charges for the fiscal years ended December 31, 2004, December 31, 2005, December 31, 2006, December 31, 2007 and December 31, 2008 and the six months ended June 30, 2009 is attached hereto as Exhibit 12 and is incorporated by reference into this Report and Markel Corporation's effective Registration Statement on Form S-3 (File No. 333-156265) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

ITEM 9.01 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

(d) Exhibits

12 Computation of the Ratio of Earnings to Fixed Charges (filed herewith)

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 17, 2009

By: /s/ D. Michael Jones

Name: D. Michael Jones

Title: General Counsel and Secretary

EXHIBIT INDEX

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